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Testimony on Forest Health Legislation  
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The Montana AFL-CIO stands in support of all bills that promote healthy forests in Montana. We support the efforts of the interim fire committee and the legislative bills that came from this committee. The forest products industry in Montana is a vital component of the overall management of both state and federal lands. This industry brings more than \$340,000,000 to Montana's economy every year. Without good forest management and this important infrastructure of timber manufacturing in place, there would be no feasible means to keep our Montana forested lands healthy and reduce the catastrophic fire dangers that currently exist. The jobs that the forest products industry currently has and could create from the passage of the Interim Fire Committees bills are crucial to maintaining and preserving our forests. The jobs are essential to the future on Montana. The reduction of large scale forest fires for Human, Animal, and our environment health is very apparent. Please consider and supporting these very important pieces of legislation.

Thank you,  
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