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WHEREAS, an ever increasing demand exists for energy and fuels;
AND WHEREAS, forest-derived woody biomass has become a prime candidate for a fuel source;
AND WHEREAS, there is a risk that this could lead to harvest practices that are not sustainable;
AND WHEREAS, many people receive their water supply and other benefits from the forest landscapes including an important portion of the existing forest products industry;
AND WHEREAS, many species depend upon the long-term sustainability of the forest ecosystem;
AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation has published a Woody Biomass Harvesting Best Management Practices Manual and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has adopted these guidelines as the statewide standard;
AND WHEREAS, Missouri Forest Resources Advisory Council (MOFRAC) has taken an active advisory role towards agencies, organizations and private landowners to encourage them to apply forestry best management practices in the growing and harvesting of Missouri’s forests;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 recommends the continuing support of organizations that protect forestry resources by adopting Woody Biomass Harvesting Best Management Practices Manual in their entirety and with third-party verification.