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Community and Forest Protection Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Community and Forest Protection Act - Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on an aggregate area of 20 million acres of Federal and Indian land under expedited procedures as provided for by this Act. Gives priority to: (1) wildland-urban interface; (2) municipal watersheds; and (3) fire regime I, II, and III lands. States that at least 70 percent of funds under this Act shall be spent on wildland-urban interface lands, with adjustments for a particular State upon request.

Provides for an expedited administrative process for hazardous fuels reduction projects, including: (1) categorical exclusion from certain environmental analysis for wildland-urban interface projects; (2) shortened appeals, review officer determination without remand, and documentation issuance without public review for priority projects outside such interface, and (3) a salvage monitoring pilot program in the Biscuit Fire area.

Limits judicial review to the United States District Court in which the project is located. States that Congress intends that such judicial review shall be expeditiously completed. Limits injunctive relief to 60-day renewable periods.

Directs: (1) the Forest Service to monitor project contracts; and (2) that at least 50 percent of contracts shall be awarded on best value criteria.

Authorizes grants for: (1) biomass commercialization; and (2) improved biomass utilization.

Directs the Secretaries to carry out a forest stands inventory and monitoring program on Federal and private (with permission) lands. Locates the program facility in the Ochoco National Forest Headquarters, Prineville, Oregon.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grant program for emergency fuels reduction in areas that pose a threat to human life.

Expresses the sense of Congress that insurers should reduce insurance for homeowners who take specified home protection measures.

Gives priority for funding under the Community and Private Land Fire Assistance Program to communities with fire prevention ordinances.

Sunsets provisions of this Act five years after enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-140.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8741-8745)