

S 3395

Prescribed Burn Approval Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Became Public Law No: 114-275.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 114-275. (Dec 14, 2016)

Law: 114-275 (Enacted Dec 14, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3395>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Sep 27, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2016
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 17, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6029	Related bill	Sep 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
114 S 1100	Related bill	Jul 16, 2015: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-154.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 3) This bill prohibits the Forest Service from authorizing a prescribed burn (i.e., a planned fire intentionally ignited) on Forest Service land if, for the county or contiguous county in which such land is located, the national fire danger rating system is indicating an extreme fire danger level.

Nonetheless, the Forest Service may authorize a prescribed burn under such a condition if it coordinates with the applicable state government and local fire officials.

At the end of every fiscal year, the Forest Service shall submit a report that describes:

- the number and locations of prescribed burns during that fiscal year, and
- each prescribed burn during that year that was authorized by the Forest Service as an exception under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-275.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7159-7160)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3395.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7159)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7159)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 18, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 18, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 18, 2016:** 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.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6493)
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6493)
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6493)
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6493)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.