

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Boozman  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition, & Forestry  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition, & Forestry  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Chairman Boozman, and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write to respectfully request a process to advance a bipartisan package of National Forest bills to the President's desk. We are grateful for the Senate Agriculture Committee's unanimous approval of these bills this Congress, and we now ask for your help in sending them to the President's desk to be signed into law.

At the Committee's business meeting on October 21, 2025, a slate of public lands bills affecting nine states was approved without objection, reflecting a welcome consensus on managing our National Forest System lands. These bills are a product of years, sometimes decades, of work with local communities to strike the balance unique to each of our respective states. Each bill addresses a specific, locally important issue on our public lands, from facilitating recreational access and conservation designations to resolving land ownership technicalities. Collectively, they benefit communities in Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Arkansas, Alabama, and North Carolina, showing the nationwide reach of this effort.

Facilitating the enactment of this package would enhance recreation opportunities and support local communities while serving as a shining example of a bipartisan, regular order process. This is an opportunity for Congress to come together to do good work for public lands, local economies, and rural communities.

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We ask you to begin an effort to send a comprehensive, bipartisan package of National Forest bills to the President's desk and we stand ready to work together to achieve long awaited results for our communities.

Sincerely,



Tim Kaine  
United States Senator



Thom Tillis  
United States Senator



Mark R. Warner  
United States Senator



Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator



Tina Smith  
United States Senator



Cindy Hyde-Smith  
United States Senator



Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator