American Forest Fuels Alliance

Advancing Healthy Forests through Sustainable Fuel Production

Healthy Forests Need Markets. Forest Fuels Need Workable Policy.

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The American Forest Fuels Alliance represents companies developing projets that convert underutilized woody biomass into high-value, low carbon fuels. AFFA works to create durable markets for American Forest Resources, strengthen domestic fuel security, support rural jobs and manufacturing, and improve the economics of forest management.

The Market Problem

America has abundant volumes of forest thinnings, logging slash, mill residuals, and other underutilized woody resources. At the same time, traditional markets for wood are disappearing. Mill closures remove major regional buyers of pulpwood, chips, and residuals, weakening local forest economics and the infrastructure needed to manage forests.



The Policy Gap

Federal and state governments are investing in forest management, wildfire-risk reduction, domestic energy production and rural economic development. Yet outdated and inconsistent feedstock definitions can prevent forest-derived materials from qualifying under the Renewable Fuel Standard and related fuel programs.

> ***Public agencies are paying to remove hazardous material while private companies can face barriers to turning that same material into domestic fuel***

Without clear and manageable eligibility rules, projects can struggle to secure feedstock contracts, offtake, financing and final investment approval

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AFFA's objective: practical, durable, technology neutral policy that allows sustainably source forest resources to compete in domestic fuel markets

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Turn Underutilized Wood Into Markets, Investment & American Fuels

5
Commercial Projects

1,500
Direct Jobs

4,500
Indirect Jobs

Up to ~10 m
tons/yr underutilized wood

These projects can attract private capital, strengthen domestic manufacturing, create markets for American landowners and loggers, expand domestic fuel production, and reduce reliance on imported fuel feedstocks.

What AFFA is Working to Achieve

- Clear eligibility for forest thinnings and wildfire-risk reduction material
- Practical treatment of logging and mill residuals
- Workable documentation and chain-of-custody requirements
- Technology-neutral rules that let economics, carbon performance and market demand determine which projects succeed

Why It Matters

- **Healthy Forests**
- **Rural Jobs**
- **Domestic Manufacturing**
- **American Fuel Security**

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Clear forest-feedstock policy can turn forest-management needs into investable projects, functioning markets, and durable American jobs.

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