

A photograph of a forest landscape. In the foreground, there are several tall, slender pine trees with green needles. The ground is covered with green grass and some rocks. In the background, a valley is visible, with a winding road and some buildings. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Introduction to the Incident Command System

Objectives

- Understand why ICS is used
- Understand ICS structure

Riddle Me This

- Why use ICS?
 - Organization
 - Completeness
 - Flexible
 - Standardization

Incident Command System

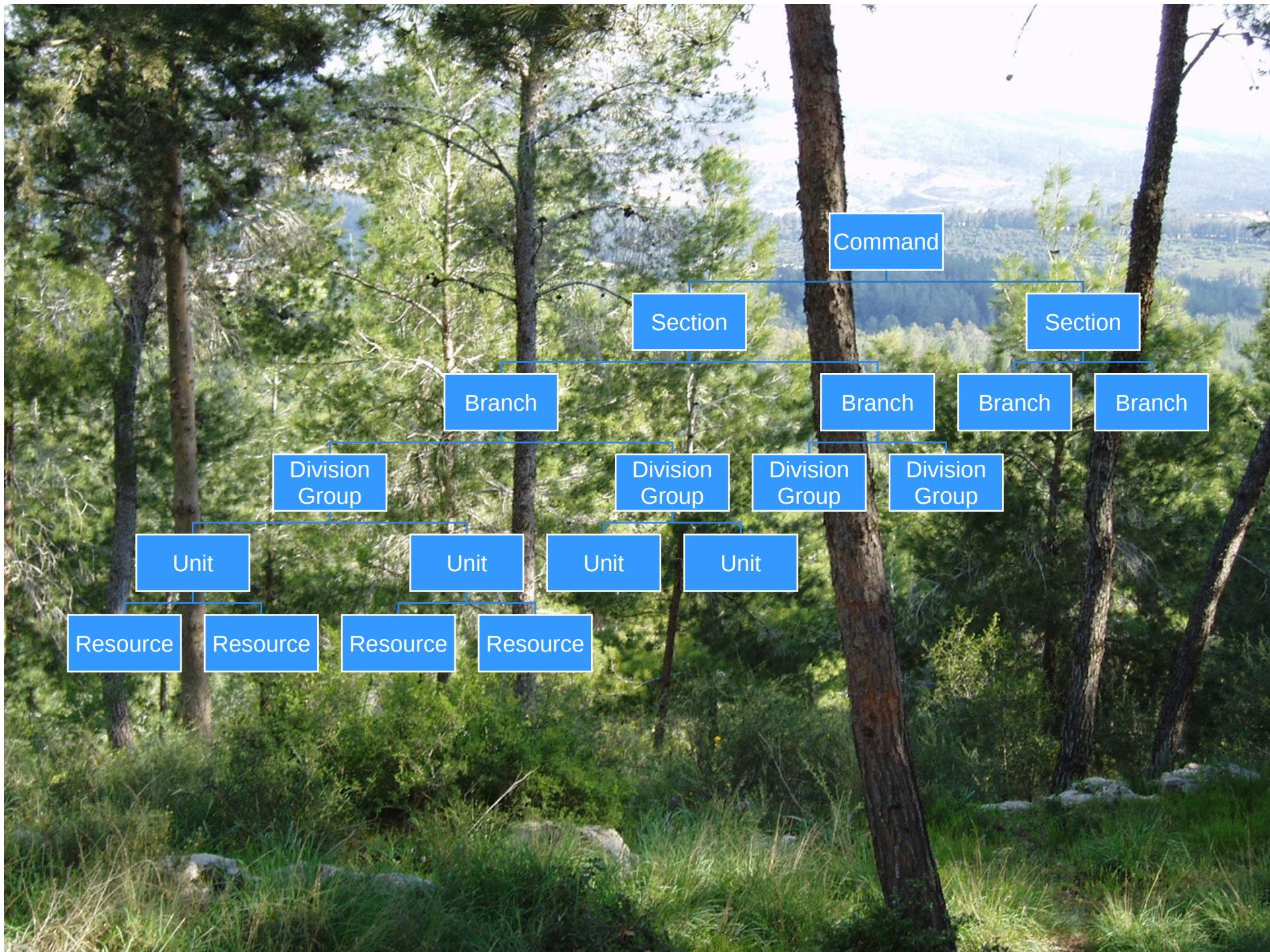
- NIMS
 - National Incident Management System
- SEMS
 - Standardized Emergency Management System
- HEICS
 - Hospital Emergency Incident Command System
- ICS
 - Incident Command System

