

HR 940

Clearing Lines along Electrical At-Risk Zones Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4302	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

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This bill revises requirements related to vegetation management practices and forest management activities.

The bill redefines *hazard trees* as trees that come within 50 feet (rather than 10 feet, as under current law) of an electric power line. Hazard trees are subject to certain management activities under current law.

A vegetation management, facility inspection, and operation and maintenance plan shall describe processes for consultation with private landowners with respect to hazard trees identified for removal.

Such plans must be approved according to specified deadlines.

The bill generally excludes specified forest management activities from certain environmental assessment and environmental impact statement requirements. Specifically, the bill excludes from these requirements (1) the development and approval of a vegetation management, facility inspection, and operation and maintenance plan; and (2) the implementation of routine activities conducted under such a plan. The use of this exclusion shall not be subject to extraordinary circumstances procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 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.