

HR 934

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill sets out requirements for wildfire suppression and management activities carried out by the Forest Service.

These requirements apply to Forest Service land that (1) has a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought intensity rating; (2) has a National Wildland Fire Preparedness level of 5 (i.e., the highest level of wildland fire activity); or (3) is located in a fireshed ranked in the top 10% of wildfire exposure.

Within 24 hours of detecting a wildfire on covered Forest Service land, the service must use all available resources to extinguish the wildfire. Additionally, the service may not inhibit the firefighting activities of state and local agencies that are authorized to respond to wildfires on covered Forest Service land.

Further, the service may not initiate a backfire or burnout as part of a fire suppression strategy unless it is ordered by the responsible incident commander or is necessary to protect the health and safety of firefighting personnel. The service must use all available resources to control any initiated fire until it is extinguished.

The bill also limits the service's use of prescribed fires (i.e., the controlled application of fire by a team of experts under specified weather conditions to restore health to ecosystems that depend on fire). The service must comply with all applicable laws and regulations concerning prescribed fires and must immediately suppress a prescribed fire that exceeds its prescription.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-924, Part I.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 23, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.