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July 29, 2025

Congressman Westerman and Congressman Golden:

The Forest Landowners Association supports the SPEED Act as a necessary step toward modernizing the NEPA process without compromising the private property rights of family forest landowners. While NEPA was intended to guide responsible environmental decision-making, it has too often delayed forest management, conservation work, and business development on private lands when federal permits or funding are involved. It has also hindered proactive management of public lands, including wildfire mitigation efforts that are critical for safeguarding adjacent landowners and surrounding communities.

By streamlining reviews, clarifying when NEPA applies, and reducing excessive litigation, the SPEED Act helps ensure private forest landowners can continue to manage their land efficiently, protect their rights, and contribute to healthier forests and stronger rural economies.

Thank you for championing this balanced and practical reform. We look forward to working with you on more ways to provide certainty for our nation's private forest landowners so they can continue to provide the economic and environmental benefits we depend on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Anderson", written over a large, stylized "A" that serves as a background for the signature.

Craig Anderson  
VP of Government Affairs  
Forest Landowners Association