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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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McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program

The issue is:

- ✓ Forests cover 749 million acres of our nation, 33% of the entire land surface. These forested lands deliver abundant products, environmental protection and recreational opportunities that serve our nation's economic and environmental well being and enhance our quality of life.
- ✓ Increased pressures on America's forest resources include: fires, storms, climate change, insects, diseases, urbanization, fragmentation, and lost economic opportunities.
- ✓ The McIntire-Stennis program, begun in 1962, is a federal-state partnership for research on forest resources funded through USDA-CSREES. This program is instrumental in developing new knowledge and innovations to sustain healthy, productive forests. It is critical to addressing the challenges facing forest owners, forest products manufacturers and all Americans who benefit from our forest resources. Each federal dollar leverages approximately \$9 of additional funding, but the program has been declining in real dollars over the last 10 years.
- ✓ The McIntire-Stennis program supports forest resource research and graduate students at 65 of our public universities.

NAUFRP's FY 08 position is:

- ✓ NAUFRP opposes the President's proposal to cut existing funds by 22% and divert \$12 million of the remaining funds to an undefined regional competitive research program. NAUFRP urges Congress to fund the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program at **\$30.008 for FY 2009**.
- ✓ The President's proposal, if adopted, would result in as much as a 74% reduction to some universities and lead to the demise of the research capacity of many university forestry programs.
- ✓ With support from CSREES, NAUFRP has completed a revised Strategic Plan for McIntire-Stennis that has established new research priorities for the 21st century and new accountability measures.

Our Proposal for Richer Future Forests calls for the following:

- ✓ Appropriate **\$30.008 million for FY09** and implement the new McIntire-Stennis Strategic Plan that will guide expenditure of essential base funding and a new competitive component.