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## Trillion Trees Act

Introduced April 19, 2021

### **SPONSOR**

- Representative Bruce Westerman (R-AR-04)

### **COSPONSORS**

- Kurt Schrader (D-OR-05), Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28) and Andy Kim (D-NJ-03)

### **FLA STATEMENT**

"FLA and the forest landowners we represent commend Congressman Westerman for introducing legislation that recognizes the carbon benefits forests provide. As a forester himself, Rep. Westerman knows that the tremendous environmental benefits our forests deliver require healthy forests and strong timber markets.

"Using forests as a tool to combat climate change will be far more complex than simply planting more trees. It will require the continued hard work and investment of private forest landowners and that means keeping them economically viable through policies that promote healthy forests, healthy wood markets and a balanced timber supply. We look forward to working with Congressman Westerman and other members of Congress to ensure forest landowners have strong incentives to reforest and manage their lands so the country can continue realizing the environmental benefits from forests and wood markets."

### **SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS**

To establish forest conservation practices through management, reforestation, and utilization which lead to the sequestration of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes. [Download section-by-section breakdown.](#)

#### **Reforestation**

- Directs the Secretary of Ag to establish National Forest Carbon Stock Targets to increase the amount of carbon stored and sequestered in domestic forests.
- Provides \$10 million for a new Trillion Trees Challenge Fund, for competitive matching grants to conduct reforestation activities and programs.
- Increases the cap on the Reforestation Trust Fund from \$30 million to \$180 million to tackle the entirety of the Forest Service's reforestation backlog over the next 10 years.

- Creates a new \$1 billion loan program to address nursery infrastructure and capacity needs and build new State, Tribal, local, and private nurseries to address an anticipated shortage of tree seedlings.
- Increases the authorization of appropriations for the Urban and Community Forestry Program to \$50 million for 5 years.

### **Utilization**

- Creates demonstration projects and provides grant funding for biochar, an emerging carbon sequestration tool with enormous agriculture potential, created by utilizing hazardous fuels derived from active forest management projects.
- Incentivizes sustainable residential and commercial buildings through the creation of a new, transferable tax credit.
- Conducts research and development on cellulosic biochemicals and bioplastics products.