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National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

Creating Knowledge—Developing Leaders

Who We Are

The National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP), (formerly the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges) was formed in 1981 and celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2006. Today, NAUFRP represents 69 of our nation's most prestigious universities, and their respective scientists, educators and extension specialists. NAUFRP's purpose is to advance the health, productivity, and sustainability of America's forests by providing university-based natural resource education, research, science, extension and international programs.

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Renewable Resources Extension (RREA) and National Research Initiative (NRI)

The issue is:

- ✓ **RREA** and **NRI** are programs that can help forest owners who face many pressures including fires, floods, insects and disease, urbanization, fragmentation, and lost economic opportunities. The **RREA** program is a federal-state Extension partnership funded through USDA-CSREES that is focused on delivering science results to land owners. The **NRI** is an important competitive agricultural and natural resources oriented science program that is critical to advancing the nation's interests. The President's FY 2009 Budget proposes to hold RREA funding essentially level and substantially increase funding for the NRI.
- ✓ These programs are important to the nation because they provide opportunities to deliver science findings to landowners and to develop the new science that is to be delivered. The universities that are members of NAUFRP participate in these programs and thus they are very important to us.

NAUFRP's position is:

- ✓ NAUFRP proposes an increase in RREA to **\$8 million**, a doubling, as advocated in the 2005 RREA Strategic Plan developed by CSREES. This would substantially increase the delivery of new science findings in response to significant landowner demand. It would lead to enhanced community and economic development in rural America.
- ✓ NAUFRP supports the President's recommendation to increase NRI funding to **\$256.5 million** in order to better address forestry and natural resource issues and to provide more timely research to meet the many pressures currently faced by forest landowners.

Our Proposal is:

- ✓ Increase funding for **RREA to \$8 million**.
- ✓ Increase funding for **NRI to \$256.5 million**.

Given the importance of forests to the economy and well being of the nation and its citizens, this modest investment in forest and natural resources based outreach and science will return significant dividends for our nation.