



FOREST-CLIMATE WORKING GROUP

WHO WE ARE

The Forest Climate Working Group (FCWG) is a diverse national-scale coalition of forest stakeholder organizations. Our members represent forest landowners, forest products, conservation, wildlife, academic, government, carbon finance, and other forest sector organizations. Together, we advance forest-based climate change solutions through a consensus-driven process, grounded in climate and forest science and data that is based on research and extensive forest experience. Our mission is to develop, advance, and support federal policies that promote the climate benefits of forests, forestry, and forest products in the United States.

CORE BELIEFS

- The climate benefits of forests and forest products from sustainably managed forests provide economic opportunities in rural economies.
- Forests provide not just carbon benefits, but a variety of other community benefits.
- Forests and forest products can do even more to mitigate climate change if the right science and financial incentives are provided.
- Helping forests adapt to climate change is an important complement to actions that will sequester and store more carbon in forests.

OUR GOALS

- 1) Advance markets for forest carbon, forest products, and skilled labor.
- 2) Maintain and expand forest cover.
- 3) Improve and incentivize forest practices for carbon adaptation and resilience.
- 4) Expand climate data and applied science.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Private Forests

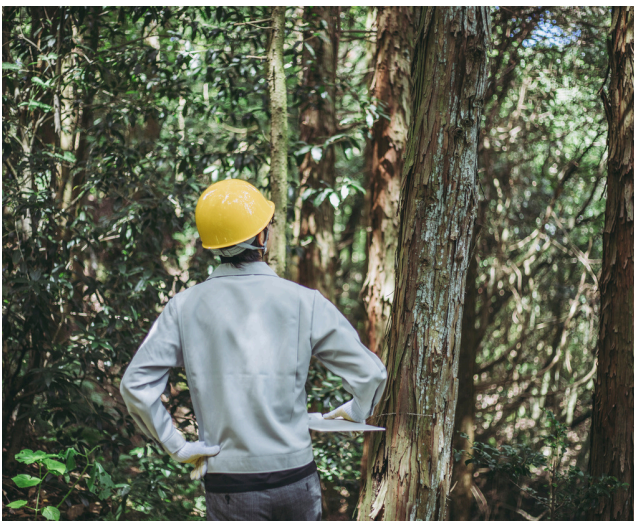
We support restoring, conserving, and sustainably managing private forests to improve climate resilience and mitigation, to provide a sustainable source of forest products, and contribute to public benefits such as clean air and water, biodiversity, and wildlife habitat.

- Tax policy incentives
- Wildfire
- Voluntary carbon markets
- Carbon Financing
- Technical assistance & support for underserved forest landowners
- Forest Conservation

Forest Products

We support government investments in forest products education and technical assistance, grants and demonstration projects, and programs that grow existing markets and support the development of new markets and products from sustainably managed forests to ensure positive outcomes and promote quantifiable benefits for forests and the climate through;

- Building tax policies
- Education & technical assistance
- Government research
- Government procurement & investment



Public Forests

We support restoring, protecting, and managing public forests to improve climate resilience and mitigation, and provide public benefits such as clean air and water, biodiversity, recreation, and wildlife habitat. The FCWG Platform provides policy recommendations in the following areas:

- Landscapes Restoration
- Long-term funding
- Collaboration and durable financing
- Urban & community forests
- Agency capacity

Workforce

We support workforce development, training, and counseling programs to recruit, retain, and provide for career advancement in the forest sector by:

- Increasing support for substance abuse education and counseling programs.
- Supporting seasonal H-2B visa forestry workers.
- Improving and investing in workforce development and training programs.
- Addressing technical issues in Department of Labor regulations and occupational codes.

Forest and Climate Data & Applied Science

We support federal investments in gathering and reporting forest and climate data, and research that provides timely information and tools to assist forest managers develop and maintain climate adapted and resilient forests that contribute to climate mitigation. The policy recommendations are divided into four areas:

- Insects and disease
- Tree improvement
- Forest inventory and analysis
- Research



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Policy Platform



Our Members

