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MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER RECEIVES TUEBOR AWARD

GOVERNOR, RICK SNYDER RECOGNIZED FOR PROMOTING, PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING MICHIGAN'S FORESTS || FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – AUGUST, 14 2014

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Forest Products Council (MFPC) announced that Michigan Governor, Rick Snyder received the annual **Tuebor** Award from the MFPC's board of directors.

"Governor Snyder has been a leader for Michigan," said MFPC Chairman, Ron Salisbury. "Over the past four years, Governor Snyder has an accomplished record as a public servant, particularly his successful effort to promote manufacturing and expand the state's natural resource based economy." The MFPC cited his efforts to:

- Created jobs with a bi-partisan effort on manufacturing
- Advocated for competitive tax reform
- Held agricultural and forest summits
- Expanded forest conservation and stewardship
- Encouraged active forest management and responsible environmental regulation

The annual **Tuebor Award** recognizes significant accomplishments in business and natural resource policy. Recognition focuses on leadership in support of well-managed forests that are vital to Michigan's quality of life, environment and economy. "Governor Snyder's outstanding work on the wise management of our state forests is just one example of his vision for sustainable forests' now and for future generations," said Mike Sussman, Verso Paper Corporation.

"Moreover, he recognizes the tremendous job creation potential of this renewable, natural resource based economy," added Sussman.

The total economic benefit of Michigan's forest products industry in 2014 is expected to be \$14.6 billion. The state has 19.3 million acres of forestland, including 2.5 million acres of federal National Forests and 312,500 private landowners. Additionally, Michigan's forest products industry accounts for \$51 billion in direct and indirect economic impact.

The Michigan Forest Products Council works to promote, protect and sustain a globally competitive forest products industry in Michigan. The Michigan Forest Products Council is a statewide organization representing the forest products industry, which owns millions of acres of timberland and employs over 154,000 men and women in Michigan.

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