

**Statement on Representatives Gluesenkamp Perez, Thompson and Rouzer Introduction of the  
“Jobs in the Woods Act” --119<sup>th</sup> Congress**

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**July 17, 2025** --The Forest Resources Association (FRA), along with the undersigned organizations, applaud Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3), Congressman G.T. Thompson (R-PA-15), and Congressman David Rouzer’s (R-NC-07) introduction of the “Jobs in the Woods Act” in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. This legislation provides educational pathways for those interested in a career in forestry.

*“The Jobs in the Woods Act provides targeted solutions to rural workforce shortages and strengthens the forest economy. By investing in training forestry-related careers—both in high school programs and adult workforce pathways, the legislation ensures a skilled labor pipeline for the full wood supply chain. It’s a forward-looking approach to revitalizing forest-based communities and securing America’s sustainable resource infrastructure.”* **said Tim O’Hara, President, FRA.**

Forest product industry manufacturing facilities are in areas where they are the primary economic base for rural forest-based economies. They serve as a key employer and provide good-paying direct and indirect jobs. The forest products industry, including loggers and haulers, primary and secondary manufacturers, pulp and paper mills, sawmills, and engineered wood products, is one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the U.S., sustaining nearly 930,000 families and contributing \$353 billion annually to the U.S. economy<sup>1</sup>.

**Supporting Organizations of the Jobs in the Woods Act (71):**

1. Forest Resources Association
2. Alabama Forestry Association
3. Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group
4. American Forest & Paper Association
5. American Forest Foundation
6. American Forest Resource Council
7. American Loggers Council
8. American Wood Council
9. Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.
10. Arkansas Forestry Association
11. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
12. Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho
13. Associated Oregon Loggers Inc
14. Association of Consulting Foresters

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15. Black Hills Forest Resource Association
16. California Forestry Association
17. Colorado Timber Industry Association
18. Composite Panel Association
19. Decorative Hardwoods Association
20. Empire State Forest Products Association
21. Federal Forest Resource Coalition
22. Florida Forestry Association
23. Forest Landowners Association
24. Forestry Association of South Carolina
25. Forest Workforce Training Institute
26. Georgia Forestry Association
27. Great Lakes Timber Producers Association
28. Hardwood Federation
29. Intermountain Forest Association
30. Kentucky Forest Industries Association
31. Keystone Wood Products Association
32. Louisiana Forestry Association
33. Louisiana Logging Council
34. Maine Forest Products Council
35. Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association
36. Maryland Forests Association
37. Massachusetts Forest Alliance
38. Minnesota Forest Industries
39. Michigan Association of Timbermen
40. Minnesota Timber Producers Association

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41. Mississippi Forestry Association
42. Mississippi Lumber Manufacturers Association
43. Missouri Forest Products Association
44. Montana Wood Products Association
45. National Association of State Foresters
46. National Alliance of Forest Owners
47. National Hardwood Lumber Association
48. National Wooden Pallet & Container Association
49. National Wood Flooring Association
50. National Woodland Owners Association
51. New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association
52. North Carolina Forestry Association
53. Northeastern Loggers Association
54. Northern Tier Hardwood Association
55. Oregon Women in Timber
56. Ohio Forestry Association
57. Pennsylvania Forestry Association
58. Pennsylvania Forest Products Association
59. Railway Tie Association
60. South Carolina Timber Producers Association
61. Southern Loggers Cooperative
62. Tennessee Forestry Association
63. Texas Forestry Association
64. Treated Wood Council
65. Society of American Foresters
66. Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association



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- 67. Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- 68. Virginia Forestry Association
- 69. Washington Forest Protection Association
- 70. Western Wood Preservers Institute
- 71. West Virginia Forestry Association

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<sup>i</sup> [Economic Impact](#) | [AF&PA \(afandpa.org\)](http://afandpa.org)