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**S. 140**

To address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
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Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the

5 “Wildfire Prevention Act of 2026”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for

7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER RHETORIC

Sec. 101. Accelerating treatments on Federal land.

Sec. 102. Annual reports.

Sec. 103. Transparency in hazardous fuels reduction activity reporting.

TITLE II—FOREST MANAGEMENT

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- Sec. 201. Vegetation management, facility inspection, and operation and maintenance relating to electric transmission and distribution facility rights-of-way.
- Sec. 202. Timber sales on National Forest System land.
- Sec. 203. Categorical exclusion for high-priority hazard trees.
- Sec. 204. Intervenor status.
- Sec. 205. Utilizing grazing for wildfire risk reduction.

## TITLE III—CULTURAL CHANGE IN AGENCIES

- Sec. 301. Mandatory use of existing authorities.
- Sec. 302. Public-private wildfire technology deployment and testbed partnership.
- Sec. 303. Repeal of FLAME reports.

## TITLE IV—ROADLESS AREAS

- Sec. 401. Roadless rule nullification.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **AT-RISK COMMUNITY.**—The term “at-risk  
4 community” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
5 tion 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of  
6 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

7 (2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”  
8 means—

9 (A) land of the National Forest System;

10 and

11 (B) public lands (as defined in section 103  
12 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
13 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), the surface of  
14 which is administered by the Secretary of the  
15 Interior, acting through the Director of the Bu-  
16 reau of Land Management.

1           (3) HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACTIV-  
2           ITY.—

3                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “hazardous  
4           fuels reduction activity” means any vegetation  
5           management activity to reduce the risk of wild-  
6           fire and improve land health conditions, includ-  
7           ing mechanical treatments and prescribed burn-  
8           ing.

9                   (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “hazardous  
10          fuels reduction activity” does not include the  
11          awarding of a contract to conduct any activity  
12          described in subparagraph (A).

13           (4) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term  
14          “National Forest System” has the meaning given  
15          the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-  
16          land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16  
17          U.S.C. 1609(a)).

18           (5) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-  
19          retary concerned” means—

20                   (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
21                  through the Chief of the Forest Service, with  
22                  respect to Federal land described in paragraph  
23                  (2)(A); and

24                   (B) the Secretary of the Interior, acting  
25                  through the Director of the Bureau of Land

1 Management, with respect to Federal land de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (2)(B).

3 (6) WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.—The term  
4 “wildland-urban interface” has the meaning given  
5 the term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Res-  
6 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

7 **TITLE I—ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
8 **OVER RHETORIC**

9 **SEC. 101. ACCELERATING TREATMENTS ON FEDERAL**  
10 **LAND.**

11 (a) BASELINE TREATMENTS FOR FUELS REDUCTION  
12 AND FOREST HEALTH.—For Federal land, the Secretary  
13 concerned shall determine—

14 (1) for each of fiscal years 2021 through  
15 2025—

16 (A) the number of acres mechanically  
17 thinned, for acres commercially thinned and for  
18 acres pre-commercially thinned; and

19 (B) the number of acres treated by pre-  
20 scribed fire; and

21 (2) the average of the numbers described in  
22 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) over  
23 the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

24 (b) ANNUAL GOALS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—For Federal land for fiscal  
2           year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Sec-  
3           retary concerned shall establish annual—

4                   (A) mechanical thinning goals for acres  
5                   commercially thinned and for acres pre-com-  
6                   mercially thinned; and

7                   (B) prescribed fire goals.

8           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

9                   (A) FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028.—For  
10                  each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, the goals  
11                  established under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
12                  paragraph (1) shall be not less than the number  
13                  of acres described in subsection (a)(2).

14                  (B) FISCAL YEARS 2029 AND 2030.—For  
15                  each of fiscal years 2029 and 2030, the goals  
16                  established under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
17                  paragraph (1) shall be not less than 20 percent  
18                  more than the number of acres described in  
19                  subsection (a)(2).

