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The mission of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands (TCNEF) is to support the certification of forests and forest workers of the Northeast region by providing them with ways to both further their professionalism and gain access to markets with the goal of keeping forests working and strengthening rural communities.

TCNEF has years of experience working with smallholders in the Northeast through our FSC group FM certificate and with our third party certified Northeast Master Logger Certification® program. This combined experience has led to TCNEF’s direct involvement with the FSC New Approaches Initiative focusing on expanding FSC access to smallholders.

TCNEF believes in the values of FSC and in my position on the board I will work hard to support those values that have made it the Gold Standard for forest certification. I will support new efforts to streamline the FSC system, expand its marketing and branding, and bring greater benefits to those already certified.

- I have worked on initiatives involving Workers’ Compensation in Maine and Vermont that have led to significantly lower workers comp rates for logging contractors and safer workplaces for their employees.

- I have worked with the New Approaches Program on the Contractor Certification Pilot and ways certified forestry contractors can contribute more to FSC and provide streamlining to the system, making it more attractive to become and remain certified.

- I want to work with FSC to bring under-represented groups of stakeholders, like logging contractors, into the system. Their perspectives are important for FSC’s success.

I have extensive experience working with FSC, and I want to see it thrive into the future. I believe FSC can and will play a greater role as a climate solution, and I want to help guide its future. I would appreciate your vote as the Social Chamber member for the FSC-US Board of Directors.