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**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 15, 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.”* stated 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:**

Forest Resources Association  
Alabama Forestry Association  
Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Forest Foundation  
American Forest Resource Council  
American Loggers Council  
American Wood Council  
Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.  
Arkansas Forestry Association  
Arkansas Timber Producers Association  
Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho  
Associated Oregon Loggers Inc  
Association of Consulting Foresters  
Black Hills Forest Resource Association  
California Forestry Association



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Colorado Timber Industry Association  
Composite Panel Association  
Decorative Hardwoods Association  
Empire State Forest Products Association  
Federal Forest Resource Coalition  
Florida Forestry Association  
Forest Landowners Association  
Forestry Association of South Carolina  
Forest Workforce Training Institute  
Georgia Forestry Association  
Great Lakes Timber Producers Association  
Hardwood Federation  
Intermountain Forest Association  
Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
Keystone Wood Products Association  
Louisiana Forestry Association  
Louisiana Logging Council  
Maine Forest Products Council  
Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association  
Maryland Forests Association  
Massachusetts Forest Alliance  
Minnesota Forest Industries  
Minnesota Timber Producers Association  
Mississippi Forestry Association  
Missouri Forest Products Association  
Montana Wood Products Association  
National Association of State Foresters  
National Alliance of Forest Owners  
National Hardwood Lumber Association  
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association



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National Wood Flooring Association  
National Woodland Owners Association  
New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association  
North Carolina Forestry Association  
Northeastern Loggers Association  
Northern Tier Hardwood Association  
Oregon Women in Timber  
Ohio Forestry Association  
Pennsylvania Forestry Association  
South Carolina Timber Producers Association  
Southern Loggers Cooperative  
Tennessee Forestry Association  
Texas Forestry Association  
Treated Wood Council  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative  
Virginia Forestry Association  
Washington Forest Protection Association  
Western Wood Preservers Institute  
West Virginia Forestry Association

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<sup>1</sup> [Economic Impact | AF&PA \(afandpa.org\)](#)