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Managed Forest Law Landowner Support

The Problem:

Recent Sustainable Forest Certification has conditions that may cause small landowners to not consider participating in Managed Forest Law (MFL). Small landowners already face substantial entrance costs to the program, and now more stringent rules to maintain certification at the State level.

- Currently no programs are focused on helping the small MFL landowner from realizing the potential higher values from selling certified forest products into the open market.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting in Racine County on 13 April 2009, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to create a low, or no, cost clearinghouse of appropriately certified loggers and buyers of certified products. This to ensure maximum value to both the landowner and the State as part of it's portion of sale proceeds.

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