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Dear Representative:

As a Member of the House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, we would like to share with you the enclosed independent reviews of the Committee of Scientists report, "Sustaining the People's Land." These reviews were conducted by members of the Ecological Society of America. Because ecological principles figure so prominently in the report, our Society wanted to provide you with feedback from some of our members with scientific expertise in forest ecology.

You will note that all three reviewers find the intentions of the report laudable and its vision for the future of forest management in this country commendable. However, there is also consensus among the reviewers that targeted research is needed to generate the data and knowledge necessary to develop and implement this vision.

The Ecological Society of America, established in 1915, is the premier professional organization for over 7,000 ecologists with expertise in a wide range of ecological science. As a Society, it is one of our goals to help ensure that ecological principles are applied in meeting natural resource challenges.

Please contact our Director of Public Affairs, Nadine Lymn (202/416-6182) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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