

Forestry

As CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, I KNOW WELL THE FULL IMPORTANCE OF OUR NATION'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FOREST LANDS.

THE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH RURAL AMERICA AND THE ENTIRE NATION WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY HOW WELL WE MANAGE THIS MOST VALUABLE "RENEWABLE" RESOURCE.

THE GOAL OF MULTIPLE-USE FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FOREST LANDS REMAINS SOUND. BUT, DESPITE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CONCEPT, WE STILL HAVE NOT LEARNED TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THESE LANDS.

--WE STILL HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE SUFFICIENT RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH LANDS,

--AND WE STILL HAVE NOT LEARNED HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THESE LANDS.

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↳ THE "THIRD FOREST" OF THE SOUTH IS ONE OF THE HOPEFUL SIGNS. ↳ IT MEANS THAT INDUSTRY IS REALLY BEGINNING TO LEAD; THAT IT IS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC TO THE MULTITUDE OF BENEFITS THAT COME FROM AN INVESTMENT OF MONEY, TIME, AND, YES, ENTHUSIASM, IN FOREST LANDS!

↳ BUT, WE NEED NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAND USE POLICIES THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SORT OUT AND IDENTIFY THE VARIOUS DEMANDS BEING MADE UPON EACH PIECE OF LAND.

↳ WHERE TIMBER PRODUCTION IS MOST FEASIBLE, IT SHOULD BE PRACTICED.

↳ --WHERE WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ARE ENDANGERED, PROTECTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

↳ THE NEED FOR FOREST PRODUCTS IN THE HOME BUILDING AND THE PAPERGOODS INDUSTRIES IS URGENT AND CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT, ↳ WE MUST PLAN WELL TO MEET THESE NEEDS.

↳ THE NEED FOR SPACE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION; FOR PRESERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT AND IT WILL MEAN WITHDRAWING SOME LANDS FROM ALL USES.

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↳ SO WE NEED TO PLAN, TO IDENTIFY COMPATIBLE USES, AND ESTABLISH USE-PRIORITIES.

↳ AND SO WE NEED TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY. ↳ WE HAVE DOUBLED, TRIPLED, AND EVEN QUADRUPLED THE PER ACRE YIELDS FOR MANY AGRICULTURAL CROPS IN THE LAST 50 YEARS. BUT NOT FOR OUR TREE CROPS!

↳ WE KNOW HOW TO INCREASE PER ACRE TREE YIELDS. ↳ WE KNOW ABOUT GENETICALLY IMPROVED SEEDS, BETTER FERTILIZERS, AND MORE EFFICIENT USE OF TREE SPACING AND THINNING TECHNIQUES. ↳ BUT, WE ARE NOT TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF WHAT WE KNOW.

↳ SILVICULTURE, LIKE AGRICULTURE, MUST BECOME MORE "INTENSE-MANAGEMENT" ORIENTED. ↳ THIS NATION CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE ITS CURRENT "HIT-AND-MISS" FOREST LAND USE POLICY.

↳ WE MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT NOT JUST TOMORROW, BUT MANY YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.

↳ THE BALANCED NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION I HAVE ~~PROPOSED~~ REFLECTS MY CONCERN AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NATION. ↳ IT WOULD

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ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES WE SO
DESPERATELY NEED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY GUIDE THAT FUTURE
GROWTH.

✓ YES, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF EDUCATING THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. ✓ THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE
LOSING BY OUR FAILURE TO PROPERLY MANAGE OUR FORESTS,

✓ THE CONTINUED MIGRATION OF PEOPLE OUT OF RURAL AMERICA
INTO THE CITIES AND SUBURBS IS THE GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE
OF TODAY. YET WE HAVE DONE LITTLE TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE
SMALL TOWNS OF OUR NATION TO REMAIN THERE.

✓ I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY.
BECAUSE YOU CAN HELP. ✓ WE HAVE TENDED TO THINK OF FORESTS
AS A PLACE TO ESCAPE FROM CITY LIVING. ✓ I WOULD CHANGE
THAT THINKING.

✓ WE SHOULD SEE THEM AS A VAST RESOURCE OFFERING MULTIPLE
USES AND AS A BASE FOR MANY JOBS IN THRIVING SERVICE AND PRO-
DUCT INDUSTRIES. AND I ASK YOUR HELP.

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IN SIGNIFICANT MEASURE THE FUTURE OF BOTH RURAL AND
URBAN AMERICA DEPENDS UPON OUR WORKING TOGETHER--THE
FORESTRY-RECREATION INDUSTRY, ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
LANDS, AND GOVERNMENT--PROVIDING JOBS, HOUSING, PAPER
PRODUCTS. AND PROVIDING A BETTER LIFE FOR PEOPLE.

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