

**RESOLUTION URGING THE HARVESTING OF  
INFESTED STANDS OF TIMBER**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Bradley T. Johnson**

**This concurrent resolution encourages the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Chief of the Forest Service, and Utah's Congressional Delegation to expedite the harvesting of dead stand timber located on lands managed by the United States Forest Service.**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, the timber industry in Utah has historically been important to both urban and rural economies in the state;

WHEREAS, pine bark beetles have caused extensive damage in forests throughout the state;

WHEREAS, pine bark beetles constitute an ongoing environmental threat to healthy forest ecosystems;

WHEREAS, dead stand timber in forest areas infested by the pine bark beetle is susceptible to catastrophic wildfires;

WHEREAS, harvesting dead stand timber infested by the pine bark beetle can help slow the spread of pine bark beetle infestation;

WHEREAS, harvesting dead stand timber would help promote forest health;

WHEREAS, harvesting dead stand timber in Utah would increase domestic lumber supplies and support the operation of sawmills and the timber industry in the state; and

WHEREAS, much of the dead stand timber infested by pine bark beetles is located on lands managed by the United States Forest Service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Chief of the Forest Service, and Utah's Congressional Delegation to encourage and expedite the release of dead stand timber located on lands managed

by the United States Forest Service for the purpose of harvesting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Chief of the Forest Service, and Utah's Congressional Delegation.