

FOREST COMMUNITY NEWS: THE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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FROM THE EDITORS

We have officially entered one of the busiest times of the year here in Washington, DC. This month, Congress is taking a look at the federal budget in an attempt to determine what the government ought to be allowed to spend for FY08. This determination will be especially important as Congress next moves into conversations about where to appropriate money for various departments of the government. Of course, all the negotiations mean DC will see quite a number of visitors as folks from around the country visit their legislators to let them know which programs are most useful to them and where they believe money ought to be prioritized. Read on to learn more about this and other things going on in the federal policy arena this month. Also, if you are interested in seeing the most up-to-date lists of forestry-relevant Congressional Committee and Subcommittee rosters for the 110th Congress, check out the addendum we've attached to the end of this month's FCN.

FROM CAPITAL HILL

BUDGET

February 5, 2007: The administration released their FY2008 budget request. Following the release, there have been a number of hearings analyzing different aspects of the budget request, including hearings on budget requests for the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, and the National Park Service.

March 2, 2007: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its review of the president's budget request. The next step in the budget process will be the development of the Congressional Budget Resolution, normally passed by April 15th. The Budget Resolution makes revenue predictions and sets spending limits for the federal government.

For more information about the Federal Budget Process, please visit:

http://www.communitiescommittee.org/pdfs/fed_budget.pdf

Online access to Congressional Committee hearing transcripts is available from the government printing office (GPO) at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/congress/index.html>. (The hearings are not frequently made available until two or more months after the hearing date.)

For hearings not yet available from the GPO, materials including witness opening statements and video or audio replays can often be obtained by contacting the respective Congressional Committee or visiting their website. Additionally, many news sources

cover committee activity, and information on hearings can be found through the use of online searches of news material such as <http://news.google.com/>

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

January 31, 2007: Sen. Max Baucus (D-Montana), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, introduced S.469: The Rural Heritage Conservation Extension Act. The legislation would make permanent a tax deduction for landowners who voluntarily place land into conservation easements. The current deduction, allowing landowners to deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income and receive the tax break for up to 15 years, requires donations to be completed by the end of the 2007 calendar year.

As chairman of the Finance Committee (the committee with jurisdiction over the act) Sen. Baucus is in a strong position to support the legislation. Additionally, the bill is being co-sponsored by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee and has been included in the Administration's 2008 budget.

To view the legislation, please visit: www.thomas.gov and search bill number S469
For more information, please visit The Land Trust Alliance at:
http://www.lta.org/publicpolicy/adv_archive/adv_020107.html

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

February 15, 2007: The president signed Public Law 110-5, a \$463.5 billion spending measure to fund much of the government for the remainder of FY2007. This law funds programs covered by the nine unfinished FY2007 appropriations bills.

To view the legislation, please visit: www.thomas.gov and search bill number H.J.Res.20

COUNTY PAYMENTS

The Bush administration's 2008 budget included a revised version of a proposal introduced in 2006 to fund the County Payments Program, at an annually decreasing level, by selling over 200,000 acres of Forest Service land. The previous proposal encountered strong opposition in the 109th congress from members of both parties.

The current proposal met with criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike when it was discussed at a hearing on the Administration's FY 2008 budget request for the Forest Service on February 13th. Rep. John Doolittle (R-California) challenged that the proposal was "totally unrealistic" and said, "It's certainly not going to happen in the current Congress." Although subcommittee chair Norm Dicks (D-Washington) cautioned that the proposal may have to be considered in light of the desperate situation facing the County Payments Program.

On February 14th, in an effort to secure renewal of the County Payments Program, Oregon Republican Senator Gordon Smith attempted a filibuster of a Senate spending

measure providing funding for programs covered by the nine unfinished FY2007 appropriations bills. His effort was cut short by Senate leaders who halted debate based on procedural grounds. However, the chief of staff of Oregon's Democratic Senator Ron Wyden reported that Wyden has discussed the bill with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and is "cautiously optimistic" it can be renewed.

Proponents of the County Payments Program have set their sights on renewing funding for the program through the emergency war supplemental spending bill which Congress will debate in March, and which Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) has promised will be open to amendments.