Structure

- Defined responsibilities
- Lines of communication
- Organizational structure

Structure

- Command
- Sections
- Branches
- Divisions/Groups
- Units
- Resources



Structure



• Command	1
• Sections	5
• Branches	25
• Divisions	125
• Groups	625
• Units	3,125
• Resources	<u>15,625</u>
• Total	19,531

Position Responsibilities

- Incident Commander
- Unified Command

Position Responsibilities

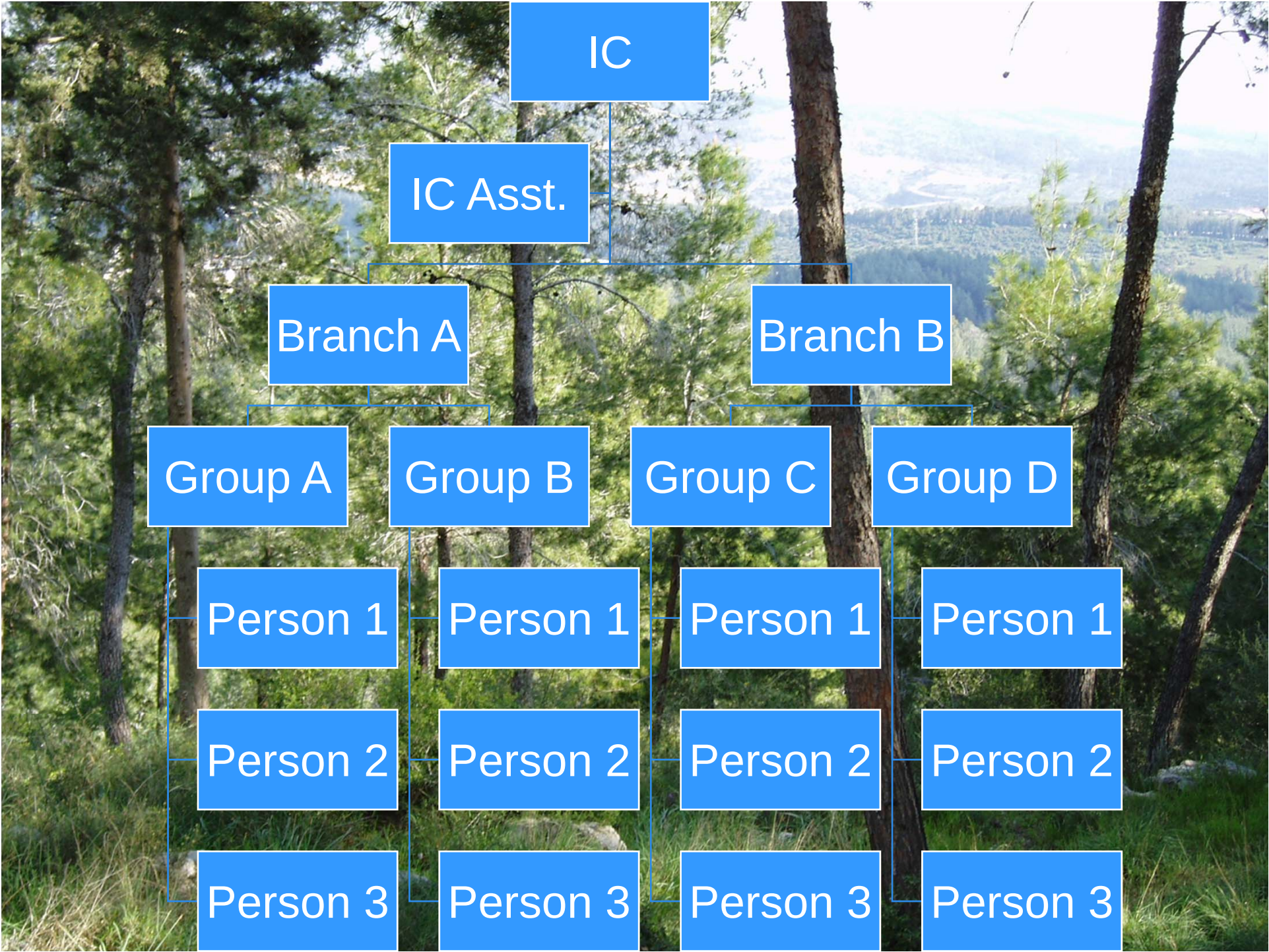
- Operations Branch Leader
- Logistics Branch Leader
- Planning Branch Leader
- Finance/Administrative Branch Leader

Position Assignment

- Incident Commander is first person on scene
 - IC may be reassigned when a more qualified person arrives
- Duties are assigned based on ability and experience, NOT seniority
 - Depending on the incident, different people would be most qualified for the same assignment

Position Assignment

- Position Assignment
 - Size of incident
 - Resources
- Emphasize workers
- Span of Control
 - 1 supervisor for 3 to 7 workers
 - Each position reports to only one supervisor



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IC

IC Asst.

