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Chairman Bruce Westerman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Westerman:

The American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) supports the bipartisan SPEED Act (H.R. 4776), which will create greater certainty in the federal permitting process and ensure that vital forest management projects can move forward. For too long, lengthy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and anti-forestry litigation have delayed urgently needed work to reduce the risk of wildfires on federal lands.

By streamlining NEPA, reducing duplicative reviews, and establishing clear judicial timelines, the SPEED Act provides long overdue reforms that will help improve forest health, protect communities, sustain domestic wood products manufacturing, and create more jobs in rural America.

AFRC is grateful for your strong leadership and the efforts of Representative Jared Golden (D-ME) to identify roadblocks preventing responsible stewardship and conservation of our federal lands and offering common-sense, bipartisan solutions.

Sincerely,

Travis Joseph  
President