Additionally, On March 1st, Senator Wyden held his first hearing as chairman of the Senate Energy Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests to take testimony on his own bill (S.380) to extend the 2000 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Wyden and fellow Oregon Senator Republican Gordon Smith said Thursday that reauthorization of the program is their top priority this year.

For more information on the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests hearing please visit: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007703020318>

For more information on the Appropriations hearing, please visit:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070213/ap_on_go_co/forest_service_budget

For more information on the attempted filibuster, please visit:

http://www.registerguard.com/news/2007/02/13/e3.cr.filibuster.0213.p1.php?section=nation_world

For the text of Senator Wyden's Bill, S.380, please visit:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:s380is.txt.pdf

ENDANGERED SPECIES

February 28, 2007: Several senators, including the Senate Finance Committee's chairman and ranking Republican, are supporting a bill offering up to \$2.7 billion in tax credits over 10 years to landowners who take steps to help endangered species recover. Environmental Defense and the National Wildlife Federation have joined the American Farm Bureau Federation in supporting the bill, sponsored by Sen. Michael D. Crapo, (R-Idaho).

For more information, please visit:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070228/ap_on_go_co/endangered_species

To view the legislation, please visit: www.thomas.gov and search bill S.700.

FARM BILL

After breaking off talks in July of 2006, top U.S., EU, Brazilian and Indian officials have met recently in London and Geneva to clarify their positions. From media reporting it's difficult to tell how much progress on the negotiations is being made.

While the current Farm Bill doesn't expire until September 30, 2007, the administration is anxious to have the negotiations progress quickly because the Presidents Trade Promotion Authority, which allows him to negotiate agreements that the Congress can approve or disapprove but cannot amend or filibuster, is set to expire in July. The administration is seeking renewal of TPA but may face opposition from democrats, especially without progress in the Doha negotiations.

Article: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/03/05/ap3485193.html>

Did you know...? Initially, the federal fiscal year coincided with the calendar year. In 1842, President John Tyler signed legislation changing the fiscal year to a July 1 to June 30 cycle. Beginning with FY1977, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 changed the fiscal year to its current cycle. In both instances, the intent was to provide Congress with more time to process appropriations legislation, particularly to avoid continuing resolutions.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

BIOFUELS

February 28, 2007: Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman announced that DOE will invest up to \$385 million in six biorefinery projects over the next four years. When fully operational, the biorefineries are expected to produce more than 130 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol a year, DOE said. The plants are slated for California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa and Kansas.

To view the DOE press release, please visit: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4827.htm>

BUDGET

February 5, 2007: The Bush administration released their 2008 budget proposal. Some of the highlights include:

- Forest Service:
 - The Forest Service requested \$4.13 billion in discretionary appropriations for FY 2008, down 1.8% from FY2006
 - The request for State and Private Forestry is \$202.5 million
 - \$911 million would be provided for fire suppression. The number is pegged to the 10-year average of fire suppression costs; in four of the last seven years, those costs have exceeded \$1 billion.
 - The Economic Action Program has once again been zeroed out
 - \$292 million would be provided for hazardous fuels removal. \$10 million above FY2006
 - The regular timber program would be funded at \$318.6 million in fiscal 2008, up \$40.9 million from FY 2006. That would pay for a harvest level of 2.3 billion board feet.

- The administration resubmitted its (unpopular) proposal to sell federal forestland to fund the County Payments Program
- The State Fire Assistance Program is proposed at \$68 million, a 13.5% decrease from FY2006
- Urban and Community Forestry would be funded at \$17.4 million, a 38% decrease from FY2006
- Forest Legacy would be funded at \$29.3 million, a 52% decrease from FY2006
- Interior
 - The Interior department requested \$10.7 billion for FY 2008, \$119.7 million less than adjusted FY 2006
 - Interior requested a \$258 million increase over FY 2006 for the National Parks Service. Including a proposal for the federal government to match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100 million, donations leading up to the service's centennial celebration in 2016.
 - The Interior budget would provide increases over FY 2006 levels for the National Park Service, the USGS and the Minerals Management Service. The BLM, the Office of Surface Mining, the Bureau of Reclamation and the FWS all would see decreases from FY 2006 levels.
- Energy
 - The Energy budget includes \$292 million for research and development programs intended to promote biofuels, notably the production of cellulosic ethanol, more than double FY2006 funding of \$119 million.
 - The administration requested \$8.4 million to establish an office that would manage federal loan guarantees for advanced energy projects such as nuclear, clean coal and biofuels and is seeking the authority to guarantee up to \$9 billion in loans.

For budget documents, please visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2008/>

INTERIOR

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved wildlife action plans for all 56 states and territories. For the first time ever, all state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies have established comprehensive conservation plans.

To view the Press Release, please visit:

<http://www.fws.gov/news/NewsReleases/showNews.cfm?newsId=CB25045D-F981-4E0B-79AC03E064DEE772>

Did you know...? Gifford Pinchot ran for Senate in 1914 on the Progressive Party ticket and expressed interest in the Presidency. After his campaign, Pinchot promoted American involvement in World War I, opposing President Woodrow Wilson's neutrality. With Wilson's re-election in 1916, Pinchot turned to Pennsylvania state politics. Governor William Sproul appointed him state Commissioner of Forestry in 1920. Pinchot's aim,

however, was to become governor. His 1922 campaign for the office concentrated on popular reforms: government economy, enforcement of Prohibition and regulation of public utilities. He won by a wide margin. Following another unsuccessful attempt at the U.S. Senate, the Pinchot took a seven-month cruise of the South Seas. In 1930, Pinchot won a second term as governor, battling for regulation of public utilities, relief for the unemployed and construction of paved roads to *"get the farmers out of the mud."* In 1934, Pinchot ran unsuccessfully for the Senate a third time. Pinchot's final campaign, a bid for the GOP nomination for Governor in 1938 was also unsuccessful. In his remaining years, the ex-governor gave advice to President Franklin Roosevelt, wrote a book about his life as a forester and devised a fishing kit to be used in lifeboats during World War II.

OTHER NEWS

BIOFUELS

February 8, 2007: The construction of the nation's first wood to ethanol factory has been announced, with groundbreaking expected this spring. The facility will be built in Soperton, Georgia. A spokesperson claimed that the Soperton plant will initially produce 10 million gallons of ethanol with the goal of churning out more than a billion gallons.

To view the article, please visit:

<http://www.ajc.com/search/content/business/stories/2007/02/08/0208bizethanol.html>

March 6, 2007: A global, government policy-fueled rush to produce biofuels is backfiring as it pushes up costs and makes the environmentally-friendly alternative fuel far less competitive.

To view the article, please visit:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSL066415420070306>

CONSERVATION FUNDS

February 17, 2007: Four states slated to share billions in potential royalties courtesy of an offshore drilling expansion signed into law last year are beginning to realize that Congress gave them far more freedom in spending the windfall than the political rhetoric in Washington suggested.

To view the article, please visit: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2007/02/16/national/a222646S00.DTL>

WILDFIRE

February 20, 2007: Across the country, 24 firefighters died last year battling wildfires, part of a rising trend. Experts warn that the size and intensity of wildfires is increasing as a result of longer, hotter and drier summers and a buildup of fuel. Firefighters also face

greater dangers, especially when trying to protect the growing number of homes in the Wildland-Urban-Interface.

To view the article, please visit: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/20/AR2007022000105.html>

RESOURCES

CONFERENCES

The 25x'25 initiative is holding their **Third National 25x'25 Renewable Energy Summit** from **March 20 through 22, 2007** in **Washington DC**. The 25x'25 Action Plan will be the key area of focus. An updated preliminary agenda and registration information is available on the "Events" page of www.25x25.org.

