

I wanted to follow up on my [previous e-update](#) regarding the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group pilot project. This week, the House Natural Resources Committee passed my legislation to reauthorize the pilot project for an additional ten years. This collaborative and locally driven project works to restore our forests and communities by balancing environmental, safety and economic needs. Unfortunately, it has been slowed by continuous lawsuits from fringe opposition groups. Our rural communities face severe economic challenges, and we need commonsense forest management that allows local people to utilize their natural resources and create jobs while restoring the health of our forests. As we witness year after year in California and other parts of our nation, poor forest management does just the opposite, crushing local economies and creating dangerous forest conditions ripe for catastrophic fire. It has been one of my longstanding priorities to use the Quincy Library Group pilot project as a model for balanced solutions. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation in the full House of Representatives and send it to the Senate for consideration.