20                  (C) FISCAL YEAR 2031 AND SUBSEQUENT  
21                  FISCAL YEARS.—For fiscal year 2031 and each  
22                  fiscal year thereafter, the goals established  
23                  under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph  
24                  (1) shall be not less than 40 percent more than

1           the number of acres described in subsection  
2           (a)(2).

3           (c) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—Not later than 90 days  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually  
5 thereafter, the Secretary concerned shall assign annual  
6 acreage allotments for mechanical thinning and prescribed  
7 fire on Federal land, categorized by State.

8           (d) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary concerned shall  
9 make publicly available the data described in subsections  
10 (a), (b), and (c), including by publishing that data on the  
11 website of the Forest Service and the website of the Bu-  
12 reau of Land Management.

13          (e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section  
14 shall be construed to supersede or conflict with any other  
15 provision of law, including—

16           (1) section 40803(b) of the Infrastructure In-  
17 vestment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592(b)); and

18           (2) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
19 seq.).

20          (f) APPLICABILITY OF NEPA.—The establishment of  
21 annual goals under subsection (b)(1) and the assignment  
22 of regional allotments under subsection (c) shall not be  
23 subject to the requirements of the National Environmental  
24 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 102. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,  
3 2027, and annually thereafter, the Secretary concerned  
4 shall publish on a public website of the Forest Service and  
5 a public website of the Bureau of Land Management and  
6 submit to the committees of Congress described in sub-  
7 section (b) a report containing the following information  
8 with respect to the Federal land during the preceding fis-  
9 cal year:

10 (1) The number of acres treated pursuant to  
11 section 40803(b) of the Infrastructure Investment  
12 and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592(b)).

13 (2)(A) The number of acres mechanically  
14 thinned;

15 (B) the number of acres treated by prescribed  
16 fire; and

17 (C) whether the number of acres described in  
18 subparagraphs (A) and (B) met or exceeded the  
19 acres described in section 101(b)(2).

20 (3) Any limitations or challenges, including liti-  
21 gation or delays in the preparation of environmental  
22 documentation, that hindered the Secretary con-  
23 cerned from meeting or exceeding the annual goals  
24 established under section 101(b)(1), if applicable.

25 (4) The number of acres that have undergone  
26 a regeneration harvest.

1           (5) The number of acres described in subpara-  
2           graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) and paragraph  
3           (4) that are in an area identified—

4                   (A) on the National Insect and Disease  
5           Composite Risk Map; or

6                   (B) as a very high or high wildfire hazard  
7           potential.

8           (6) The number of acres described in subpara-  
9           graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) and paragraph  
10          (4) that use either of the following streamlined au-  
11          thorities for environmental review:

12                   (A) A categorical exclusion.

13                   (B) An emergency action authority of the  
14          Secretary concerned.

15          (7) The number of acres described in subpara-  
16          graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) and paragraph  
17          (4) with respect to which partners are used to carry  
18          out the work through—

19                   (A) a good neighbor agreement under sec-  
20          tion 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16  
21          U.S.C. 2113a);

22                   (B) a master stewardship agreement;

23                   (C) a contract or agreement entered into  
24          under the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004  
25          (25 U.S.C. 3115a); or

1 (D) a stewardship end-result contract.

2 (b) COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DESCRIBED.—The  
3 committees of Congress referred to in subsection (a) are—

4 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
5 sources of the Senate;

6 (2) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
7 and Forestry of the Senate;

8 (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
9 House of Representatives; and

10 (4) the Committee on Agriculture of the House  
11 of Representatives.

