



Washington Update

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What is the Hardwood Federation?

- Voice of the Hardwood Industry
- Represents 26 Hardwood trade associations and organizations in DC
- Educate Congress, the Administration and Department staff about the issues that most impact the hardwood business in the U.S.



2015 Recap

- Northern Long Eared Bat
- Federal Forest Reform
- Tax Extenders
- Biomass as Carbon Neutral



2016 Political Landscape

- Presidential Election Year
- All House Seats In Contention
- 34 Senate Seats In Contention
 - 24 Currently Held by Republicans
 - 10 Currently Held by Democrats



Hardwood Federation in 2016

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Issues to Watch – Hardwood Specific

- Forest Management
- NLEB 4-D Rule
- Biomass
- Regulatory Reform Efforts



Issues to Watch – Broad Scope

- Trans Pacific Partnership Vote
- Tax Reform Proposals
- Executive Orders
- Republican Messaging Bills



QUESTIONS?