



DISASTER RECOVERY

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Private forest landowners, who manage the majority of our nation's forests, lack adequate tools to recover from natural disasters. Unlike other commodities, private forest landowners have no access to crop insurance or safety net programs, leaving them vulnerable after events like hurricanes, wildfires, and floods.



FLA's Policy Recommendations

1. **Pass the Disaster Reforestation Act:** Create tax certainty for landowners reforesting after a disaster.
2. **Improve the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP):** Enhance existing programs like EFRP through the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act.
3. **Support Comprehensive Disaster Relief:** Advocate for an ad hoc disaster relief package and ensure forest landowners are included in direct payment programs or state administered block grants.

Why It Matters:

Healthy private forests are essential to the environment and economy. Supporting disaster recovery policies ensures landowners can continue to manage forests that provide public benefits, including carbon sequestration, biodiversity, and clean water.

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