12 **SEC. 103. TRANSPARENCY IN HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUC-**  
13 **TION ACTIVITY REPORTING.**

14 (a) INCLUSION OF HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION  
15 REPORT IN MATERIALS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE  
16 PRESIDENT’S BUDGET.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned  
18 shall include in the materials submitted in support  
19 of the President’s budget pursuant to section 1105  
20 of title 31, United States Code, a report describ-  
21 ing—

22 (A) for each of fiscal years 2025 through  
23 2030, the number of acres of Federal land on  
24 which the Secretary concerned carried out haz-  
25 ardous fuels reduction activities during each of

1 the preceding 6 fiscal years, as assessed by the  
2 Secretary concerned using—

3 (i) the methodology of the Secretary  
4 concerned in effect on the day before the  
5 date of enactment of this Act; and

6 (ii) the methodology described in  
7 paragraph (2); and

8 (B) for fiscal year 2031 and each fiscal  
9 year thereafter, the number of acres of Federal  
10 land on which the Secretary concerned carried  
11 out hazardous fuels reduction activities during  
12 each of the preceding 6 fiscal years, as assessed  
13 by the Secretary concerned using the method-  
14 ology described in paragraph (2).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the re-  
16 ports required under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
17 concerned shall—

18 (A) in determining the number of acres of  
19 Federal land on which the Secretary concerned  
20 carried out hazardous fuels reduction activities  
21 during each fiscal year covered by the report—

22 (i) record acres of Federal land on  
23 which hazardous fuels reduction activities  
24 were completed during each such fiscal  
25 year; and

1 (ii) record each acre described in  
2 clause (i) once in the report with respect to  
3 a fiscal year, regardless of whether mul-  
4 tiple hazardous fuels reduction activities  
5 were carried out on such acre during such  
6 fiscal year; and

7 (B) with respect to the acres of Federal  
8 land recorded in the report, include information  
9 on—

10 (i) which such acres are located in the  
11 wildland-urban interface;

12 (ii) the level of wildfire risk (high,  
13 moderate, or low) on the first and last day  
14 of each fiscal year covered by the report;

15 (iii) the types of hazardous fuels re-  
16 duction activities completed for such acres,  
17 delineating between whether such activities  
18 were conducted—

19 (I) in a wildfire managed for re-  
20 source benefits; or

21 (II) through a planned project;

22 (iv) the cost per acre of hazardous  
23 fuels reduction activities carried out during  
24 each fiscal year covered by the report;

1 (v) the region or System unit in which  
2 the acres are located;

3 (vi) the effectiveness of the hazardous  
4 fuels reduction activities on reducing the  
5 risk of wildfire; and

6 (vii) the benefits of the hazardous  
7 fuels reduction activities on land health, in-  
8 cluding watershed conditions, ecological  
9 processes, and habitat.

10 (3) TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary concerned  
11 shall make each report submitted under paragraph  
12 (1) publicly available on the website of the Depart-  
13 ment of Agriculture and the Department of the Inte-  
14 rior, as applicable.

15 (b) ACCURATE DATA COLLECTION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary con-  
18 cerned shall implement standardized procedures for  
19 tracking data relating to hazardous fuels reduction  
20 activities carried out by the Secretary concerned.

21 (2) ELEMENTS.—The standardized procedures  
22 required under paragraph (1) shall include—

23 (A) regular, standardized data reviews of  
24 the accuracy and timely input of data used to  
25 track hazardous fuels reduction activities;

1 (B) verification methods that validate  
2 whether such data accurately correlates to the  
3 hazardous fuels reduction activities carried out  
4 by the Secretary concerned;

5 (C) an analysis of the short- and long-term  
6 effectiveness of the hazardous fuels reduction  
7 activities on reducing the risk of wildfire; and

8 (D) for hazardous fuels reduction activities  
9 that occur partially within the wildland-urban  
10 interface, methods to distinguish which acres  
11 are located within the wildland-urban interface  
12 and which acres are located outside the  
13 wildland-urban interface.

14 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 45 days after im-  
15 plementing the standardized procedures required  
16 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall  
17 submit to Congress a report that describes—

18 (A) such standardized procedures; and

19 (B) program and policy recommendations  
20 to Congress to address any limitations in track-  
21 ing data relating to hazardous fuels reduction  
22 activities under this subsection.