The **2nd National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration** is being held from **April 23 through 27, 2007** in **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. For more information, please visit: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NCER2007/>

The **Lomakatsi Restoration Project** is holding a **3-day participatory workshop**, including practical applications of traditional ecological knowledge, restoration forestry, ecological woodlot stewardship, permaculture, small diameter utilization and natural building from **Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6, 2007** at White Oak Farm in **Williams, Oregon**. To register or for more information contact Jenny at Lomakatsi Restoration Project at 541-488-0208 or jenny@lomakatsi.org

The Property and Environment Research Center is now taking applications for a two-week **Enviropreneur Camp** they will be conducting in **Bozeman, Montana**, from **July 11-26, 2007**. This is designed for environmental practitioners who are interested in learning how market approaches can be used to solve environmental problems. Participants will receive a \$3,000 stipend plus room and board for the duration of the program. For more information, please visit www.enviropreneurs.com or contact Carol Ferrie at carol@perc.org or 406.587.9591

Community Matters 07' is being held by the Orton Family Foundation, PlaceMatters and partner organizations in **Burlington, Vermont, October 23 through 25, 2007**. This event brings together citizens, elected officials, practitioners, innovators and tool providers to learn, share, and seed innovation in place. Join to engage in discussions about land use planning and community development in small cities and towns. For more information, please visit: www.communitymatters.org

OTHER RESOURCES

The Forest Service has released a new summary guide on FACA (Federal Advisory Committee Act) entitled **“USDA Forest Service Collaborative Planning Activities: Compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act”**. The FACA regulates Federal agency establishment or utilization of a group to obtain consensual advice or recommendations. FACA defines when such a group can be considered an advisory committee and the process necessary for its formation and proper functioning. For more information, please contact Helen Abraham at 202-401-4469

The EPA is currently accepting applications from communities who would like smart growth technical assistance. The Development, Community, and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is issuing a request for applications for the Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program. Through this program, a team of multidisciplinary experts will provide free technical assistance to communities, regions, or states that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other local or regional goals. For more information and application materials, please visit: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm.

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 and/or Naureen Rana at the Pinchot Institute nrana@pinchot.org.

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Communities Committee of the Seventh American Forest Congress:
www.communitiescommittee.org

National Network of Forest Practitioners: www.nnfp.org

Pinchot Institute for Conservation: www.pinchot.org

ADENDUM

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Updated to include committee rosters not available for the February issue of FCN

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](#)

[How Our Laws Are Made](#)

[Archive of Congressional Research Service Reports on Legislative Process](#)

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 Congress continues determining 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

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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
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Mark Udall, Colorado.	
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House Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands

Phone: (202) 226-7736
Fax: (202) 226-2301

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Neil Abercrombie, Hawaii	Chris Cannon, Utah
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Rush D. Holt, New Jersey	Jeff Flake, Arizona
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Ron Kind, Wisconsin	Tom Cole, Oklahoma
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Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Byron L. Dorgan, North Dakota	Craig Thomas, Wyoming
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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

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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
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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

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Lincoln Davis, Tennessee	Steve King, Iowa
Nick Lampson, Texas	Randy Neugebauer, Texas
Steven L. Kagen, Wisconsin	Charles Boustany Jr., Louisiana
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Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

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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 Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit Jurisdiction

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Blanche Lincoln, Arkansas	Mitch McConnell, Kentucky
Ben Nelson, Nebraska	Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Ken Salazar, Colorado	

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

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<u>Norman D. Dicks, Washington</u>	<u>Ralph Regula, Ohio</u>
<u>Alan B. Mollohan, West Virginia</u>	<u>Harold Rogers, Kentucky</u>
<u>Marcy Kaptur, Ohio</u>	<u>Frank R. Wolf, Virginia</u>
<u>Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana</u>	<u>James T. Walsh, New York</u>
<u>Nita M. Lowey, New York</u>	<u>David L. Hobson, Ohio</u>
<u>José E. Serrano, New York</u>	<u>Joe Knollenberg, Michigan</u>
<u>Rosa L. DeLauro, Connecticut</u>	<u>Jack Kingston, Georgia</u>
<u>James P. Moran, Virginia</u>	<u>Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, New Jersey</u>
<u>John W. Olver, Massachusetts</u>	<u>Roger F. Wicker, Mississippi</u>
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<u>David E. Price, North Carolina</u>	<u>Zach Wamp, Tennessee</u>
<u>Chet Edwards, Texas</u>	<u>Tom Latham, Iowa</u>
<u>Robert E. "Bud" Cramer, Jr., Alabama</u>	<u>Robert B. Aderholt, Alabama</u>
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