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55TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK HONORS OVER 87,000 MICHIGANDERS IN FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY || FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LANSING, Mich., October 21, 2015 —To mark the 55th anniversary of National Forest Products Week, President Barack Obama last week issued a proclamation praising paper and wood-based products for the value they lend in everyday life. Forest products manufacturers and organizations through the value chain are joining to Celebrate Forest Products (#CelebrateFP).

The full proclamation is available here: <http://afandpa.org/our-products>

The Michigan Forest Products Council works to promote, protect and sustain a vibrant forest products industry in Michigan and our member companies' products meet the evolving needs of our society," said Amanda Sumerix, director of communication. "The 87,000 employees who contribute to the forest products industry within Michigan each day are proud to continually meet the needs of our society. We are proud to join in recognizing the value of our products and our industry during National Forest Products Week, as we celebrate forest products every day."

The U.S. forest products industry accounts for approximately 4 percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP, employing over 900,000 men and women at a payroll of approximately \$50 billion per year. All this, while making the paper and wood products that millions of Americans rely on each day.

"From the most practical products to the most imaginative applications, Americans use paper and paper-based products in countless ways each day," said American Forest & Paper Association President and CEO Donna Harman. "Made from renewable resources and easily recycled, the products our members make are a true environmental success story."

On Sept. 13, 1960, Congress designated the third week in October as National Forest Products Week, requesting the president issue a proclamation each year calling on Americans to observe the value of forest products. Today, industry employees in Washington, D.C. and around the country celebrate the week with events and advocacy campaigns to mark the occasion.

For more information about the industry, its products and National Forest Products Week events, visit afandpa.org/our-products. Follow the discussion on Twitter with #CelebrateFP.

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About the American Forest & Paper Association

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) serves to advance a sustainable U.S. pulp, paper, packaging, and wood products manufacturing industry through fact-based public policy and marketplace advocacy. AF&PA member companies make products essential for everyday life from renewable and recyclable resources and are committed to continuous improvement through the industry's sustainability initiative - Better Practices, Better Planet 2020. The forest products industry accounts for approximately 4 percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP, manufactures about \$210 billion in products annually, and employs nearly 900,000 men and women. The industry meets a payroll of approximately \$50 billion annually and is among the top 10 manufacturing sector employers in 47 states. Visit AF&PA online at www.afandpa.org or follow us on Twitter @ForestandPaper.

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