

## HR 4200

Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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**Current Status:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural

**Latest Action:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-826. (Aug 2, 2006)

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Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Dec 16, 2005
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Melancon, Charlie [D-LA-3]	D · LA		Mar 8, 2006
Rep. Boren, Dan [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Mar 28, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 5, 2006
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Aug 2, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 29, 2006
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2005
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 816	Procedurally related	<b>May 17, 2006:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 S 2079	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act - **Title I: Response to Catastrophic Events on Federal Lands** (Sec. 101) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to National Forest System (NFS) land or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to public lands (the Secretary concerned) to develop specified research protocols for conducting and evaluating the effectiveness of a catastrophic event recovery project 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 the short-term impacts of such management activities. Subjects the research protocols developed and any subsequent modification of such protocols to peer review. Requires submission of the research protocols to Congress.

Allows the Secretary concerned, in accordance with the research protocols, to conduct one or more research projects in an area of land damaged by a catastrophic event. Permits the development of: (1) a proposed research project as part of a catastrophic event recovery proposal; or (2) a research project independently of the recovery proposal during the catastrophic event recovery in response to changing conditions in the area damaged by the catastrophic event.

Requires public access to research protocols and project results.

Requires the Secretary concerned, in developing and using the research protocols, to enter into cooperative agreements with institutions of higher education to form forest health partnerships to utilize such institutions' abilities to address the catastrophic event recovery of forested land. Permits a forest health partnership to be aligned with the current network of Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units.

(Sec. 102) Requires the Secretary concerned in response to a catastrophic event affecting 1,000 acres or more of federal land, and permits the Secretary concerned in response to a catastrophic event affecting than 250 acres of federal land but less than 1,000 acres, to conduct a catastrophic event recovery evaluation (recovery evaluation) of the damaged federal land. Specifies the times for commencement and completion of such required and discretionary recovery evaluations. Permits extension of the deadline for completion for a recovery evaluation on a case-by-case basis when additional time is necessary. Permits only a single extension to be provided for any recovery evaluation and requires the extension to not be longer than 60 days after the date on which the evaluation was otherwise required to be completed. Enumerates the elements that shall be prepared in the conduct of a recovery evaluation for an area of federal land damaged by a catastrophic event, including a recovery proposal.

Requires determinations of whether or not: (1) any pre-approved management practices that should be immediately implemented; and (2) any recovery or research project contained in the recovery proposal should be developed and carried out using the emergency procedures authorized by section 105 of this Act. Instructs the Secretary concerned to consult with the Council on Environmental Quality, but states that the determination remains in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

Requires the Secretary concerned, in order to conduct the recovery evaluation of an area of federal land damaged by a catastrophic event, to use a systematic, interdisciplinary approach that ensures the integrated use of appropriate natural and social sciences.

Permits the combination of the preparation of a recovery evaluation of federal land with the preparation of a landscape assessment for nonfederal land in the vicinity of the damaged federal land prepared pursuant to subtitle B of title II of this Act or the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

Instructs the Secretary concerned, during preparation of a recovery evaluation for an area of federal land damaged by a

catastrophic event involving wildfire, to consider post-fire management recommendations contained in any community wildfire protection plan addressing the damaged federal land.

Requires public notice of: (1) recovery evaluations (including recovery proposals); and (2) public meetings conducted in connection with recovery evaluations and the availability of preliminary analyses or documents prepared as part of each recovery evaluation.

(Sec. 103) Requires the Secretary concerned to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and applicable laws and regulations in designing and conducting recovery projects and research projects. Deems specified activities concerning the preparation and use of pre-approved management practices required by this Act and the use of emergency procedures provided under this Act to satisfy certain requirements of the Act and its implementing regulations.

(Sec. 104) Directs such Secretary concerned to prepare, using required notice and comment rules, a list of pre-approved management practices, by forest type or plant association group, that may be immediately implemented as part of recovery projects or research projects. Subjects a management practice to peer review. Requires the results of such peer reviews to be made available to the public during the comment period. Permits amendment or revision of the list as necessary.

Prohibits the use of pre-approved management practices for specified road construction and timber harvesting activities.

Permits the Secretary concerned to use specified emergency consultative procedures in order to comply with the Endangered Species Act in the case of a proposed use of a pre-approved management practice included on the list. Requires, at the conclusion of the consultation, the issuance of a specified statement for any incidental taking that may occur while using such practice. Sets forth requirements for: (1) additional consultation; (2) the decision document; (3) implementation of such practice immediately after issuance of the decision; and (4) third-party monitoring. Allows compliance with any applicable requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to proceed simultaneously with the implementation of a pre-approved management practice.

(Sec. 105) Provides that, if the Secretary concerned determines to utilize the emergency procedures under section 102 of this Act to conduct a recovery project or research project such Secretary need not study, develop, or describe more than the proposed agency action and the alternative of no action in designing that project for which the emergency procedures are utilized.

Prohibits the use of emergency procedures under this Act for use for specified road construction and timber harvesting activities.

Permits the Secretary concerned to use specified emergency consultative procedures in order to comply with the Endangered Species Act in the case of a catastrophic recovery project or catastrophic event research project when emergency procedures are used. Requires, at the conclusion of the consultation, the issuance of a specified statement for any incidental taking that may occur. Sets forth requirements for: (1) additional consultation; (2) the decision document; (3) implementation of such practice immediately after issuance of the decision; and (4) third-party monitoring. Allows compliance with any applicable requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to proceed simultaneously with the design of a catastrophic event recovery project or catastrophic event research project, or part of such a project, for which emergency procedures are used.

