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Forest Data Modernization Act of 2025

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119 HR 7567	Related bill	Feb 13, 2026: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
119 HR 1213	Identical bill	Feb 11, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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This bill directs the Forest Service to expand and update its Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. Under the existing program, the Forest Service collects, analyzes, and reports on information about the condition of forest resources in the United States, such as data concerning wildfires or other forest management issues.

The bill directs FIA to include forest carbon in its inventory.

The bill also requires FIA's strategic plan to include a detailed description of the organization and procedures necessary to (1) understand and report on changes in land cover and use, and (2) evaluate carbon-related data variables.

FIA must update the strategic plan within six months and every five years thereafter. Among other items, the first update must include (1) a plan to implement nationally consistent data collection protocols and procedures; and (2) a plan to expand current data collection, further integrate remote sensing technology, or both.

FIA must also prepare and publish a compilation of certain forest statistics every two years.

Additionally, the bill requires FIA to continue (1) the Timber Products Output survey, and (2) the National Woodland Owner Survey.

To provide data consistency, FIA must include a clear definition of *forest* when reporting data.

Finally, FIA (1) must also establish an office, a data platform, or both to process and respond to complex data requests submitted by external organizations; and (2) may impose fees on the organizations submitting the requests.

