

HR 482

Western Wildfire Support Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. (Feb 21, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2023
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2023
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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1764	Identical bill	Nov 21, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 582.

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This bill establishes activities to address wildfires.

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2026.

The bill establishes

- accounts in the Treasury for addressing wildfires,
- a program to train and certify citizens who wish to be able to volunteer to assist USDA or Interior during a wildland fire incident,
- a program to award grants to eligible states or units of local government to acquire slip-on tank and pump units for a surge capacity of resources for fire suppression,
- the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for the management of wildfire-related invasive species, and
- the Management of Wildfire-Related Invasive Species Technology Advisory Board.

The bill also

- requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to reimburse a state or federal agency for the costs of wildfire suppression as a result of a fire caused by DOD activity,
- requires the Joint Fire Science Program to work with unmanned aircraft test ranges to carry out research and development of unmanned aircraft system fire applications,
- requires federal and state disaster preparedness programs to include postdisaster assistance, and
- authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide funding to a state agency to establish and operate a website to provide information relating to postfire recovery funding and resources to a community or an individual impacted by a wildland fire.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.