

HR 5648

Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008 - Establishes a Federal Wildland Fire Emergency Suppression Fund to cover the costs of federal wildland fire suppression activities associated with a declared emergency wildland fire incident.

Sets forth the criteria for which declarations of emergency wildland fire incidents may be made under this Act. Requires a declaration of such an incident to only be made by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, or a designee of the Secretary concerned at the subcabinet level.

Allows the Secretary concerned to only access the Fund if the President's annual budget requested funds for wildland fire operations amounting to at least the ten-fiscal year average of expenditures for wildland fire operations.

Requires the Secretaries to jointly report every six months on expenditures from and deposits to the Fund.

Permits any excess funds for wildland fire operations to be transferred to support reforestation and rehabilitation of forests following wildland fires. Limits the areas in which such funds may be expended.

Requires review of wildfire incidents resulting in expenses greater than \$10 million.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a national map of landscape areas most at risk of wildfire and in need of hazardous fuel treatment and maintenance.

Authorizes such Secretary to: (1) provide cost-share grants to fire-ready communities to increase their capacity to defend against wildland fire; and (2) enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with a State Forester or equivalent official to implement good neighbor projects on such lands.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 19, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 14, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E415-416)
- **Mar 14, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.