

# Missouri Forest Resources Advisory Council

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Dear Sen. Brad Lager and Rep. Jason Holsman:

The Missouri Forest Resources Advisory Council (MoFRAC, [www.mofrac.org](http://www.mofrac.org)), with a membership of 30+ organizations, serves as a sounding board or in an advisory capacity to agencies and organizations regarding planning, operations, programs, policies, or legislation affecting forestry.

The forestry community believes that special consideration must be given to the use of woody biomass from Missouri forests (as distinct from mill residues and construction waste) to produce energy. For this to constitute a *renewable* resource, some criteria must be applied to ensure sustainable harvests with acceptable environmental impact.

Accordingly, MoFRAC adopted the following resolution on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

"Resolved that it is MoFRAC's position that any entity receiving any type of economic assistance from the State of Missouri for the growth, harvest, processing or utilization of woody biomass be obligated to: 1) use a professional forester to develop a forest management plan and a forest harvest plan as defined in SB 931, 2008, and associated administrative rules; and, 2) adhere to the Woody Biomass Harvest and Best Management Practices in their entirety, as promulgated by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It is further the position of MoFRAC that commercial entities utilizing or processing woody biomass in excess of 5,200 green tons per year, excluding sawmill residues and urban wood wastes, should create or adopt a third-party audit process with sufficient sampling intensity to ensure adherence to said Best Management Practices."

Subsequent to this resolution, a Master Logger Certification program was implemented by the Missouri Forest Products Association (<http://www.moforest.org/education/masterlogger.html>) in partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation. MoFRAC strongly supports the use of Certified Master Loggers to harvest woody biomass.

To lay the groundwork for resolving bioenergy issues, MoFRAC sponsored a conference, "Challenges of Producing Energy from Woody Biomass", at The Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City on October 22, 2010. The presentations and related material have been archived online at <http://mofrac.org/BiomassConference.aspx>.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to formulate a renewable energy standard in Missouri. We hope that you will incorporate language in your respective bills (SB 422 and HB 613) to address the above noted concerns. We would be pleased to work with you and your fellow legislators on this and related matters.

Sincerely,



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Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Department of Economic Development  
University of Missouri School of Natural Resources  
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Conservation Federation of Missouri  
Missouri Farm Bureau  
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service PPQ  
Missouri Forest Products Association  
Association of Consulting Foresters of America  
Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service  
LAD Foundation  
University of Missouri Extension Forestry  
Missouri Forest Alliance  
University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry  
Walnut Council  
Missouri Community Forestry Council  
Missouri Society of American Foresters  
Fort Leonard Wood Forestry  
Tree Farm Committee  
The Nature Conservancy  
Missouri Chapter Sierra Club  
Missouri Consulting Foresters Association  
Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Eastern Ozarks Forestry Council  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Missouri Landscape & Nursery Association  
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Mark Twain National Forest