

FOREST COMMUNITY NEWS: THE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the 2007 series of Forest Community News! We hope you continue to find the FCN a useful resource for federal policy news and updates on issues affecting community based forestry. As always, we love hearing from our readers so if you have comments, feedback, or suggestions we are always glad to hear from you. Also feel free to let us know about the resources you find useful or the conferences you are involved in planning as we want to facilitate the flow of information amongst our partners as best we can. We wish you the best in your work for the year. And in the meantime, stay warm!

FROM CAPITAL HILL

2007 CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

January 4	Full Congress Convenes
January 5	Senate not in Session
January 15	Full Congress not in session – MLK, Jr. Day
February 19 – 23	Full Congress not in session – President's Day
April 2 – 9	Senate not in session – Easter
April 2 – 13	House not in session – Spring District Work Session
May 28 – June 1	Full Congress not in session – Memorial Day
July 2 – 6	Full Congress not in session – Independence Day
August 6 – 31	Full Congress not in session – August recess
September 3	Full Congress not in session – Labor Day
September 4	Full Congress reconvenes
October 26	Target Adjournment

FY 2007 CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Feb 1, 2007: The House passed a \$463 billion spending measure (stripped of earmarks) that would keep the government operating for the remainder of fiscal year 2007. The bill, approved 286 to 140, maintains funding for most federal agencies at 2006 levels, but it adds about \$16 billion for Democratic priorities, including veterans' health care and Pell grants for higher education. The Senate must pass the continuing resolution by Feb. 15 to avert a partial government shutdown. The White House has indicated that President Bush will sign the measure. The measure was passed due to a failure of the last Congress to pass nine of the eleven spending bills.

BIOFUELS

As the 110th Congress gets under way, there is significant momentum behind development of alternative energy sources, including biomass energy and cellulosic

ethanol. The President included a brief mention of the need for alternative energy sources in the State of the Union, suggesting the further development of biofuel from wood chips.

For more information, please visit Thomas at <http://www.thomas.gov/> and search Bill Numbers HR6, S23, S133, S162 and S167.

To view the State of the Union, please visit the White House website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/01/20070123-2.html>

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Every two years, Congress begins a new session. The most recent session began on January 4th of this year and is the 110th session of Congress. Each new session potentially brings with it many changes including changes to Committee and Subcommittee structure and membership. This particular Congress has had a significant amount of change as a result of a shift in party leadership from Republican to Democrat following last November's elections. In the organization meetings prior to the start of the 110th Congress and throughout the month of January, Committees have continued organizing. This means assigning members to full committees, creating and assigning Members to subcommittees, determining chairs and ranking members (the lead member of the committee from the minority party), and adopting committee rules. We've included in this edition of FCN (attached at the end of the issue) the rosters of and some information about the committees and subcommittees most relevant to the forest community

COUNTY PAYMENTS

January 4, 2007: In the House, Oregon Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR), in a bipartisan effort with Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) and 69 other cosponsors (as of Jan. 23rd), introduced HR17, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for an additional 7 years.

January 11, 2007: In the Senate, Oregon Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Gordon Smith (R-OR) requested that the Administration include funding for an extension of the county payments program in their FY 2008 budget request, which will be released on or before February 5, 2007.

January 24, 2007: Senator Wyden, with 7 cosponsors, introduced S380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Notably, Senator Larry Craig (R-Idaho) who cosponsored the original law in 2000 did not sign on to Wyden's bill, arguing that Oregon receives too much money under the current formula.

For more information on this issue, please visit:

http://www.registerguard.com/news/2007/01/25/e2.or.timbercounties.0125.p1.php?section=nation_world and

<http://www.bendweekly.com/Schools/1804.html>

To read a press statement from the office of Senator Ron Wyden, please visit:
http://wyden.senate.gov/media/2007/01112007_County_Payments.htm

To view HR17, please visit: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:h17ih.txt.pdf

To view S380, please visit <http://www.thomac.loc.gov> and search Bill Number S380.

WILDFIRE

Jan 30, 2007: The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held hearings to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.

In recent years, the Forest Service's wildfire suppression costs have soared, amounting to over \$1 billion in 3 of the last six years. In November 2006, the USDA Office of Inspector General published the findings of an audit of the Forest Service's wildfire suppression costs, concluding that the escalating costs were largely the result of efforts to protect private property in the wildland urban interface. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has produced three recent reports on wildland fire suppression.

For more information on the hearing, please visit the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources website at
http://energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=1597.

To view the USDA Audit, please visit the USDA Office of Inspector General at
<http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/08601-44-SF.pdf>.

For access to the May, 2006 GAO Report, entitled "Wildland Fire Suppression - Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns About Cost Sharing Between Federal and Nonfederal Entities," please visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06570.pdf>.

For access to the June, 2006 GAO Report, entitled "Wildland Fires Suppression – Better Guidance Needed to Clarify Sharing of Costs Between Federal and Nonfederal Entities," please visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06896t.pdf>.

For access to the January, 2007 GAO Report, entitled "Wildland Fires Management – Lack of a Cohesive Strategy Hinders Agencies' Cost-Containment Efforts," please visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07427t.pdf>.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

AGENCY APPOINTMENTS

Jan 12, 2007: The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the selection of Abigail Kimbell as the 16th chief of the Forest Service. Kimbell succeeds Chief Dale Bosworth, who retired on Feb. 2 after 41 years with the Forest Service. Kimbell has been serving as Regional Forester for the Northern Region in Montana, which also includes northern Idaho, and North Dakota. Before becoming regional forester, Kimbell served in the Washington Office as Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System, with responsibility for assisting in the development of the Healthy Forest Restoration

To view the USDA Press Release, please visit

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB/.cmd/ad/.ar/sa.retrievecontent/.c/6_2_1UH/.ce/7_2_5JM/.p/5_2_4TQ/.th/J_2_9D/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?PC_7_2_5JM_contentid=2007%2F01%2F0009.xml&PC_7_2_5JM_parentnav=LATEST_RELEASES&PC_7_2_5JM_navid=NEWS_RELEASE

BUDGET

President Bush will send his budget proposal for fiscal year 2008 to Congress on February 5, 2007. The budget contains the Administration's funding recommendations for all federal agencies including the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. This release marks the beginning of the appropriations process for FY 2008.

For more information, please visit the Office of Management and Budget website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>.

FARM BILL

Jan. 31, 2007: The Administration released their long awaited proposals for the 2007 Farm Bill, with more than 65 proposals corresponding to the 2002 farm bill titles. The proposals contain recommendations for a variety of forestry, conservation and rural development programs. A variety of material about the administrations proposals is available from the [USDA Website](#) at

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH/.cmd/ad/.ar/sa.changenav/.c/6_2_1FB/.ce/7_2_5V1/.p/5_2_4VB/.d/0/.th/J_2_FB/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH?PC_7_2_5V1_navtype=SU&PC_7_2_5V1_navid=FARM_BILL_FORUMS#7_2_5V1.

Other information:

News Release: "Johanns Unveils 2007 Farm Bill Proposals"

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH?contentidonly=true&contentid=2007/01/0020.xml

Fact Sheet on USDA's 2007 Farm Bill Proposals:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH?contentidonly=true&contentid=2007/01/0019.xml

USDA 2007 Farm Bill Proposals by Title:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH?contentidonly=true&contentid=view_proposals.xml

Media Kit: Collection of News Releases, Fact Sheets and PowerPoint:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1UH?contentidonly=true&contentid=media_kit.xml

Video: "Johanns Unveils 2007 Farm Bill Proposal"

<mms://ocbmtcwmp.usda.gov/content/secy/013107a.wmv>

FOREST WORKERS

Jan 31, 2007: Federal officials held a public forum in Eugene, Oregon to discuss new efforts to protect the health and safety of contract workers on national forest lands and hear comments. Speakers included Mark Rey, USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment and Alex Passantino, Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

Forum Information:

Sustainable Northwest: <http://www.sustainablenorthwest.org/programs/pfwf.php>

University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program:

<http://ewp.uoregon.edu/wkcondforum.html>

RECREATION ON NATIONAL FORESTS

On January 26th, the USDA Forest Service announced the convening of a National Review Team to gauge the effectiveness of citizen participation in the Recreation Site Facility Master Planning process. Responding to increased public attention on the Recreation Sites Facility Master planning effort, Forest Service Chief Bosworth charged the national team to conduct a thorough review and make recommendations by April 2, 2007. The team's findings and recommendations will form the basis for broadening the current citizen involvement process.

As detailed in the agency's press release on this issue, "Recreation Site Facility Master Planning is not a decision process. Rather, it is an analysis tool, to encourage dialogue on the changing demands for recreation facilities on national forests and what options may exist to respond to those changes. Open dialogue with communities is an essential aspect in each step of the process."

