

HR 2551

Enhanced Safety from Wildfire Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.

Latest Action: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior. (Jun 24, 2003)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2003
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2003)

Enhanced Safety from Wildfire Act of 2003 - Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 with respect to fires that spread from forested Federal lands onto nonfederal lands and cause injuries or property loss. Assumes Federal responsibility for injuries or property loss resulting from such fires under the Federal Tort Claims Act and other Federal law pertaining to the United States as a defendant in District Court. Provides for exceptions in certain cases, including if: (1) the nonfederal land exceeds 640 acres and is being used for commercial timber production (unless the nonfederal land was being managed to achieve or maintain condition class 1 health status immediately before the fire); (2) the Federal land is a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System; or (3) the Federal land comprises less than 6,400 acres and is not contiguous to other Federal lands.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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