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Have you ever had a problem with a woods that is so heavy with weeds or brush that you can't even walk through it? Well, here's how you can fix it. Get a few goats, and depending on how big of an area you want cleared, get some goat fence, and a weed eater with a blade to make a path for the fence. Once you have all that, you're ready to go.

The reason you put goats in the woods is because goats are browsers. That means they like to eat things at eye level and up. What we have noticed about this is that if you have a bad looking goat that is skinny or bony, put them in the woods for a while and they will start to look better than ever. Goats actually prefer to browse brush and weeds, rather than to graze grass. To graze means to eat things at the foot level and down. Cows would not do a good job for this woods job because they don't like to eat weeds and prefer to graze on grass. Since cows are grazers, they like to eat things that are close to the ground. As you can see, goats would have a good time in the woods and would do a better job than the cows.

For fencing the area, you should use goat fence netting. However, if your woods is really thick, you can't just put the fence up. You first have to make a path for the fence. The path has to be wide enough because if you have weeds on the fence, they would cause an electrical short in the fence. A good thing to use to make a path is a weed eater with a blade on it.

All in all, a thick woods with lots of brush could be a big problem. But thanks to the goats, this could be a good thing. If you had goats but no place for them, you could always get some fence and put them in the woods. This could help you by clearing a thick woods and help the goats by having a good place to eat.