

HR 4614

Resilient Federal Forests Act

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Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 12, 2022
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Oct 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2436	Related bill	Oct 21, 2021: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
117 HR 4541	Related bill	Sep 14, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4623	Related bill	Aug 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 4504	Related bill	Aug 11, 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 4569	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 4518	Related bill	Jul 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Jul 22, 2021)

Resilient Federal Forests Act

This bill modifies and sets forth provisions regarding forest management activities on National Forest System, public, and tribal lands.

The bill provides for, among other things

- the Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Interior to conduct fire-shed management projects in fire-shed management areas,
- certain categorical exclusions for various purposes,
- the balancing of the short- and long-term effects of forest management activities while considering injunctive relief,
- USDA and Interior to establish their own discretionary arbitration pilot programs as an alternative dispute resolution process for forest management activities,
- increasing the maximum term for a stewardship end result contract to 20 years,
- demonstration projects to support the development and commercialization of biochar on Indian forest lands or rangelands and in nearby communities by providing reliable supplies of feedstock from federal lands,
- the decommissioning of certain Forest Service Roads within designated high fire-prone areas,
- repealing of the Eastside Screens requirements on National Forest System lands,
- making the Northwest Forest Plan Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines inapplicable to any National Forest System lands or public lands,
- development of a protection plan for giant sequoia trees on National Forest System lands and public lands, and
- permanent rights of access to the Oregon and California Railroad grant lands and the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands for private landowners issued reciprocal road rights-of-way.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2021:** 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.

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