

## HR 471

Fix Our Forests Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-5]	R · MI		Jan 16, 2025

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Rep. Whitesides, George [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-1]	R · MT		Jan 16, 2025
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Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jan 23, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 6, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4671	Related bill	<b>Dec 2, 2025:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held
119 HR 2405	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2025:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
119 HR 598	Related bill	<b>Feb 28, 2025:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture.
119 HRES 53	Related bill	<b>Jan 22, 2025:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **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 (including watershed protection and restoration), conducting biochar demonstration projects, advancing technologies to address forest wildfires, and assisting wildland firefighters and their families.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 6, 2025:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 119-27.
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- **Jan 23, 2025:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 471 and S. 5. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 471 under a structured rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit. Also, the resolution provides for consideration of S. 5 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to commit.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 53 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Dale W. Strong to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 471.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 53, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Perry amendment No. 1.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 53, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Carbajal amendment No. 2.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 471.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** The House adopted the amendments en gros as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 471, the Chair put the question on passage of the bill and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Peters demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 23, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H346-347)
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