1 **TITLE II—FOREST MANAGEMENT**

2 **SEC. 201. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, FACILITY INSPEC-**  
3 **TION, AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**  
4 **RELATING TO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND**  
5 **DISTRIBUTION FACILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) HAZARD TREES WITHIN 150 FEET OF ELECTRIC  
7 POWER LINE.—Section 512(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the Federal  
8 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
9 1772(a)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking “10” and in-  
10 serting “150”.

11 (b) PERMITS AND AGREEMENTS WITH OWNERS AND  
12 OPERATORS OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION  
13 FACILITIES.—Section 512 of the Federal Land Pol-  
14 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1772) is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in the section heading, by striking  
17 “**MANAGMENT**” and inserting “**MANAGEMENT**”;

18 (2) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as  
19 subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(j) PERMITS AND AGREEMENTS WITH OWNERS AND  
23 OPERATORS OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION  
24 FACILITIES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any right-of-way on Na-  
2           tional Forest System or Bureau of Land Manage-  
3           ment land provided to the owner or operator of an  
4           electric transmission or distribution facility, the Sec-  
5           retary concerned may provide permission to cut and  
6           remove trees or other vegetation from within the vi-  
7           cinity of the electric transmission or distribution fa-  
8           cility without requiring a separate timber sale, if  
9           that cutting and removal is consistent with—

10                   “(A) the applicable plan;

11                   “(B) the applicable land and resource  
12           management plan or land use plan; and

13                   “(C) other applicable environmental laws  
14           (including regulations).

15           “(2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—A right-of-way that  
16           includes permission for cutting and removal de-  
17           scribed in paragraph (1) shall include a requirement  
18           that, if the owner or operator of the electric trans-  
19           mission or distribution facility sells any portion of  
20           the material removed under the permit or easement,  
21           the owner or operator shall provide to the Secretary  
22           concerned any proceeds received from the sale, less  
23           any transportation costs incurred in the sale.

24           “(3) EFFECT.—Nothing in paragraph (2) shall  
25           require the sale of any material removed under a

1 right-of-way that includes permission for cutting and  
2 removal described in paragraph (1).”.

3 (c) DEFINITION OF OWNER OR OPERATOR.—Section  
4 512(a)(2) of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
5 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1772(a)(2)) is amended by strik-  
6 ing “include contractors or other agents engaged by” and  
7 inserting “mean”.

8 **SEC. 202. TIMBER SALES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**  
9 **LAND.**

10 Section 14(d) of the National Forest Management  
11 Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a(d)) is amended, in the first  
12 sentence, by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$55,000”.

13 **SEC. 203. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR HIGH-PRIORITY**  
14 **HAZARD TREES.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) HIGH-PRIORITY HAZARD TREE.—The term  
17 “high-priority hazard tree” means a standing tree  
18 that—

19 (A) presents a visible hazard to people or  
20 Federal property due to conditions such as de-  
21 terioration of or damage to the root system,  
22 trunk, stem, or limbs of the tree, or the direc-  
23 tion or lean of the tree, as determined by the  
24 Secretary concerned;

1 (B) is determined by the Secretary con-  
2 cerned to be highly likely to fail and, if it failed,  
3 would be highly likely to cause injury to people  
4 or damage to Federal property; and

5 (C) is—

6 (i) within 300 feet of a road;

7 (ii) along a trail; or

8 (iii) in a developed recreation site on  
9 National Forest System land that is oper-  
10 ated and maintained by the Secretary con-  
11 cerned.

12 (2) HIGH-PRIORITY HAZARD TREE ACTIVITY.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “high-pri-  
14 ority hazard tree activity” means a forest man-  
15 agement activity that mitigates the risks associ-  
16 ated with high-priority hazard trees, which may  
17 include pruning, felling, and disposal of those  
18 high-priority hazard trees.

