

HR 731

Green Tape Elimination Act of 2025

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Committee Activity

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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2025
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill exempts hazardous fuel reduction activities on federal lands from certain environmental and historic preservation regulations. *Hazardous fuel* means any vegetative material that is susceptible to burning, such as trees and grasses. *Hazardous fuel reduction activities* include installing firebreaks, using prescribed fire, and removing the hazardous fuels.

First, the bill states that hazardous fuel reduction activities are not to be considered a major federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for 10 years. NEPA requires agencies to identify and evaluate the impacts of major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment prior to finalizing certain decisions. Thus, the bill exempts such actions from environmental review under NEPA during that time period.

Next, the bill exempts hazardous fuel reduction activities from the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act for 10 years.

The bill also directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to exclude certain air quality data when determining whether there are exceedances or violations of the national ambient air quality standard for air pollutants. In the event a hazardous fuel reduction activity has a significant impact on air quality, the EPA must exclude that data when making such determination.

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