Deputy Regional Forester Beth Pendleton, of the Pacific Southwest Region, will lead this national review team. Among other things, team members are tasked with assessing public participation activities, methods, products and results from a diverse cross section of the national forests. They are also expected to interview a selection of citizens who have expressed interest in the Recreation Facility Master Planning process.

To view the Forest Service news release, please visit

<http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2007/releases/01/recreation.shtml>

To view information on the Recreation Site Facility Master Planning process, please visit

<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/rsfmp/index.shtml>

RESOURCES

CONFERENCES:

Fourth USDA Greenhouse Gas Conference: Positioning Agriculture and Forestry to Meet the Challenges of Climate Change February 6-8, 2007, Baltimore, Maryland.

The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for presentation of scientific, technical, and policy information related to the impacts of climate change on agriculture and forestry, and the potential role of management practices in related ecosystems and product use in mitigating climate change. Ecosystems related to the practice of agriculture and forestry are all lands involved in the production of food, feed, fiber, and timber, including croplands, feedlots, pastures, rangelands, forests, and associated wetlands. The conference will feature a combination of plenary sessions, technical breakout sessions, and poster sessions organized to maximize interactions, discussion, and dialogue. For more information, please visit

<http://www.acsmeetings.org/carbon/index.php>.

USDA Forest Service National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council Meeting February 6-8, 2007, Washington, DC. Members of the council will discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry. The meeting is open to the public but input should be provided via written statements. Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, P.O. Box 1003, Sugarloaf, CA 92386-1003. Individuals may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (909) 585-9527. For more information, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/>.

Rural Philanthropy Conference February 7-9, 2007. Nebraska City, Nebraska. This conference will provide information about the importance of the intergenerational transfer of wealth and discuss how a grassroots strategy to motivate donors to give back is being implemented in Nebraska and other states. It will feature speakers from Wisconsin, South Dakota and Nebraska. This conference is an opportunity to both share expertise regarding rural philanthropy and to learn new strategies. For more information, please visit <http://www.nebcommfound.org/RP-TOW.htm>.

Managing Forestlands Sustainably: Workshops in Ecological Forestry February 12-14, 2007, Jones Ecological Center, Georgia. The course designed for those working in both the public and private sector with an interest in managing southeastern fire maintained pine/grassland woodlands for multiple objectives including timber, wildlife and sustaining or restoring native diversity. Instructors include Robert Mitchell, Steve

Jack, Leon Neel, and Jerry Franklin. Contact Kevin McIntyre or Jessica McCorvey at 229-734-4706 or visit www.osiny.org/conservationforestry/ga_workshop_07.htm.

Forests, Carbon and Climate Change February 13-14, 2007, Corvallis, Oregon. This day-and-a-half conference will examine the many contributions forests and wood products make to sequester the atmospheric carbon that plays a significant role in global climate. For more information, please visit http://www.oregonforests.org/media/pdf/Carbon_flyer.pdf or call (971) 673-2944.

Ecosystem Services Markets: Everyone's Business February 27, 2007, Houston, Texas. This conference will focus on the scientific, public policy and economic foundations of emerging market-based trading of "ecosystem services." For more information, please visit <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/ecoserv/>.

Agriculture at the Crossroads: Energy, Farm and Rural Policy March 1-2, 2007, Arlington, Virginia. The Forum will explore renewable energy issues, agriculture's economic outlook for the year, and a number of other relevant issues. Speakers include Agriculture Secretary Johanns, several USDA undersecretaries including Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Mark Rey, as well as representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and several conservation groups. For more information, please visit <http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/index.htm>.

Wildland Urban Interface March 6-8, 2007, Reno, Nevada. Continuing a tradition of coordination of federal, state, and local wildland fire personnel and resources, this annual conference provides information and networking opportunities for wildfire and land-use researchers and other professionals. For more information, please visit www.iafc.org/wui.

Sharing the Greenprint Model April 12 – 14, 2007, Sacramento, California. This workshop will provide a national audience of urban forest advocates with the basic information to guide their respective cities and towns in the conceptualization and development of regional urban forest initiatives. Our target audience is executive directors and board members of nonprofit tree organizations, city and state foresters, and agency and special district leaders from around the nation. Participants will take part in a three-day workshop to learn about the Sacramento Greenprint project. As part of the workshop, participants will be guided through a process to begin the development of their own regional urban forest initiatives. Scholarships available. For more information, please visit <http://www.sactree.com/greenprint/NUCFACapplicationannouncement.pdf>

