

HR 5376

To enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to reduce catastrophic wildfire threats to communities and the environment.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2002
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 12, 2002)

Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior to conduct projects consistent with the Implementation Plan for the 10-year Comprehensive Strategy for a Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment, May 2002, developed to reduce hazardous fuels within any areas of Federal land under the jurisdiction of either Secretary that: (1) are outside of Congressionally designated Wilderness Areas; and (2) the appropriate Secretary determines qualify as a fire risk condition class three area.

Permits the Secretaries to enter into stewardship contracts with private persons or other public or private entities to perform services to achieve land management goals for the national forests and other Federal lands. Allows the Secretaries to collect monies from a contract so long as collection is secondary to the land management goals the contract is supposed to accomplish.

Amends the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 to repeal the Appeals Reform Act (regarding Forest Service decisionmaking and appeals reform).

Provides that in any action under any law for writs of prohibitory or mandatory injunction against agency action in which the agency has found that such action is necessary to restore fire-adapted forest or rangeland ecosystems, the reviewing court shall: (1) consider the public interest in avoiding long-term harm to such ecosystems; and (2) give deference to any agency finding, based upon information in its administrative record, that the public interest in avoiding the short-term effects of such action is outweighed by the public interest in avoiding long-term harm to such ecosystems.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Sep 17, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Sep 17, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Sep 17, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
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