

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. **Name:** Rita Hite
2. **Organization you represent:** American Forest Foundation
3. **Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:**
 - President / CEO, American Forest Foundation (Present)
 - Executive Vice President of External Relations and Policy, American Forest Foundation (2008-2021)
 - Professional Staff, House Committee on Agriculture (2007-2008)
 - Director of Forest Policy, Society of American Foresters (2002-2007)
4. **Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:**
 - A 20-year career in forest conservation and forestry policy
 - Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Environmental Studies from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 - Associate of Science in Environmental Studies from Hudson Valley Community College.
5. **If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:**
 - President / CEO, American Forest Foundation
 - Bipartisan Policy Center Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Task Force, Member
 - Forest Climate Working Group, Co-chair
 - U.S. Chapter of IT.org, Steering Committee Member
 - Women's Forest Congress, Committee Member
 - U.S. Endowment for Forests and Communities' Inclusion Council

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