

## HR 4407

### Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Dec 16, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. (Mar 29, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 23, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2907	Identical bill	Aug 5, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 536.

Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to establish an avalanche protection program to: (1) identify the potential for avalanches on federal lands and inform the public about the probability of avalanches and their potential adverse effects; (2) carry out ongoing research to improve avalanche forecasting; and (3) reduce the risks of avalanches and mitigate their effects.

Requires the Secretary: (1) to coordinate the program to ensure protection for recreational users of public land under the Secretary of the Interior's jurisdiction, using resources of the Forest Service's National Avalanche Center; (2) to establish an advisory committee to assist in program development and implementation; and (3) with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Army, to establish a central depository for weapons, ammunition, and parts for avalanche control purposes.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to carry out projects and activities to: (1) assist in the prevention, forecasting, detection, and mitigation of avalanches; (2) maintain essential transportation, utilities, and communications; (3) assist avalanche artillery users to ensure the availability of adequate supplies of artillery and explosives required for avalanche control in specified areas; and (4) assist research and development activities for alternatives to minimize reliance on military weapons for avalanche control.

Directs the Secretary to give priority to projects carried out in avalanche zones with a high frequency or severity of avalanches or in which deaths, injuries, or damage to public facilities and communities have occurred.

Requires the Administrator of General Services (GSA) to transfer specified property suitable for avalanche control purposes to a user of surplus ordnance.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 29, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture, 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.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture