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Community-Based Forest and Public Lands Restoration Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2002
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Oct 1, 2002
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 1, 2002
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 10, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 25, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Community-Based Forest and Public Lands Restoration Act - (Sec. 4) Requires the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to establish a collaborative community-based restoration program for National Forest System (NFS) and public lands. Authorizes the Secretaries to make cooperative agreements with specified entities and to hire additional outreach specialists to protect such lands.

Directs the Secretaries to establish a multiparty monitoring, evaluation, and accountability process to assess the accomplishments or adverse impacts of projects implemented under this Act.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretaries to provide cost-share grants, cooperative agreements, or both to establish Restoration and Value-Added Centers ("Centers") to provide technical assistance to non-profit organizations, small or micro-enterprises, and persons interested in forming certain types of natural-resource small or micro-enterprises. Requires the Centers to provide assistance in at least one of various areas, including accessing funding, and, for small and micro-enterprises located in rural communities, accessing urban markets.

Specifies certain regions that must have at least one Center, including northern California and eastern Oregon.

Permits the Secretaries to enter into partnerships with various entities to create and maintain Centers. Declares that funds provided by the Secretaries shall equal 75 percent of the operating costs of each Center, not to exceed \$1 million annually per center. Provides for a gradual reduction in Federal outlays after a Center has operated for five years.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretaries to limit competition for special salvage timber sales and other timber-related contracts and agreements such that natural-resource related small or micro-enterprises and other specified entities receive a specified percentage of the contracts and agreements each year.

Allows the Secretaries to select a source for performance of a contract or an agreement under this Act on a best value basis, considering one or more specified criteria.

(Sec. 7) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program of applied research to identify restoration methods and treatments and to test and develop value-added products created from the by-products of restoration. Requires the Secretary to disseminate the research to rural communities adjacent to or surrounded by National Forest System or public lands.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 9) States that nothing in this Act is intended to modify the Small Business Act, other specified law, certain Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations, or affect the Small Business shares prescribed in the Memorandum of Understanding on the Small Business Set Aside Program or the amount of timber volume offered to SBA qualified companies.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Oct 8, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 653.
- **Oct 4, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-838.
- **Jun 24, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 24, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5959-5960)
- **Jun 24, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5960-5962)