19 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “high-pri-  
20 ority hazard tree activity” does not include any  
21 activity—

22 (i) conducted in a wilderness area or  
23 wilderness study area;

24 (ii) for the construction of a perma-  
25 nent road or permanent trail;

1 (iii) conducted on Federal land on  
2 which, by Act of Congress or Presidential  
3 proclamation, the removal of vegetation is  
4 restricted or prohibited; or

5 (iv) conducted in an area in which ac-  
6 tivities described in subparagraph (A)  
7 would be inconsistent with the applicable  
8 land and resource management plan.

9 (b) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—High-priority hazard tree  
11 activities involving not more than 6,000 acres are a  
12 category of activities designated as being categori-  
13 cally excluded from the preparation of an environ-  
14 mental assessment or an environmental impact  
15 statement under section 102 of the National Envi-  
16 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332).

17 (2) ADOPTION.—The head of a Federal agency  
18 may adopt the categorical exclusion established by  
19 paragraph (1) with respect to high-priority hazard  
20 tree activities occurring on land that is operated and  
21 maintained by that Federal agency.

22 **SEC. 204. INTERVENOR STATUS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of a civil action re-  
24 lating to a qualified project described in subsection (b),  
25 a unit of local government or an Indian Tribe shall be—

1 (1) entitled to intervene, as of right, in any sub-  
2 sequent civil action; and

3 (2) considered to be a full participant in any  
4 settlement negotiation relating to the qualified  
5 project if the unit of local government or Indian  
6 Tribe, as applicable, intervenes.

7 (b) DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFIED PROJECT.—A quali-  
8 fied project referred to in subsection (a) is a project that—

9 (1) is located on Federal land adjacent, or with  
10 sufficient minimum contacts, as determined by the  
11 Secretary concerned, to the land under the jurisdic-  
12 tion of the unit of local government or Indian Tribe,  
13 as applicable;

14 (2) has been approved by the Secretary con-  
15 cerned; and

16 (3)(A) reduces the risk posed by wildfire, insect,  
17 or disease; or

18 (B) generates revenue from the harvesting of  
19 timber.

20 **SEC. 205. UTILIZING GRAZING FOR WILDFIRE RISK REDUC-**  
21 **TION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned  
24 shall develop and submit to the Committee on Energy and  
25 Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a  
2 strategy to analyze and identify opportunities to use live-  
3 stock grazing as a wildfire risk reduction tool on Federal  
4 land, consistent with the laws applicable to the Secretary  
5 concerned.

6 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The strategy developed under sub-  
7 section (a) shall include an analysis of—

8 (1) opportunities—

9 (A) to increase the use of any authorities  
10 applicable to livestock grazing, including modi-  
11 fications to grazing permits or leases to allow  
12 variances;

13 (B) to use targeted grazing to reduce haz-  
14 ardous fuels;

15 (C) to integrate advanced technologies to  
16 dynamically adjust livestock placement;

17 (D) to increase the use of livestock grazing  
18 to eradicate invasive annual grasses and as a  
19 post-fire restoration and recovery strategy, as  
20 appropriate; and

21 (E) to make temporary use of vacant allot-  
22 ments during instances of drought, wildfire, or  
23 extreme weather events or natural disasters,  
24 subject to the condition that the Secretary con-  
25 cerned shall—

1 (i) prioritize the use of allotments  
2 that would not pose significant manage-  
3 ment or resource challenges for the per-  
4 mittee or the Secretary concerned; and

5 (ii) plan to return permittees to their  
6 original allotments as soon as practicable;  
7 and

8 (2) any other opportunities determined to be  
9 appropriate by the Secretary concerned.

