



Utah Forest Resilience and Timber Supply Initiative

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Albrecht, Carl R.

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This appropriation provides funding to the Department of Natural Resources to increase the pace and scale of active forest management on national forest lands in Utah. Funds will be used to contract NEPA and timber specialists to work in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service to advance forest planning and timber sale development. Increasing planning and implementation capacity will improve forest health, reduce wildfire risk, and expand the availability of commercially viable timber sales. The program also supports the continued operation of Utah's sawmills by helping maintain a reliable supply of timber from federal lands.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Leland Pollock

Organization: Garfield County

Position: County Commissioner

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$900,000.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



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Category	One-time	Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$900,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$900,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$900,000.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

The project is scalable because funding levels directly determine the amount of contracted NEPA and timber specialist capacity that can be deployed. If the Legislature provides less than or more than the full requested amount, the scope of work would be adjusted by reducing or increasing the number of projects supported, the acreage addressed, or the number of timber sales advanced. Available funding would be prioritized toward high-readiness projects with the greatest forest health and timber supply benefits. This allows the program to remain effective at all funding levels while still delivering measurable outcomes.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

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Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement



Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Utah communities and forest users benefit from improved forest health and reduced wildfire risk. Utah's forest products industry and sawmills also benefit from increased availability of planned timber sales, while federal land managers benefit from added planning capacity to advance forest projects.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This program is intended to increase the pace and scale of active forest management on national forest lands in Utah. By contracting NEPA and timber specialists, the program will expand planning and implementation capacity needed to advance forest health treatments and timber sale development.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

The Legislature will know the program is successful through measurable increases in the number and volume of timber sales advanced and made available on national forest lands in Utah. Short-term progress can be measured by the number of NEPA documents completed, the acres of forest treatments planned or approved, and the reduction in project planning timelines.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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