(Sec. 106) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations to establish a predecisional administrative

review process that will serve as the only means by which such Secretary will provide notice and solicit comments, and an individual can seek administrative review, regarding: (1) the proposed use of a pre-approved management practice on NFS land; and (2) a catastrophic recovery project or research project for which the emergency procedures under section 105 of this Act are used on NFS land.

Provides for judicial review with respect to the implementation of a pre-approved management practice or a recovery project or research project for which the applicable administrative review process has been exhausted.

(Sec. 107) Directs the Secretary concerned to standardize data collection procedures and clarify agency-wide guidance regarding reforestation in response to catastrophic events.

(Sec. 108) Sets forth provisions concerning the effects of this title on: (1) other authorities; (2) local contractors; and (3) advisory committees.

(Sec. 109) Provides standards for standing dead tree and downed wood retention in the planning and conducting of any catastrophic event recovery or research project. Prohibits such standards from applying if specified scientific guidelines provide more appropriate standing dead tree and downed wood retention guidelines. Allows the Secretary concerned to amend a land and resource management plan to incorporate standing dead tree and downed wood retention guidelines specific to forest type or plant association group.

**Title II: Restoring Landscapes and Communities Impacted by Catastrophic Events - Subtitle A: Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978** - (Sec. 201) Allows the Secretary of Agriculture, at the request of an eligible entity, to cooperate with such eligible entity in the preparation of landscape assessment for nonfederal lands affected by a catastrophic event. Allows for the combining of the preparation of a landscape assessment with the preparation of a recovery evaluation regarding federal land in the vicinity of the damaged nonfederal land. Permits the Secretary, at the request of an eligible entity affected by a catastrophic event, to cooperate with such eligible entity in the preparation of a community wildfire protection plan or related plan.

Specifies the types of technical and financial cost-share assistance that may be provided to an eligible entity, including for implementation of special recovery projects identified in the landscape assessment or community wildfire protection plan, community assessment, or community action plan. Permits the use of additional funding sources from amounts appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out provisions relating to forest health protection and rural fire prevention and control in order to provide assistance under this subtitle.

**Subtitle B: Department of the Interior Assistance** - (Sec. 211) Makes similar amendments with regard to the Department of the Interior.

**Title III: Experimental Forests** - (Sec. 302) Provides for the availability and use of pre-approved management practices and section 105 emergency procedures in National Forest experimental forests.

**Title IV: General Provisions** - (Sec. 401) States that, except as provided in this Act, the Secretary concerned is not required to promulgate regulations to implement this Act.

(Sec. 402) Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to establish separate special accounts in the Treasury for the Secretary concerned into which 10% of the gross proceeds derived from recovery projects and research projects shall be deposited in the accounts to be spent to: (1) develop the research protocols; (2) prepare and implement research projects; and (3) provide for monitoring.



(Sec. 403) Amends the Knutson-Vandenberg Act to: (1) allow the Secretary of Agriculture to use excess amounts from a special fund for coverage of the costs of tree planting, seed sowing, and forest improvement work to cover the costs of the activities under title I of this Act; and (2) provide that the excess amounts will not be needed for activities under that title during the fiscal year in which the transfer would be made.

Amends the National Forest Management Act to: (1) provide for monetary deposits by purchasers of salvage timber harvests on NFS lands to be used to cover the costs of activities of the Secretary of Agriculture under title I of this Act; and (2) provide for sums found to be in excess of the cost of accomplishing the purposes for which deposits of money are available under such provisions to be transferred to miscellaneous receipts in the Treasury.

Provides for immediate availability of money in a revolving fund derived from the disposal of salvage timber on lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to cover the costs of BLM activities under title I of this Act.

(Sec. 404) Permits the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse the Secretary concerned for any assistance provided to nonfederal land damaged by a catastrophic event and that is also designated as a major disaster area by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Limits reimbursements to those activities authorized under such Act for which any such assistance is provided.

## Actions Timeline

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- **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.
- **May 18, 2006:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **May 17, 2006:** Rule H. Res. 816 passed House.
- **May 17, 2006:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 816. (consideration: CR H2659-2680)
- **May 17, 2006:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4200 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII.
- **May 17, 2006:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 816 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 17, 2006:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Mark Foley to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 17, 2006:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 4200.
- **May 17, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 816, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rahall amendment.
- **May 17, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rahall amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Rahall demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **May 17, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 816, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeFazio amendment.
- **May 17, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the DeFazio amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. DeFazio demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **May 17, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 816, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Inslee amendment.
- **May 17, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Inslee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Inslee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **May 17, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 816, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Udall (NM) amendment.
- **May 17, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Udall (NM) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Udall (NM) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **May 17, 2006:** Mr. Walden (OR) moved that the Committee rise.
- **May 17, 2006:** On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 17, 2006:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4200 as unfinished business.
- **May 17, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2687-2691)
- **May 17, 2006:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **May 17, 2006:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4200.
- **May 17, 2006:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 17, 2006:** The House adopted the amendment as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text: CR H2667-2673)
- **May 17, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 243 - 182 (Roll No. 151).

- **May 17, 2006:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 243 - 182 (Roll No. 151).
- **May 17, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2006:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 816 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4200 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII.
- **May 4, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-451, Part I.
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- **May 4, 2006:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
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- **May 4, 2006:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **May 4, 2006:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **May 4, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 252.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry Discharged.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 36 - 3.
- **Mar 29, 2006:** Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Discharged.
- **Mar 29, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 13.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 7, 2005:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 10, 2005:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 8, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Nov 3, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 3, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Nov 2, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Nov 2, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Nov 2, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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