

December 5, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

On behalf of America's sportsmen and women, forest industry, state forestry agencies, and other conservation organizations, we write to express our strong support for the Fix Our Forests Act. Given the widespread bipartisan support that both the House and Senate versions of the Fix Our Forests Act received, we encourage you to bring the legislation to the floor and ensure its passage to modernize federal forest and wildfire management to conserve fish and wildlife habitat, support sustainable forestry, and safeguard communities from severe wildfires.

Improving forest health through active management is essential to increasing resilience to wildfires, and the Fix Our Forests Act enables land managers to increase the pace of landscape-level forest restoration work to reduce wildfire risk by expanding collaborative tools, streamlining processes, and promoting cross-boundary management and coordination among federal agencies and state, Tribal, and local governments. The legislation addresses the *Cottonwood* decision that has hindered wildfire risk reduction projects since 2015, promotes post-wildfire restoration efforts, and increases transparency for federal land management hazardous fuels work, among other innovative programs to restore forest and watershed health and technologies to increase community safety. With more acres in the wildland-urban interface (the WUI grew by 31% between 1990 and 2020) and longer wildfire seasons, as well as wildfires and other forest health threats that are more frequent and intense, the Fix Our Forests Act provides the science-based proactive management approach needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires.

The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee advanced S. 1462 (18-5), following the House's passage of H.R. 471 (279-141) earlier this year, demonstrating broad bipartisan support for increasing forest resiliency through the reforms and programs in the bill. We would like to thank Senators Curtis, Hickenlooper, Padilla, and Sheehy as well as Chairman Westerman and Congressman Peters for their bipartisan leadership on the Fix Our Forests Acts, and we hope you will prioritize the legislation before the next wildfire season to mitigate wildfire risks for wildlife, watersheds, and communities.

Sincerely,

American Woodcock Society
American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)
BoatU.S.
Bonefish and Tarpon Trust
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Forest Landowners Association
International Game Fish Association
Major League Fishing
Masters of Foxhounds Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Alliance of Forest Owners
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
National Association of State Foresters
National Deer Association
National Professional Anglers Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
North American Grouse Partnership
Pheasants Forever
Property and Environment Research Center
Public Lands Foundation
Quail Forever
Resource Management Service, LLC
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition
Safari Club International
Sportsmen's Alliance
Tall Timbers
The Bass Federation
The Walleye Federation
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

White Oak Initiative
Whitetails Unlimited
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Mississippi