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GEORGE TURNBOO
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RE: Support For S. 1462 - Fix Our Forest Act

Dear Honorable Senator Padilla,

Thank you for bringing forward the Fix Our Forests Act (FOFA) as an important legislation that will encourage greater forest management. In El Dorado County, California, where gold was discovered in 1849, has nearly half of our land as forest lands. Our problem has been the decades long neglect of the Eldorado National Forest, which has led to a shortage of water runoff for agriculture, unexpected tree mortality and increasing catastrophic wildfire. The District 2 office of Supervisor George Turnboo believes the FOFA will help correct local conditions by allowing timber harvesting, redeveloping forest roads, encouraging a reduction in the number of trees per acre, increasing water runoff for agriculture and preventing catastrophic wildfire.

El Dorado County has witnessed increasing sizes of catastrophic wildfires in recent decades. The size and scope of the wildfire size increases have been magnitudes larger with millions more in damages. The FOFA will go a long way to help our county prevent wildfire while utilizing biomass and other opportunities and educate the locals on fire risks and solutions. We need the FOFA to compliment the work we have done regionally to remain better prepared.

The El Dorado County District 2 office of Supervisor George Turnboo encourages supporting the Fix Our Forests Act. We are working to protect our lives, homes and forests from catastrophic wildfire, and we need federal policy changes to assist. Preventing wildfire has become more important than ever before and we have new opportunities to pursue. The Fix Our Forests Act will help El Dorado County make much needed improvements to our forests, for which we are grateful.

Thank you,

George Turnboo
District 2 Supervisor
County of El Dorado