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