

## HR 865

### Emergency Forest Restoration Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Feb 24, 2017)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Feb 3, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Emergency Forest Restoration Act**

This bill allows the Department of Agriculture (USDA), regarding National Forest System lands, or the Department of the Interior, regarding public lands, to develop and carry out a forest management activity on lands of the department concerned in a state when the activity's primary purpose is to address an insect or disease infestation that has been declared an emergency by the state governor.

With specified exceptions, a categorical exclusion shall be available to USDA or Interior for these purposes.

A "categorical exclusion" is an exception to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for a project or activity relating to the management of National Forest System lands or public lands that would otherwise be considered a major federal action.

Beginning in FY2019, USDA shall identify the amount of funds, if any, appropriated in the previous fiscal year pursuant to the authorization of appropriations specified in this bill.

Within five years of the end of the fiscal year in which an identification is made, USDA shall sell an amount of timber the sale of which is sufficient to recoup the identified amount and any associated costs.

The bill prescribes requirements for the deposit of sales proceeds.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2017:** 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.