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 (SFLR)
Environmental Defense Fund  Sustainable Forestry Initiative
Enviva Biomass  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  

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