



FOREST-CLIMATE WORKING GROUP

Statement of the Forest-Climate Working Group House Agriculture Committee Passage of Budget Reconciliation September 16, 2021

The undersigned members of the [Forest-Climate Working Group](#) (FCWG), a forest sector-wide coalition founded in 2007, issued the following statement in response to the U.S. House Agriculture Committee's passage on Monday, September 13, of a budget reconciliation package containing \$40 billion dollars in forest-related provisions.

“The House Agriculture Committee’s budget reconciliation package stands as the most significant legislative action yet to leverage forests and forest products as a powerful nature-based solution to help combat climate change. The bill’s \$40 billion dollars in forest-focused investments will dramatically bolster our sector’s ability to increase resilient carbon storage in America’s forests and forest products and better protect human and natural communities from climate impacts. We commend the committee for standing with the forest community in taking this bold action.

The bill provides support for several FCWG priorities, including:

- Leveraging forestry best practices to promote wildfire resilience and recovery.
- Incentivizing private landowner actions to increase carbon sequestration
- Providing grants to foster innovation within the wood products industry.
- Investing in applied forest-climate science, as well as foundational research and technological innovation to enhance the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis Program.
- Funding urban forestry initiatives to provide equitable tree cover across our rapidly heating cities.
- Catalyzing workforce development by building a new Civilian Climate Corps.

Since 2007, the Forest-Climate Working Group has brought together every part of our sector to provide unified support for federal policies that can increase the power of America’s forests and forest products as a natural climate solution. The investments made in the House Agriculture Committee’s package represent [priorities](#) that the Forest-Climate Working Group has long supported, and – combined with additional forest investments from the bipartisan infrastructure bill – will help put America on track to delivering impactful, sustainable forest-based climate solutions.”



Signed:

American Forest Foundation	National Wildlife Federation
American Forests	National Woodland Owners Association
American Wood Council	NCX (Natural Capital Exchange)
Arbor Day Foundation	New England Forestry Foundation
Biomass Power Association	Northern Forest Center
BlueSource LLC	Open Space Institute
Boise Cascade Company	Pingree Associates
Carbon180	PotlatchDeltic
Chinook Forest Partners	Rayonier
Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc.	RenewWest
Drax Group PLC	Society of American Foresters
EFM Investments & Advisory	Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Network (SFAR)
Environmental Defense Fund	Sustainable Forestry Initiative
Enviva	The Forestland Group
Forest Landowners Association	The Lyme Timber Company LP
Forest Stewards Guild	The Nature Conservancy
Green Diamond Resource Company	The Trust for Public Land
Hardwood Federation	The Westervelt Company
L&C Carbon	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Land Trust Alliance	Western Landowners Alliance
Molpus Woodlands Group	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
National Alliance of Forest Owners	
National Association of Forest Service Retirees	
National Association of State Foresters	
National Association of University Forest Resources Programs	