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GROUP OF STATE  
**FORESTERS**

# WILL YOU REPRESENT THE SOUTH?



## ON THE BIPARTISAN WILDFIRE CAUCUS

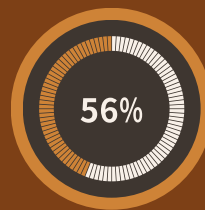
The Southern Group of State Foresters is encouraging members of Congress from southern states to join the Bipartisan Wildfire Caucus.

The South's collaborative approach, experience and success tackling wildfire **must** be part of national conversations.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE

One-third of the nation's forests are in the South, and 86% of those are privately owned and vulnerable to wildfire - a very different landscape than the West which is dominated by public lands. It is critical that we create policy outcomes that consider the needs of southern private landowners alongside those of the West.

Congressional representation from the South will give necessary voice to southern private forest owners and help keep sustainably-managed private forests intact, healthy and productive.



In 2022, the South experienced approximately 39,000 wildfires - **56% of the national total.**



Southern forests represent **57% of the nation's timber supply**, over \$230B in revenue annually and immeasurable societal benefits.



The South has **three of the top four states** in the nation with the most Wildland Urban Interface (where homes near nature are more at-risk to wildfire).

### CONTACT TO JOIN

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