2nd National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration April 23-27, 2007, Kansas City, Missouri. The purpose of 2nd NCER is to provide a forum for physical, biological, and social scientists, engineers, resource managers, planners and policy-makers to share their knowledge and research results concerning ecosystem restoration throughout the United States. The public forum will exchange information and "lessons learned" on opportunities for and challenges of achieving ecosystem restoration through partnership. Conference participants will have the opportunity to learn about multi-scale ecosystem

restoration programs (e.g., Missouri River, Great Lakes , Everglades, San Francisco Bay/Delta, Chesapeake Bay Columbia River, Louisiana Coastal Area, Puget Sound, Mississippi River) and what has contributed to success, as well as lessons learned from these programs. The roles of policy, planning and science in establishing goals and performance expectations for achieving successful and sustainable ecosystem restoration will be explored. Successful partnerships and means to leverage resources will be an important component of these meetings. For more information, please visit <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NCER2007/>.

2007 Forest Leadership Conference May 8-10, 2007, Vancouver, BC, Canada. The 8th in a series of strategic conferences held since 2001, the event will address critical sustainability challenges faced by the forest and paper sector in North America. The conference will feature plenary sessions and a number of workshops to choose from before and after the main event. For more information, please visit <http://www.forestleadership.com/>.

Black Environmental Thought: Land, Power, and Sustainability May 22-24, 2007, Tuskegee, Alabama. A conference designed to broaden the environmental discussion by asking, "What is a framework for Black ecological philosophy that can inform African American agriculture and sustainable agriculture more broadly?" The purpose of the conference is to develop more concrete thinking and identification with Black ecological thought and its applications to African American farming, sustainable agriculture, and professional development opportunities. The goal of the conference will be to move innovation in Black sustainable agriculture forward and contribute to overall diversity of thought in sustainable agriculture. For more information, please visit <http://www.blackenvirotought.org/>.

Entrepreneurial Sustainable Agriculture Training May 29, 2007, Logan, Utah. The Western Rural Development Center is offering training in alternatives for processing, packaging, labeling, and marketing in retail/internet environments. The program is designed to train two-person teams who will then return to their regions to conduct additional trainings. The training is well-suited for cooperative extension agents, non-profit organizations, USDA rural development, state and private agriculture professionals and others. For more information, please visit http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org/content/cr_11/2_000235.pdf.

Frameworks for Entrepreneurship Research in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development October 18-19, 2007. University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information, email Ken Schneeberger at schneebergerk@missouri.edu.

WEBSITES

Cooperative Conservation: In an effort to communicate progress and achievements, the President's Cooperative Conservation Task Force has set up a website on which they report Cooperative Conservation related news, information, and updates. The website address is <http://cooperativeconservation.gov/>.

[Energizing Entrepreneurs](#): This website focuses on sharing information about creating supportive environments for entrepreneurs in rural places. The website also contains information about “[Indianpreneurship](#),” a cultural approach to building Native American businesses.

NEWSLETTERS/UPDATES

To sign up for American Forests’ electronic news services “Policy News and Updates” or “Farm Bill News and Updates,” please e-mail Laura Schweitzer at lschweitzer@amfor.org.

To sign up for The Pinchot Institute’s quarterly publication, “The Pinchot Letter,” send an email request to subscribe@pinchot.org. The document is available both electronically and in hard-copy format.

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Questions and suggestions should be emailed to Laura Schweitzer at American Forests (lschweitzer@amfor.org) and/or Naureen Rana at the Pinchot Institute (nrana@pinchot.org).

Also, please feel free to contact us if you would like to share information about events, news, conferences, reports, studies, websites and other resources for mention in the FCN.

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www.communitiescommittee.org

National Network of Forest Practitioners: www.nnfp.org

Pinchot Institute for Conservation: www.pinchot.org

ADDENDUM

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

There are many committees and subcommittees that have some impact on forestry. For instance the House and Senate Judiciary Committees have jurisdiction over immigration, affecting forest workers, while the House and Senate Subcommittees on Energy have jurisdiction over matters involving biofuels. However, listed here is information for the Committees and Subcommittees that have the most direct impact on the forestry community. For more information about the legislative process, check out the following resources:

Committee Organization and Process: A Brief Overview

http://www.rules.house.gov/archives/crs_reports.htm

How Our Laws Are Made

<http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/howourlawsaremade.pdf>

Archive of Congressional Research Service Reports on Legislative Process

http://www.rules.house.gov/archives/crs_reports.htm

The organization and jurisdiction of Committees and Subcommittees frequently changes at the beginning of each session of Congress. This is especially the case when a new party enters the majority. The Committee and Subcommittee lists below are the new 110th Congress rosters. The descriptions of Committee jurisdictions are from the 109th Congress and may change slightly as the current Congress continues to determine this session's structure.

