

## HR 5218

Proven Forest Management Act of 2019

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 10, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA), when conducting a forest management activity on National Forest System land, to coordinate with impacted parties to increase efficiency and maximize the compatibility of management practices across such land.

USDA shall conduct such an activity on National Forest System land in a manner that attains multiple ecosystem benefits, including reducing forest fuels and maintaining biological diversity. However, a forest management activity shall not be conducted if the costs associated with attaining such benefits are excessive.

Additionally, the USDA shall (1) establish any post-program ground condition criteria for a ground disturbance caused by a forest management activity required by the applicable forest plan, and (2) provide for monitoring to ascertain the attainment of relevant post-program conditions.

The bill categorically excludes certain forest management activities for reducing forest fuels from certain environmental impact requirements.

For a specified period, USDA or the Department of the Interior, as appropriate, in conjunction with land adjustment programs, may enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with a qualified entity to provide for fuel reduction, erosion control, reforestation, Stream Environment Zone restoration, and similar management activities on federal lands and nonfederal lands within such programs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2019:** 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.