



Fix Our Forests Act

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fix Our Forests Act (**H.R. 471**) is a historic and comprehensive package that will encourage active forest management and support community resiliency to wildfires by expediting environmental analyses, reducing frivolous lawsuits and increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration projects. Wildfires continue to devastate communities, destroy homes, and cause billions of dollars in damages each year, with current forest management practices failing to keep pace with the scale of the threat. The bill introduces more efficient tools for land managers, accelerates the pace of forest treatments, and supports local communities in their wildfire defense efforts. By focusing on proactive prevention and collaboration, FOFA provides a comprehensive solution to reduce the frequency and severity of catastrophic wildfires.

Key Provisions of FOFA The "Fix Our Forests Act" focuses on creating a more efficient, science-driven approach to wildfire risk reduction, prioritizing forest treatments in high-risk areas to protect communities. It introduces key provisions that ensure effective and immediate action on wildfire prevention:

- **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction**
FOFA creates a new interagency program to improve coordination among federal agencies and streamline grant applications for communities working to mitigate wildfire risks. This program also promotes fire-resistant building practices and helps local communities address the effects of wildfires, including air and water quality concerns.
- **Technological Innovation and Wildfire Prevention**
FOFA encourages the use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and 5G networks, to enhance wildfire detection, communication, and mitigation. The bill seeks to incorporate these technologies into current wildfire response strategies, ensuring that agencies can identify and address fire threats more effectively.
- **Collaboration and Community Involvement**
The bill promotes shared stewardship agreements, encouraging collaboration between federal, state, and tribal land managers. This approach ensures that wildfire risk reduction efforts are coordinated across jurisdictional boundaries, creating more cohesive and efficient forest management plans.

Fix Our Forests Act represents a critical step forward in addressing wildfire risks in the United States. By empowering government agencies to act proactively, the bill offers a comprehensive solution to reducing the devastating impact of wildfires, saving lives, and protecting the environment for future generations.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide critical reforms to forest management to protect vulnerable communities and make our forests healthier and more resilient.

REQUEST

NLBMDA is asking the Senate to follow in the footsteps of the House of Representatives and pass the Fix our Forests Act