

HR 2936

Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017

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Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jun 20, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Oct 5, 2017
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Oct 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 25, 2017
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 2, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 25, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 25, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 595	Procedurally related	Nov 1, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 S 605	Related bill	Sep 27, 2017: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-112.
115 HR 3208	Related bill	Aug 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 1483	Related bill	Mar 23, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 1454	Related bill	Mar 9, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017

This bill shall apply whenever the Department concerned, either the Department of Agriculture for National Forest System (NFS) lands or the Department of the Interior for public lands, prepares an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for specified forest management activities, including those that:

- will occur on lands identified as suitable for timber production; or
- will occur on a landscape-scale area designated by the Department concerned as part of an insect and disease treatment program on NSF land pursuant to the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, notwithstanding whether such activity is initiated before September 30, 2018.

In such an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, the Department concerned shall study, develop, and describe only these two alternatives:

- the forest management activity, and
- the alternative of no action.

In the case of the alternative of no action, the Department concerned shall evaluate:

- the effect of no action on forest health, habitat diversity, wildfire potential, insect and disease potential, and timber production; and
- the implications of a resulting decline in forest health, loss of habitat diversity, wildfire, or insect or disease infestation on domestic water supply in the project area, wildlife habitat loss, and other economic and social factors.

The bill establishes categorical exclusions regarding certain other forest management actions.

A process is established for declaration of a major disaster for wildfire on federal lands managed by specified federal land management agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 2, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 595 passed House.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 595. (consideration: CR H8326-8357; text: CR H8340-8349)
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2936 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.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 595 and Rule XVIII.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable David Young to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2936.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Schrader amendment No. 1.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Khanna amendment No. 2.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Khanna amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Khanna demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the O'Halleran amendment No. 3.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the O'Halleran amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. O'Halleran demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cardenas amendment No. 4.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeFazio amendment No. 5.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the LaMalfa amendment No. 6.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 595, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pearce amendment No. 7.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Pearce amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Grijalva demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Mr. Westerman moved that the committee rise.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2936 as unfinished business.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8356-8360)
- **Nov 1, 2017:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2936.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Mr. O'Halleran moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H8359)
- **Nov 1, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the O'Halleran motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment adding a new section pertaining to Extension of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination

Act of 2000.

- **Nov 1, 2017:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 189 - 230 (Roll no. 597).
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 232 - 188 (Roll no. 598).
- **Nov 1, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 232 - 188 (Roll no. 598).
- **Nov 1, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 1, 2017:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2936.
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 595 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2936 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.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 115-370, Part I.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-370, Part II.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 271.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 12.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, 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.