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Forests for Future Generations Act

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109 HR 4200	Related bill	**Aug 2, 2006:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-826.

Summary (as of Nov 18, 2005)

Forests for Future Generations Act - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to develop research protocols for collecting and analyzing scientific information about the effectiveness and ecological impacts of catastrophic event recovery projects and emergency stabilization treatments undertaken as part of a burned area emergency response to increase the long-term benefits of management activities and to decrease short-term impacts. Requires such Secretaries to enter into at least one cooperative agreement with one land-grant college or university in each Forest Service Region to form forest health partnerships to utilize the education, research, and outreach capacity of land-grant colleges and universities to address the recovery of forested land after a catastrophic event.

Requires such Secretaries to conduct catastrophic event recovery evaluations of damaged federal lands.

Directs such Secretaries to prepare a list of pre-approved management practices that may be immediately implemented as part of catastrophic event recovery projects or catastrophic event research projects.

Requires determinations of whether or not to: (1) use any pre-approved management practices that can be immediately implemented; and (2) develop and carry out a recovery or research project or part of such a project using the alternative arrangements authorized by this Act.

Directs such Secretaries to clarify agency-wide guidance regarding reforestation in response to catastrophic events.

Provides for assistance to restore landscapes and communities affected by catastrophic events.

Directs such Secretaries to establish a community protection and recovery fund for each recovery project.

Provides for the availability and use of pre-approved management practices and alternative arrangements on National Forest experimental forests.

Actions Timeline

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