

HR 7721

Hermit's Peak Fire Assistance Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 11, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 12, 2022
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 15, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 12, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6833	Related bill	Sep 30, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-180.
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 S 4186	Identical bill	May 11, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hermit's Peak Fire Assistance Act

This bill provides for monetary compensation to the victims of the prescribed fire burn in the Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico that became a wildfire known as the Hermit's Peak Fire or the Hermit's Peak Fire/Calf Canyon Fire.

Each victim of the Hermit's Peak Fire shall be entitled to receive monetary compensation from the United States, including for personal injury, loss of property, business loss, or financial loss.

An Office of Hermit's Peak Fire Claims is established within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive, process, and pay claims to victims of the fire.

FEMA or the independent claims manager (which FEMA may appoint) shall, on behalf of the United States, investigate, consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, grant, deny, or settle any claim for money damages asserted by a victim of the Hermit's Peak Fire.

Any claimant aggrieved by a final decision of FEMA concerning compensation may, not later than 60 days after the date on which the decision is issued, bring a civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, to modify or set aside the decision.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 12, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 11, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.