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Statement on the SPEED Act of 2025

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July 30, 2025 -- The Forest Resources Association (FRA) commends Chairman Bruce Westerman and Congressman Jared Golden for introducing the bipartisan SPEED Act of 2025. This legislation is a pivotal step in streamlining federal land project implementation, enhancing permitting processes, and strengthening America's forest management. We urge swift passage to support rural economies, timber supply stability, and sustainable forestry practices nationwide.

"The Forest Resources Association supports Chairman Bruce Westerman's and Congressman Jared Golden's SPEED Act of 2025 as a pragmatic and long-overdue modernization of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For the forestry sector, this legislation presents a critical opportunity to streamline permitting for forest management, wildfire mitigation, and infrastructure projects that support rural economies and enhance ecological resilience. For too long, excessive regulatory hurdles have delayed forest management projects, creating uncertainty in timber supply and contributing to mill closures across rural America. These disruptions have had profound economic consequences for communities that depend on a stable forest sector. It's time to restore efficiency, predictability, and progress." **Tim O'Hara—President, FRA.**

About FRA: The Forest Resources Association represents the interests of more than 300 organizations and businesses in the forest products industry. Members include forest landowners, suppliers, consuming mills, associated businesses, and state forestry associations. FRA has member representation in 49 states and 384 Congressional Districts