

<u>Press Statement on Executive Order on Timber Production</u>: March 3rd, 2025: Over the weekend, President Trump signed an Executive Order entitled "Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production". FFRC issued the following statement:

"The President's Executive Order rightly recognizes that our National Forests are undermanaged and can do a lot more to meet the demand for lumber in the U.S. The Forest Service has significant authority to expand timber management on the National Forest System, and they can do so while still protecting roadless and wilderness areas."

"Current Forest Plans call for more than double the current level of harvest on the National Forest System. The Forest Service has significant authority to reduce hazardous fuels, create fuel breaks, and increase timber production. Our industry is ready to work with the Administration and other partners to achieve the timber goals found in current Forest Plans."

"We look forward to working with the Administration for the benefit of the National Forests and the communities that rely on them. More aggressive use of authorities adopted over the last twenty years will result in marked improvements in forest health, habitat quality, and the economic vitality of neighboring communities."

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About the FFRC: FFRC is a national coalition of wood products companies, local governments, and conservation groups united by concern for the National Forests. FFRC supports improving the management of the federal lands to support healthy forests and vibrant rural communities.



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