

## S 2404

### Western Wildfire Support Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jul 20, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held. (Dec 15, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 15, 2021
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 21, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6336	Identical bill	Jan 4, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

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This bill establishes activities to address wildfires.

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2024.

The bill establishes

- accounts in the Treasury for addressing wildfires,
- a program to train and certify citizens who wish to be able to volunteer to assist USDA or Interior during a wildland fire incident,
- a program to award grants to eligible states or units of local government to acquire slip-on tank and pump units for a surge capacity of resources for fire suppression,
- the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the management of wildfire-related invasive species, and
- the Management of Wildfire-Related Invasive Species Technology Advisory Board.

The bill also

- requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to reimburse a state or federal agency for the costs of wildfire suppression as a result of a fire caused by DOD activity,
- requires the Joint Fire Science Program to work with unmanned aircraft test ranges to carry out research and development of unmanned aircraft system fire applications,
- requires federal and state disaster preparedness programs to include postdisaster assistance, and
- authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide funding to a state agency to establish and operate a website to provide information relating to postfire recovery funding and resources to a community or an individual impacted by a wildland fire.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.