

HR 4574

SALVAGE Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jul 20, 2021

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Aug 11, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4574>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4516	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.
117 HR 4518	Related bill	Jul 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Salvaging American Lumber Via Action with Greater Efficiency Act or the SALVAGE Act

This bill provides for certain activities related to salvage operations and certain reforestation activities conducted on National Forest System lands or public lands.

The bill categorically excludes salvage operations carried out by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior, on certain National Forest System lands or certain public lands, respectively, from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Each salvage operation covered by the categorical exclusion may not contain treatment units that exceed a total of 10,000 acres.

An environmental assessment for a salvage operation or reforestation activity proposed to be conducted on National Forest System lands or public lands that are adversely impacted by a large-scale catastrophic event shall be completed within 60 days after the conclusion of the event. In the case of such reforestation activities USDA and Interior shall, to the maximum extent practicable, achieve reforestation of at least 75% of the impacted lands during the five-year period following the conclusion of the catastrophic event.

No later than 60 days after a wildfire is contained on National Forest System lands, USDA shall convert any timber sales on lands impacted by such wildfire to salvage sales.

No restraining order, preliminary injunction, or injunction pending appeal shall be issued by any U.S. court respecting any decision to prepare or conduct a salvage operation or reforestation activity in response to a large-scale catastrophic event.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.