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FLAME Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 10, 2009
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Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 12, 2009
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 26, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 28, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 6, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 21, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1404	Identical bill	Jul 21, 2009: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2009)

Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act or FLAME Act - Establishes in the Treasury the Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Fund (Flame Fund). Requires amounts in the Flame Fund to be made available to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretaries) to pay the costs of catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities that are separate from amounts annually appropriated for the predicted annual workload for such activities.

Makes amounts in the Flame Fund available to the Secretaries only after such Secretaries issue a declaration that a wildland fire suppression activity is eligible for funding through the Fund.

Directs such Secretaries to establish an accounting and reporting system for the Flame Fund.

Requires such Secretaries to: (1) report annually to Congress on the use of the funds from the Flame Fund, together with recommendations to improve administrative control and oversight of the Fund; and (2) submit a report to Congress that contains a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, consistent with the recommendations of Comptroller General reports.

Requires the Secretaries to conduct a review of wildfires for which expenses exceeding \$10 million were incurred.

Authorizes the Secretaries to make grants to fire-ready communities, as defined by this Act, to carry out activities to reduce risks from wildfires.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2009:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.