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Forest Data Modernization Act of 2023

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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 22, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 10, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8467	Related bill	May 24, 2024: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 21.
118 HR 3990	Related bill	Jul 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

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This bill modifies the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program of the Forest Service.

Specifically, FIA must include forest carbon in its inventory. Further, FIA must carry out, as a data collection method, a timber products output study and a national woodland owner survey.

FIA must include a clear definition of *forest* when reporting data.

FIA's strategic plan must describe in detail the organization and procedures necessary to

- understand and report on changes in land cover and use, and
- evaluate carbon-related data variables.

FIA must update the strategic plan not later than 180 days after this bill's enactment to include, among other things

- a plan to implement nationally consistent data collection protocols and procedures to improve the statistical precision of base program estimates;
- pathways to integrate and report on changes in forest carbon, including below-ground carbon;
- plans to collaborate with other federal agencies, nonfederal partners, and the private sector to integrate existing nationally available data sets and best available commercial technologies; and
- a plan to increase transparency and clarity in reporting.

FIA (1) must establish an office, a data platform, or both to process and respond to complex data requests submitted by external organizations; and (2) may impose fees on the organizations submitting the requests.

## Actions Timeline

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