

West Virginia Legislature  
Forest Management Review Commission

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The West Virginia Legislature’s Forest Management Review Commission, having been appointed pursuant to Article 24, Chapter 5 of the Code of West Virginia, met on several occasions during the 2021-2022 Legislative Interim period to receive testimony and information to accomplish the duties and responsibilities as established by code.

The Forest Management Review Commission invited the following individuals to appear before the committee to offer their expertise and testimony:

**Mr. Charles Cover, Director, West Virginia Division of Forestry**

Director Cover appeared before the commission on multiple occasions to provide an overview of the Division of Forestry and the current status of various project within.

**Mr. Eric Carlson, West Virginia Forestry Association**

Mr. Carlson appeared before the commission on multiple occasions and presented information to the commission including an update on the lumber and forestry industry from the viewpoint of the stakeholders.

**Mr. Matt Irby, Commissioner, West Virginia State Tax Department**

Commissioner Irby appeared before the commission to provide details on the taxes and state revenue of managed timberland.

**Mr. Todd Lotter, Board Member, West Virginia Board of Registration for Foresters**

**Ms. Cinda Francis, Former Member, West Virginia Board of Registration for Foresters**

**Mr. Jeff Kochenderfer, Division Chair, West Virginia Chapter of the Society of American Foresters**

**Mr. Darrell W. Donahue, PhD, CQE, Professor, Dean and Director, Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resource and Design**

These individuals appeared before the commission to present information regarding House Bill 3072, Sunsetting the Board of Forestry (2021).

**Mr. Keith Krantz, Wildlife Biologist III and Supervisor of Game Management, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources**

**Ms. Linda Ordiway, Wildlife Biologist II, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources**

Mr. Krantz and Ms. Ordiway appeared before the commission to present information on forest development activities and associated projects.

Upon motion and adopted by the commission, the Forest Management Review Commission formally recommends to the full legislature reinstating the budget line item providing funding for the Appalachian Hardwood Research Center.

For additional information or copies of documentation provided by the invited individuals, please contact commission staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Dave Sypolt, Co-Chairman

Delegate John Paul Hott, Co-Chairman