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**Statement on Senators Angus King and Jim Risch’s Introduction of the
“Jobs in the Woods Act”--118th Congress**

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October 18, 2023--The Forest Resources Association (FRA), along with the 66 undersigned organizations, applaud Senators Angus King (I-ME) and Jim Risch (R-ID), along with Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) for the introduction of the “Jobs in the Woods Act.” This legislation provides educational pathways for individuals interested in a career in forestry.

“The sustainability and competitive viability of the forest products industry relies on an intact, healthy wood supply chain, including a viable workforce. The Jobs in the Woods Act provides workforce training opportunities for those interested in a career in forestry. A key component of the legislation includes education opportunities to expand high school forestry curricula in rural forest-based economies. These programs will provide an opportunity for young adults to establish a good career in the communities where they were raised,” said Tim O’Hara, FRA Vice President of Government Affairs.

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. economy¹.

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



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Black Hills Forest Resource Association
California Forestry Association
Colorado Timber Industry Association
Composite Panel Association
Decorative Hardwoods Association
Empire State Forest Products Association
Federal Forest Resource Coalition
Florida Forestry Association
Forestry Association of South Carolina
Forest Workforce Training Institute
Georgia Forestry Association
Great Lakes Timber Producers Association
Hardwood Federation
Intermountain Forest Association
Johnson Timber
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



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National Hardwood Lumber Association
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association
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

ⁱ [Economic Impact | AF&PA \(afandpa.org\)](#)