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Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Reauthorization Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 1, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 1, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 1, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 1, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 1, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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## **Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Reauthorization Act of 2023**

This bill reauthorizes and expands the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration program, which helps fund collaborative and community-based forest management.

To be eligible for support, a collaborative forest landscape restoration proposal must describe plans to prevent, remediate, or control invasions of pathogens.

For each proposal nominated for selection by a Forest Service regional office, the office must provide a federal government staffing plan for providing support to collaboratives.

In selecting proposals, the Department of Agriculture must give special consideration to proposals that seek to

- use innovative implementation mechanisms, including conservation finance agreements and good neighbor agreements;
- reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire or increase ecological restoration activities within areas across land ownerships and within the wildland-urban interface; and
- enhance watershed health and drinking water sources.

The bill increases the number of proposals that may be funded during any fiscal year.

### **Actions Timeline**

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