

# FIX OUR FORESTS ACT

*This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation restores forest health, increases resiliency to catastrophic wildfires, and protects communities by expediting environmental analyses, reducing frivolous lawsuits, and increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration projects. Sponsored by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Congressman Scott Peters (D-CA), it will provide agencies with critical tools to implement the most vital forest management projects immediately.*

Over 117 million acres of our nation's forests are overgrown, fire-prone and need active management. **The Fix Our Forests Act will:**

## SIMPLIFY

- **Simplify and expedite environmental reviews** to reduce costs and planning times for critical forest management projects while maintaining rigorous environmental standards.
- **End frivolous litigation** that delays needed forest management projects.

## FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS

- **Promote federal, state, tribal, and local collaboration** by creating a new Fireshed Center and codifying the Shared Stewardship initiative.
- Make **communities more resilient to wildfire** by coordinating existing grant programs and incentivizing new research.
- **Give agencies new tools** to restore watersheds, protect communities in the wildland-urban interface and prevent forest conversion.

## PRIORITIZE

- Utilize state-of-the-art science to **prioritize the treatment of forests at the highest risk of wildfire.**
- **Incentivize forest management projects of up to 10,000 acres** to increase the pace and scale of active management.

## RENEW

- **Revitalize rural economies** by strengthening tools such as Good Neighbor Authority and Stewardship Contracting.
- Adopt **new and innovative technologies** to address forest health threats like wildfires, drought, insects and disease.
- Harden utility rights-of-way against wildfire by **encouraging more active management** and removal of dangerous hazard trees.



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