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**STATEMENT**

**Finance Committee supports continued investment in timber and forest products industry**  
GLTPA & WCFA appreciate authorization to continue Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

*Joint Statement from:*

- Henry Scheinebeck, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
- Jane Severt, Executive Director of the Wisconsin County Forest Association

“On behalf of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) and Wisconsin County Forests Association, (WCFA) we would like to thank the Joint Finance Committee, and especially Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) for allowing us to continue our work with the Wisconsin Forest Practices Study (WFPS). Because of prudent stewardship of the grant funds awarded to us under 2013 Act 20, there is still \$139,300 in unexpended funds from the grant. The unused money can now be utilized for additional research to build on the invaluable guidance already received since implementation of the study

Thank you again to the Committee for renewing their commitment to this study and Wisconsin’s Forest Products Industry. By pursuing a better understanding of where efficiencies can be gained, Wisconsin’s forest products industry will remain competitive and vibrant, while assuring the ecological, economic and social benefits of Wisconsin forests continue for future generations.”

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