

HR 189

Action Versus No Action Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill limits the scope of certain environmental assessments or impact statements related to forest management activities on National Forest System lands or public lands suitable for timber production to a consideration only of the effects of the forest management activity and the alternative of no action.

Specifically, the bill applies to assessments or impact statements prepared by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), with respect to National Forest System lands, or the Department of the Interior, with respect to public lands, for forest management activities that meet at least one of the criteria specified.

In the case of the alternative of no action, USDA or Interior shall consider whether to evaluate

- the effect of no action on, among other things, forest health, wildfire potential, insect and disease potential, and timber production; and
- the implications of a resulting decline in forest health, loss of habitat diversity, wildfire, or insect or disease infestation on potential losses of life and property, domestic water supply in the project area, and wildlife habitat loss.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** 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.