Branch A

Branch B

Group A

Group B

Group C

Group D

Person 1

Person 1

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Person 1

Person 2

Person 2

Person 2

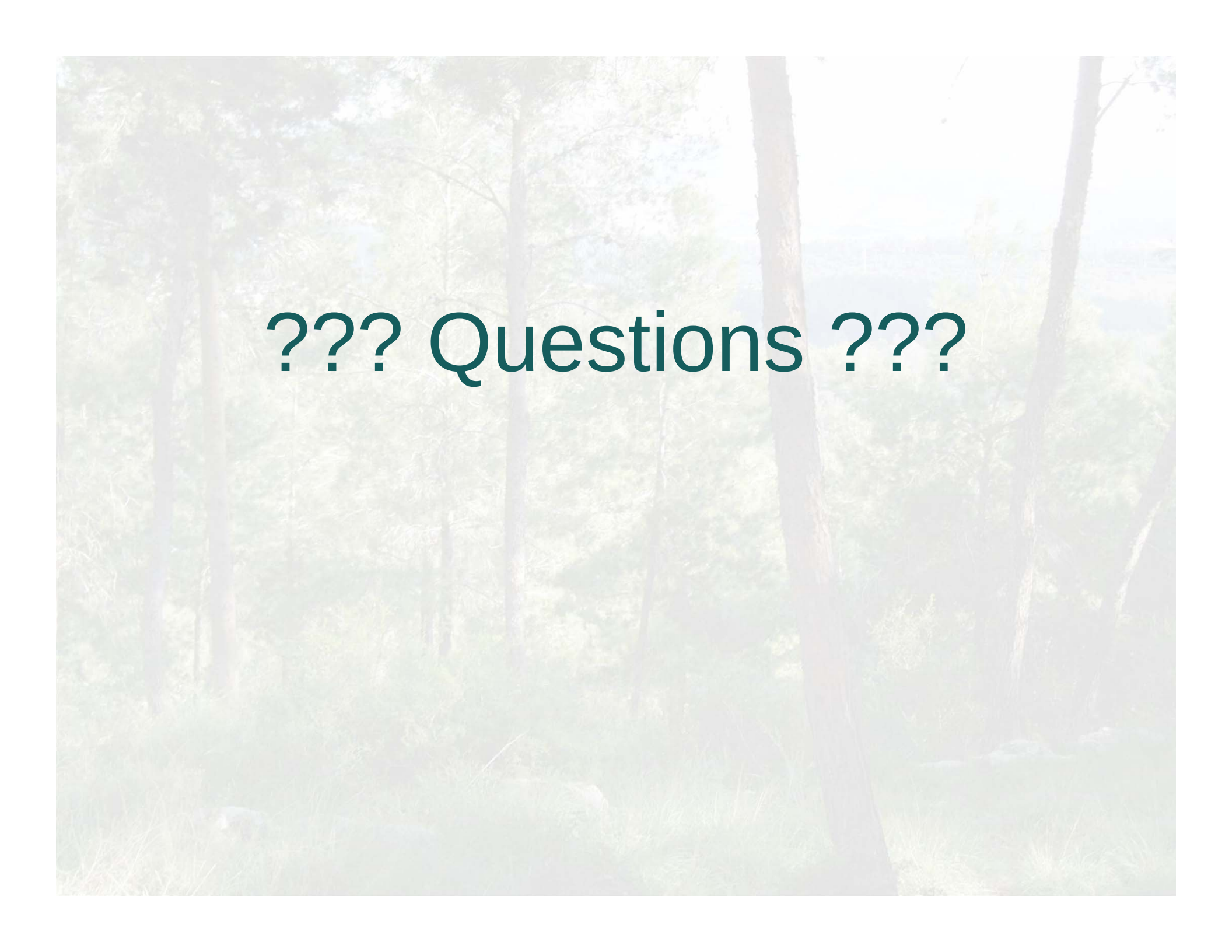
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Person 3

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