10 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING GRAZING PROGRAMS.—

11 Nothing in this section—

12 (1) affects any livestock grazing program car-  
13 ried out by the Secretary concerned as of the date  
14 of enactment of this Act; or

15 (2) limits the requirements of the Secretary  
16 concerned to provide permits or leases under the Act  
17 of June 28, 1934 (commonly known as the “Taylor  
18 Grazing Act”) (48 Stat. 1269, chapter 865; 43  
19 U.S.C. 315 et seq.).

20 **TITLE III—CULTURAL CHANGE**  
21 **IN AGENCIES**

22 **SEC. 301. MANDATORY USE OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.**

23 With respect to each unit of Federal land that con-  
24 tains land described in section 102(5), the Secretary con-

1 cerned shall use the following streamlined authorities for  
2 environmental review:

3 (1) Section 603(a) of the Healthy Forests Res-  
4 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591b(a)).

5 (2) Section 605(a) of the Healthy Forests Res-  
6 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591d(a)).

7 (3) Section 606(b) of the Healthy Forests Res-  
8 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591e(b)).

9 (4) Section 40806(b) of the Infrastructure In-  
10 vestment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592b(b)).

11 (5) Section 40807 of the Infrastructure Invest-  
12 ment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592c).

13 (6) Section 207 of the Wildfire Suppression  
14 Funding and Forest Management Activities Act (16  
15 U.S.C. 6591c note; Public Law 115–141).

16 **SEC. 302. PUBLIC-PRIVATE WILDFIRE TECHNOLOGY DE-**  
17 **PLOYMENT AND TESTBED PARTNERSHIP.**

18 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—The term  
20 “appropriate committees” means—

21 (A) the Committees on Agriculture, Nutri-  
22 tion, and Forestry, Energy and Natural Re-  
23 sources, and Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
24 tation of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committees on Agriculture, Nat-  
2 ural Resources, and Science, Space, and Tech-  
3 nology of the House of Representatives.

4 (2) CHIEF.—The term “Chief” means the Sec-  
5 retary of the Interior, acting through the Chief of  
6 the Wildland Fire Service.

7 (3) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered  
8 agency” means—

9 (A) each Federal land management agency  
10 (as defined in section 802 of the Federal Lands  
11 Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.  
12 6801));

13 (B) the Wildland Fire Service of the De-  
14 partment of the Interior;

15 (C) the Department of Defense;

16 (D) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
17 Administration;

18 (E) the United States Fire Administration;

19 (F) the Federal Emergency Management  
20 Agency;

21 (G) the National Aeronautics and Space  
22 Administration;

23 (H) the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

24 (I) any other Federal agency involved in  
25 wildfire response; and

1           (J) a State, Tribal, county, or municipal  
2 fire department, fire district, land management  
3 agency, natural resources agency, or equivalent  
4 agency operating through the United States  
5 Fire Administration or pursuant to an agree-  
6 ment with a Federal agency.

7           (4) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
8 tity” means—

9           (A) a private entity;

10           (B) a nonprofit organization; and

11           (C) an institution of higher education (as  
12 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education  
13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

14           (5) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “Pilot Pro-  
15 gram” means the deployment and testbed pilot pro-  
16 gram established under subsection (b).

17           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief, in coordina-  
19 tion with the heads of the covered agencies, shall establish  
20 a deployment and testbed pilot program for new and inno-  
21 vative wildfire prevention, detection, communication, and  
22 mitigation technologies.

23           (c) FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out the Pilot Program,  
24 the Chief shall—

1           (1) consult with the National Wildfire Coordi-  
2 nating Group;

3           (2) in consultation with the heads of covered  
4 agencies, identify key technology priority areas with  
5 respect to the deployment of wildfire prevention, de-  
6 tection, communication, and mitigation technologies,  
7 including—

8                 (A) hazardous fuels reduction activities or  
9 treatments;

10                (B) dispatch communications;

11                (C) remote sensing and tracking;

12                (D) safety equipment; and

13                (E) common operating pictures or oper-  
14 ational dashboards;

