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The waste material, consisting of limbs, branches, twigs, leaves, or needles, left after forest harvesting. **Logging** slash left on the ground can protect the **soil** from raindrop impacts and **erosion**, and it can decompose to make **humus** and recycle nutrients. Unusually large amounts of slash, which may present a fire hazard or provide favorable **habitat** for harmful insects or disease organisms, usually must be reduced by burning or mechanical chopping.