



# NAUFRP

National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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**TO:** Members of Congress

**FROM:** The National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

**RE:** Addressing the Stewardship, Security, and Sustainability of Non-federal Forestlands through Research & Extension in the Agriculture Budget

The management of nonfederal forestlands has become a critical economic, environmental and security issue. The ten million owners and managers of our 400+ million acres of non-federal forest land are simply not equipped to deal with the tremendous changes in forest land use and management that have occurred in the last decade. The programs outlined below are keys to addressing the stewardship of these lands. These programs, conducted at universities and administered by the USDA CSREES, are crucial since these schools comprise a large share of the nation's research and education efforts addressing forest and related resources. This situation leads us to make the recommendations described below.

**The top priority for RESEARCH funding is the *McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program (M-S)*.** This program is the cornerstone of forest resources research in universities and provides knowledge central to sound management from both ecological and economic perspectives. **The top priority for EXTENSION funding is the *Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)*.** This funding addresses critical extension and stewardship needs. The National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP) provides funding for grants crucial to basic research. Approximately five percent of the NRI funding goes to forestry and related areas. NAUFRP's specific funding recommendations are:

Programs	FY 2008 Millions of \$	FY 2009 Administration	FY 2009 NAUFRP
CFR	24.791	19.463	<b>30.008</b>
RREA	4.008	4.052	<b>8.0</b>
NRICGP	190.883	256.500	<b>256.500</b>

We also ask this new funding be targeted at needs outlined in our detailed recommendations as defined in the McIntire-Stennis and RREA Strategic plans to address the crucial issues of forest management for productivity, competitiveness, environmental quality, resource security, and sustainability on non-federal lands.