

## HR 8790

### Fix Our Forests Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU-At Large]	R · GU		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Duarte, John S. [R-CA-13]	R · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]	R · AZ		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-5]	R · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Chavez-DeRemer, Lori [R-OR-5]	R · OR		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 25, 2024
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Collins, Mike [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-1]	R · MT		Aug 16, 2024
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Sep 9, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2024
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 12, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2024
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 12, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1486	Related bill	<b>Sep 24, 2024:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 1450	Related bill	<b>Sep 18, 2023:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 HR 1567	Related bill	<b>Sep 14, 2023:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 S 697	Related bill	<b>Mar 8, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Summary (as of Jun 18, 2024)

### Fix Our Forests Act

This bill establishes requirements for managing forests on federal land, including requirements concerning reducing wildfire threats, expediting the review of certain forest management projects, and implementing forest management projects and other activities.

Specifically, the bill (1) designates certain firesheds at high risk for wildfires as fireshed management areas; (2) directs the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Geological Survey to jointly establish an interagency Fireshed Center that is responsible for duties related to assessing and predicting fire, including maintaining a fireshed registry on a publicly accessible website that provides interactive geospatial data on individual firesheds; and (3) makes other requirements related to reducing wildfire.

Next, the bill expedites the review of certain forest management projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and exempts certain activities from NEPA review. It also establishes intra-agency strike teams to accelerate the review and any interagency consultation processes under NEPA, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It also limits consultation requirements concerning threatened and endangered species under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976. Finally, it limits litigation involving fireshed management projects and limits remedies that courts may provide.

Additionally, the bill supports reducing community wildfire risks, carrying out forest restoration and stewardship activities, conducting biochar demonstration projects, and advancing technologies to address forest wildfires.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 12, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1486. (consideration: CR H5673-5703)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3334, H.R. 8205, H.R. 8790 and H. Res. 1469. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3334 and H.R. 8790 under a structured rule and H.R. 8205 and H. Res. 1469 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on each measure with one motion to recommit on H.R. 3334, H.R. 8790, and H.R. 8205.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 1486 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Scott Fitzgerald to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 8790.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Molinaro amendment No. 1.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the LaMalfa amendment No. 2.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Valadao amendment No. 3, as modified.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Garamendi amendment No. 4.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Obernolte amendment No. 5, as modified.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Harder amendment No. 6.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Barr amendment No. 7.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pettersen amendment No. 8.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Mullin amendment No. 9.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Valadao amendment No. 10.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 11.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 12.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 13.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 14.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 15.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1486, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the LaLota amendment No. 16.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 8790.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** The House adopted the amendments en gros as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 268 - 151 (Roll no. 448).
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 268 - 151 (Roll no. 448).
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make

other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 8790.

- **Sep 23, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1486 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3334, H.R. 8205, H.R. 8790 and H. Res. 1469. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3334 and H.R. 8790 under a structured rule and H.R. 8205 and H. Res. 1469 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on each measure with one motion to recommit on H.R. 3334, H.R. 8790, and H.R. 8205.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-674, Part I.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 570.
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jun 26, 2024:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged
- **Jun 26, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jun 26, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 24, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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.