To tackle our biggest forest challenges, and ensure we protect our forested watersheds and conserve wildlife habitat, land managers and landowners need programs and tools to address these issues together, across diverse ownerships. The American Forest Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters have seen success working collaboratively with local partners across the landscape. Working across ownership boundaries has resulted in positive outcomes for the entire landscape, as this helps motivate action by landowners who might otherwise hesitate if their neighbors do not likewise take action.

THIS LEGISLATION (S. 962/ H.R. 4976):

- **.createNew U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Program** based on the existing approach the USFS is using to conduct Landscape Scale Restoration, to support restoration across federal, state, and private lands.
- **Makes More Effective Use of Federal and Non-Federal Resources** by focusing on projects that deliver the greatest impact on regional priorities.
- **Supports State and Local Priorities** as identified in State Forest Action Plans.
- **Provides a $40 Million Authorization for the Landscape Restoration Program**, a portion of which will be allocated competitively and a portion of which will be allocated for state-driven priorities.
- **Directs the USFS** to spend a portion of its Hazardous Fuels Reduction program resources on projects that include work across public and private lands.

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