Natural Resources:

The House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources have jurisdiction over issues that include public lands and their resources, ranging from timber to mining and mineral leasing. The Committee roster and rosters for subcommittees most important to the forestry community are:

House Committee on Natural Resources

Phone: (202) 225-2761

Fax: (202) 225-5929

Web: resourcescommittee.house.gov

Email: resources.committee@mail.house.gov

Address: 1324 Longworth Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20515

Democratic Staff Director: James "Jim" Zoia

Republican Staff Director: Lloyd Jones

Democrats (27)	Republicans (22)
Nick J. Rahall, West Virginia - Chair	Don Young, Alaska – Ranking
Dale E. Kildee, Michigan	H. James Saxton, New Jersey
Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, American Samoa	Elton Gallegly, California
Neil Abercrombie, Hawaii	John J. "Jimmy" Duncan Jr., Tennessee
Solomon P. Ortiz, Texas	Wayne T. Gilchrest, Maryland

Frank Pallone Jr., New Jersey	Ken Calvert, California
Donna M.C. Christensen, Virgin Islands	Chris Cannon, Utah
Grace F. Napolitano, California	Tom Tancredo, Colorado
Rush D. Holt, New Jersey	Jeff Flake, Arizona
Raul M. Grijalva, Arizona	Rick Renzi, Arizona
Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam	Steve Pearce, New Mexico
Jim Costa, California	Henry E. Brown Jr., South Carolina
Dan Boren, Oklahoma	Luis Fortuno, Puerto Rico
John Sarbanes, Maryland	Cathy McMorris, Washington
George Miller, California	Bobby Jindal, Louisiana
Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts	Louie Gohmert, Texas
Peter A. DeFazio, Oregon	Tom Cole, Oklahoma
Maurice D. Hinchey, New York	Rob Bishop, Utah
Patrick J. Kennedy, Rhode Island	Bill Shuster, Pennsylvania
Ron Kind, Wisconsin	Dean Heller, Nevada
Lois Capps, California	Bill Sali, Idaho
Jay Inslee, Washington	Doug Lamborn, Colorado
Mark Udall, Colorado	
Joe Baca, California	
Hilda L. Solis, California	
Stephanie Herseth, South Dakota	
Heath Shuler, North Carolina	

House Committee on Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health (title in 109th Congress)

This Subcommittee is still organizing its membership.

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Phone: (202) 224-4971

Fax: (202) 224-6163

Web: energy.senate.gov

Email: <http://energy.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>

Address: 364 Dirksen Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20510

Democratic Staff Director: Robert "Bob" Simon

Republican Staff Director: Frank J. Macchiarola

Democrats (12)	Republicans (11)
Jeff Bingaman, New Mexico - Chair	Pete V. Domenici, N.M. - Ranking
Daniel K. Akaka, Hawaii	Larry E. Craig, Idaho
Byron L. Dorgan, North Dakota	Craig Thomas, Wyoming
Ron Wyden, Oregon	Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
Tim Johnson, South Dakota	Richard M. Burr, North Carolina
Mary L. Landrieu, Louisiana	Mel Martinez, Florida
Maria Cantwell, Washington	Gordon H. Smith, Oregon
Ken Salazar, Colorado	Jim Bunning, Kentucky
Robert Menendez, New Jersey	Jim DeMint, South Carolina

Blanche Lincoln, Arkansas	Bob Corker, Tennessee
Bernard Sanders, Vermont (I)	Jeff Sessions, Alabama
Jon Tester, Montana	

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests

Phone: (202) 224-4971

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Email: <http://energy.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>

Address: 364 Dirksen Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510

Democratic Chief Counsel: Sam Fowler

Republican Professional Staff Member: Frank

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Democrats (9)	Republicans (8)
Ron Wyden, Oregon - <i>chairman</i>	Richard Burr, North Carolina – Ranking
Daniel K. Akaka, Hawaii	Larry E. Craig, Idaho
Tim Johnson, South Dakota	Craig Thomas, Wyoming
Mary L. Landrieu, Louisiana	Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
Maria Cantwell, Washington	Jim DeMint, South Carolina
Ken Salazar, Colorado	Jeff Sessions, Alabama
Robert Menendez, New Jersey	Gordon H. Smith, Oregon
Blanche Lincoln, Arkansas	Jim Bunning, Kentucky
Bernard Sanders, Vermont (I)	

Agriculture

The House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry have jurisdiction over issues that include forestry in general. The House Committee includes more descriptive language in description of their jurisdiction and specifically includes forest reserves other than those created from the public domain, adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves. The Committee roster and rosters for subcommittees most important to the forestry community are:

House Committee on Agriculture

Phone: (202) 225-2171

Fax: (202) 225-0917

Web: agriculture.house.gov

Email: agriculture@mail.house.gov

Address: 1301 Longworth Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20515

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Republican Staff Director: William E. O'Conner Jr.

