

Quote Sheet for Forest Provisions in House Natural Resources Budget Reconciliation Bill Text

"This bill rejects the best solutions for forest management and would mandate more unfettered logging operations across our forests," said **Earthjustice Action Senior Legislative Representative Blaine Miller-McFeeley**. "Increased logging will only increase the likelihood of devastating wildfires and cause irreparable harm to our climate, water resources, and biodiversity. Our forests are not for sale."

"Between mandating a 25% increase in logging on public lands, handing the keys for environmental analysis over to private corporations, or stripping funds for critical scientific research, this is a nightmare legislative package for anyone who cares about America's public lands and waters," **Zack Porter, Executive Director, Standing Trees**.

"The forest provisions in the House Natural Resources Budget Reconciliation Bill would foster reckless logging, destroying forests and habitat for wildlife," said **Chris Westfall, senior government relations legislative counsel at Defenders of Wildlife**. Eliminating science and accountability from decision-making by removing administrative and judicial review through NEPA would cede control of our national forests and public lands to timber interests. Combined with language that could potentially bypass the Roadless Rule, this bill would make our forests less resilient and could make the risk of fire worse. These safeguards were put in place to protect our natural resources, wildlife, and the public's safety, and common sense dictates they should stay in place."

"The Republican Budget Reconciliation bill is an undisguised corporate giveaway to the timber industry that will further imperil our nation's forests, which are crucial for the survival of numerous fish and wildlife species," said **Adam Rissien, ReWilding Manager with WildEarth Guardians**. "The bill undermines the very foundations of science-based management embodied in laws meant to ensure future generations inherit thriving forests, not stump-filled landscapes."

"House Republicans can claim these provisions are necessary to take on the wildfire crisis, but in reality, they're giveaways to the timber industry that leave our national forests in jeopardy," said **Anna Medema, Associate Director of Legislative and Administrative Advocacy for Forests and Public Lands at Sierra Club**. "These proposed policies jack up logging quotas on the most fire-resistant trees and slash oversight measures, effectively allowing corporate polluters to buy their way out of judicial and administrative accountability. If these proposals become law, timber companies win, the American people lose, and our national forests face increased pollution, privatization, and wildfire risks."

"There is no other way to say it: this budget is about looting America's National Forests, and sacrificing our clean water, wildlife, and public lands to enrich corporate interests," said **Lauren Anderson, Climate Forests Program Manager at Oregon Wild**.