



# The American Tree Farm System Invites you to join A Grassroots Political Action Network

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Please check out the national family forest action website to get involved today!

[www.familyforestaction.org](http://www.familyforestaction.org)

The American Forest Foundation's Grassroots Action Network is mobilizing Tree Farmers in all states to join a network of family forest owners who share the common goals of keeping family forest owners on the land and keeping forests as forests while encouraging sustainable forest management.

The foundation has set two long-term goals for the Network.

- 1) Rally family forest owners and bring their voices to the public policy process.
- 2) Advance policies that support and encourage the viability of family forest ownership.

To achieve these goals, the Network is focusing on public policy advocacy at

the federal, state and local level.

The Network is focusing on a number of public policy issues including: forest-related taxes, renewable energy from forests, climate change, green building legislation, endangered species act issues, and farm bill funded forestry and wildlife programs.

We need Tree Farmers to join the Network and take the time to build relationships with their state and federal legislators and/or respond to "Action Alerts" by writing a letter or making phone calls as issues arise.

Our federal and state representatives want to hear from their constituents- your voice really does matter!

There are now over 90,000 Tree Farmers in 46 states. Think about what a powerful voice we can be when we join together!

**We will give you all the tools and information you need to get and stay involved.**

In Minnesota, we are 1,660 Tree Farmers strong. Let's lend our voices to this effort and together we will make a difference.

Please join the Network by filling out and returning the card below. You can also join the Network today by going to the following website to register:

[www.familyforestaction.org](http://www.familyforestaction.org)

**Yes, I want to get involved!**

Please return to:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL ADDRESS (Please include) \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to participate on important issues affecting family forest landowners by:**

- responding to "Action Alerts" through the Family Forest Action website.
- writing letters to my representatives.
- making phone calls to my representatives.
- visiting my representative and/or their staff at a district, state, or federal office.
- networking with other organizations on issues of mutual concern.
- testifying on issues before state and federal committees.

**If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact your Minnesota representatives on the American Forest Foundation's National Public Affairs Committee.**

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**Get more information at:**  
[www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org)

**Read about Tree Farmers meeting with members of Congress at :**

[www.forestfoundation.org/press\\_convention09.html](http://www.forestfoundation.org/press_convention09.html)

