

HR 4518

Wildfire Prevention and Drought Mitigation Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Nov 9, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4623	Related bill	Aug 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4516	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4573	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4574	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4584	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4614	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Summary (as of Jul 19, 2021)

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This bill categorically excludes forest management activities carried out on specified public lands from requirements to conduct environmental assessments and environmental impact statements. In order to be excluded from environmental review, the primary purposes of such activities must be to

- protect a municipal or tribal water source from damage caused by wildfire;
- improve watershed or habitat conditions;
- improve, maintain, or restore water yield or quality;
- improve, maintain, or restore snowpack; or
- adapt the forest landscape to an increased threat of drought.

The bill limits the categorical exclusion to activities that manage up to 10,000 acres of land. However, activities that manage up to 30,000 acres of land may be categorically excluded from environmental review if the activities are located in areas that (1) are in a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought; or (2) have been in such droughts in the previous five years.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
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