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## Who We Are

Created in 1941, the Forest Landowners Association is a proactive, progressive and hard hitting national grassroots organization of timberland owners - large and small - who own and operate more than 28 million acres of timberland in 47 states. It is the only organization created for the specific purpose of speaking for timberland owners at local, regional and national levels.

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## Woody Biomass-FLA Position

### Position Statement:

The Forest Landowners Association supports the increased use of renewable, alternative fuel sources in the form of cellulosic feedstock; woody **biomass** in particular. To aid in this increased use, definitions of woody biomass should include; other plants and trees and not simply wood residues, wastes and/or byproducts.

### The Issue:

- As gasoline prices rise, and the nation turns its focus to alternative sources of energy production. One of the renewable energy sources being touted is woody biomass.
- Biomass is plant materials and animal wastes used for energy; especially tree (woody biomass) and grass crops, agricultural crops, and urban wastes—all of which store energy derived from the sun.
- The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 prevents making biofuels with biomass from private land that is not 'planted' and 'actively managed' from being counted toward the RFS. This definition would impede 88 percent of U.S. private forestlands from participating in this emerging alternative energy market.
- The Herseth Sandlin – Walden bill (H.R. 5236), broadens the definition of biomass and promotes the use of energy from waste products gathered on private land, not previously designated for biomass growth, including those that are byproducts of preventive treatments and are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health.

### Our Position

- The use of woody biomass as an energy source will provide new markets for forest landowners; and contribute to forest health by removal of hazardous wildfire fuels, speeding recovery from natural disasters, alleviate vegetative-competition that contributes to pest and pathogens infestations, and deterring conversion of forestland to other uses.
- The Forest Landowners Association supports the 36 billion gallon renewable fuels standard; however, this goal cannot be achieved in 2022 without the use of forest products from private land, not previously designated for biomass growth.
- The Forest Landowners Association supports the passing of The Herseth Sandlin – Walden bill (H.R. 5236).