15           (3) connect each covered entity selected to par-  
16 ticipate in the Pilot Program with the appropriate  
17 covered agency to coordinate real-time and on-the-  
18 ground testing of technology during wildland fire  
19 mitigation activities and training;

20           (4) define clear criteria for evaluating the suc-  
21 cess of technologies (including mature and commer-  
22 cially available technologies) demonstrated under the  
23 Pilot Program, focusing on effectiveness, scalability,  
24 and cost-efficiency; and

1           (5) coordinate with covered agencies to ensure  
2           the efficient deployment of scaled technologies, in-  
3           cluding through expanded public-private partner-  
4           ships, multiagency contracting for procurement, and  
5           authorization of covered agency staff with techno-  
6           logical procurement expertise to assist other covered  
7           agencies in need of that expertise.

8           (d) APPLICATIONS.—To participate in the Pilot Pro-  
9           gram, a covered entity shall submit to the Chief an appli-  
10          cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
11          information as the Chief may require, which shall include  
12          a proposal to test technologies specific to key technology  
13          priority areas identified under subsection (c)(2).

14          (e) PRIORITIZATION OF EMERGING TECH-  
15          NOLOGIES.—In selecting covered entities to participate in  
16          the Pilot Program, the Chief shall give priority to covered  
17          entities developing and applying emerging technologies  
18          that address priority areas identified under subsection  
19          (c)(2).

20          (f) OUTREACH.—The Chief, in coordination with the  
21          heads of the covered agencies, shall make publicly avail-  
22          able the key technology priority areas identified under sub-  
23          section (c)(2) and invite covered entities to apply to test  
24          and demonstrate their technologies to address those pri-  
25          ority areas.

1 (g) REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later  
2 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
3 each year thereafter for the duration of the Pilot Program,  
4 the Chief shall submit to the appropriate committees a re-  
5 port that includes the following with respect to the Pilot  
6 Program:

7 (1) A list of participating covered entities.

8 (2) A brief description of the technologies test-  
9 ed by such covered entities.

10 (3) An estimate of the cost of acquiring the  
11 technology tested in the Pilot Program and applying  
12 it at scale.

13 (4) Outreach efforts by Federal agencies to cov-  
14 ered entities developing wildfire technologies.

15 (5) Assessments of, and recommendations relat-  
16 ing to, new technologies with potential adoption and  
17 application at-scale in the wildfire prevention, detec-  
18 tion, communication, and mitigation efforts of Fed-  
19 eral land management agencies (as defined in sec-  
20 tion 802 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-  
21 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 6801)).

22 (6) A description of barriers and solutions for  
23 procurement of technologies by covered agencies.

1 (h) TERMINATION.—The Pilot Program shall expire  
2 on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 303. REPEAL OF FLAME REPORTS.**

5 Section 502 of the FLAME Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C.  
6 1748a) is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (h); and

8 (2) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection  
9 (h).

10 **TITLE IV—ROADLESS AREAS**

11 **SEC. 401. ROADLESS RULE NULLIFICATION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—

13 (1) NULLIFICATION.—The final rule of the For-  
14 est Service entitled “Special Areas; Roadless Area  
15 Conservation” and issued on January 12, 2001 (66  
16 Fed. Reg. 3244), shall have no force or effect.

17 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Agri-  
18 culture may not take any action to propose, finalize,  
19 implement, administer, or enforce any rule substan-  
20 tially similar to the rule described in paragraph (1).

21 (b) EFFECT ON STATE-SPECIFIC RULES.—Nothing  
22 in this section affects—

23 (1) the final rule of the Forest Service entitled  
24 “Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; Appli-

1       cability to the National Forests in Idaho” (73 Fed.  
2       Reg. 61456 (October 16, 2008)); or  
3               (2) the final rule of the Forest Service entitled  
4       “Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; Appli-  
5       cability to the National Forests in Colorado” (77  
6       Fed. Reg. 39576 (July 3, 2012)).