Democrats (25)	Republicans (21)
Collin C. Peterson, Minnesota - Chair	Bob Goodlatte, Virginia - Ranking
Tim Holden, Pennsylvania.	Terry Everett, Alabama
Mike McIntyre, North Carolina	Frank D. Lucas, Oklahoma

Bob Etheridge, North Carolina	Jerry Moran, Kansas
Leonard L. Boswell, Iowa	Robin Hayes, North Carolina
Joe Baca, California	Timothy V. Johnson, Illinois
Dennis Cardoza, California	Sam Graves, Missouri
David Scott, Georgia	Jo Bonner, Alabama
Jim Marshall, Georgia	Mike D. Rogers, Alabama
Stephanie Herseth, South Dakota	Steve King, Iowa
Henry Cuellar, Texas	Marilyn Musgrave, Colorado
Jim Costa, California	Randy Neugebauer, Texas
John Salazar, Colorado	Charles Boustany Jr., Louisiana
Brad Ellsworth, Indiana	John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., New York
Nancy Boyda, Kansas	Virginia Foxx, North Carolina
Zack Space, Ohio	K. Michael Conaway, Texas
Tim Walz, Minnesota	Jeff Fortenberry, Nebraska
Kirsten Gillibrand, New York	Jean Schmidt, Ohio
Steven L. Kagen, Wisconsin	Adrian Smith, Nebraska
Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota	Kevin McCarthy, California
Lincoln Davis, Tennessee	Tim Walberg, Michigan
John Barrow, Georgia	
Nick Lampson, Texas	
Joe Donnelly, Indiana	
Tim Mahoney, Florida	

House Committee on Agriculture
Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Dairy, Nutrition, and Forestry

Phone: (202) 225-2171
Fax: (202) 225-0917
Address: 1407 Longworth Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20515
Democratic Staff Director: Vacant
Republican Staff Director: Ben Anderson

Democrats (6)	Republicans (5)
Joe Baca, California – Chair	Jo Bonner, Alabama – Ranking
Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota	Jerry Moran, Kansas
Lincoln Davis, Tennessee	Steve King, Iowa
Nick Lampson, Texas	Randy Neugebauer, Texas
Steven L. Kagen, Wisconsin	Charles Boustany Jr., Louisiana
Nancy Boyda, Kansas	

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

Phone: (202) 224-2035
Fax: (202) 224-1725
Web: agriculture.senate.gov
Address: 328A Russell Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20510
Democratic Staff Director: Mark Halverson
Republican Staff Director: Martha Scott Poindexter

Democrats (11)	Republicans (10)
Tom Harkin, Iowa - Chair	Saxby Chambliss, Georgia - Ranking
Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont	Richard G. Lugar, Indiana
Kent Conrad, North Dakota	Thad Cochran, Mississippi
Max Baucus, Montana	Mitch McConnell, Kentucky
Blanche Lincoln, Arkansas	Pat Roberts, Kansas
Debbie Stabenow, Michigan	Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Ben Nelson, Nebraska	Norm Coleman, Minnesota
Ken Salazar, Colorado	Michael D. Crapo, Idaho
Sherrod Brown, Ohio	John Thune, South Dakota
Bob Casey, Pennsylvania	Charles E. Grassley, Iowa
Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota.	

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation and Rural Revitalization (title in 109th Congress)

This Subcommittee is still organizing its membership.

Appropriations

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have jurisdiction over the expenditures associated with all discretionary spending legislation. The Committees write the legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis. The number of subcommittees was expanded to 12 in 2007 at the start of the 110th Congress. This reorganization for the first time provided for common subcommittee structures between both houses. The Committee roster and rosters for subcommittees most important to the forestry community are:

House Committee on Appropriations

Phone: (202) 225-2771
Web: www.house.gov/appropriations
Address: H-218 Capitol Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20510
Democratic Staff Director: Rob Nabors
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