

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