

# D.C. Cheat Sheet



## *Quick Updates from Your HF Team*

### **Senator Manchin Regains “Build Back Better” Spotlight**

In the run up to Memorial Day, Senate Democrats will attempt to forge a streamlined “Building a Better America” bill. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) is again at the center of negotiations and is insisting on an “all of the above” energy approach, coupled with the half billion dollars worth of renewable energy tax incentives that were in the House-passed Build Back Better measure. Details are sparse, but we know that pain at the pump is driving much of the debate. Stay tuned as HF keeps a watchful eye on the process, focusing especially on potential tax hikes on small business to “pay for” any package that might emerge.

### **Senators Highlight Forest Service Budget**

Yesterday morning, a senate panel reviewed the National Forest Service budget for 2023 and zeroed in on worker shortages. Forest Chief Randy Moore tied workforce challenges to increased wildfire risk, underscoring the need to keep firefighters on the job as front-line defenders of national forest land. His goal is to convince Congress to allocate \$1 billion for salaries, which would

make many seasonal jobs permanent and guarantee a \$15-hour minimum wage for fire fighters.

### **Climate Glossary for Forest Products Industry**

The National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI) has created a "Climate Change Glossary" geared toward the forest products industry that includes about 100 definitions for frequently used terms that describe climate change. While the definitions posted on the website tend to be general, several definitions include links to more technical sources to add depth to the terms listed. Please click [here to check out the glossary.](#)