

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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OFFERED BY MR. BENTZ OF OREGON**

Strike subtitle B and insert the following:

1 **Subtitle B—Resilient Federal**
2 **Forests and Wildfire Prevention**

3 **SEC. 70201. PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS**
4 **FROM WILDFIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE AND**
5 **CREATING RESILIENT FORESTS.**

6 (a) PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS
7 FROM WILDFIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE AND CREATING
8 RESILIENT FORESTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise
9 available, there is appropriated to the Department of the
10 Interior for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the
11 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,500,000,000, to
12 remain available until September 30, 2031, except that no
13 amounts may be expended after September 30, 2031, to
14 improve forest health or reduce wildfire risk on landscapes
15 and communities through—

- 16 (1) thinning, including mechanical thinning;
17 (2) prescribed burning;
18 (3) timber harvesting;

1 (4) creating new markets for hazardous fuels,
2 including biochar;

3 (5) the creation of fuel and fire breaks;

4 (6) improved firehazard risk mapping, data collec-
5 tion and coordination, and management;

6 (7) the removal of hazard trees or the salvage
7 of timber for the protection of public health or safe-
8 ty, water supply, or public infrastructure;

9 (8) the removal of hazardous fuels through tar-
10 geted grazing; or

11 (9) any combination of purposes described in
12 paragraphs (1) through (8).

13 (b) TRIBAL WILDFIRE PREVENTION.—In addition to
14 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
15 Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year 2022, out of any
16 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
17 \$2,500,000,000, except that no amounts may be expended
18 after September 30, 2031, to improve forest health or re-
19 duce wildfire risk on landscapes and communities
20 through—

21 (1) thinning, including mechanical thinning;

22 (2) prescribed burning;

23 (3) timber harvesting;

24 (4) creating new markets for hazardous fuels,
25 including biochar;

- 1 (5) the creation of fuel and fire breaks;
- 2 (6) improved firehazard risk mapping, data collec-
3 tion and coordination, and management;
- 4 (7) the removal of hazard trees or the salvage
5 of timber for the protection of public health or safe-
6 ty, water supply, or public infrastructure;
- 7 (8) the removal of hazardous fuels through tar-
8 geted grazing;
- 9 (9) cooperative agreements to improve the man-
10 agement of adjacent federal land using Tribal man-
11 agement practices; or
- 12 (10) any combination of purposes described in
13 paragraphs (1) through (9).

14 (c) FOREST TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS.—In ad-
15 dition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
16 priated to the Office of Wildland Fire Management for
17 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
18 otherwise appropriated, \$1,000,000, to remain available
19 until September 30, 2031, except that no amounts may
20 be expended after September 30, 2031, for carrying out
21 a research, development, and testing pilot program to—

- 22 (1) assess new technologies, including un-
23 manned aircraft system, geospatial, or remote sens-
24 ing technologies, across all reforestation activities;

1 (2) accelerate the deployment and integration of
2 such technologies into the operations of the Sec-
3 retary of the Interior;

4 (3) enhance detection of unauthorized drones
5 near forest fires; and

6 (4) collaborate and cooperate with State, Trib-
7 al, and private geospatial information system organi-
8 zations with respect to such technologies.

Strike section 70401 and insert the following:

9 **SEC. 70401. EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE NEPA IMPLEMEN-**
10 **TATION.**

11 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
12 appropriated to the Department of the Interior for fiscal
13 year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
14 appropriated, \$150,000,000, to remain available until
15 September 30, 2031, except that no amounts may be ex-
16 pended after September 30, 2031, to provide for more effi-
17 cient and more effective environmental reviews under the
18 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the—

19 (1) the hiring and training of additional per-
20 sonnel;

21 (2) the development of programmatic assess-
22 ments or templates;

23 (3) the procurement of technical or scientific
24 services;

- 1 (4) the development of data or technology sys-
2 tems;
- 3 (5) stakeholder and community engagement;
- 4 (6) the purchase of new equipment;
- 5 (7) the streamlining of environmental reviews
6 for forest management projects that protect or re-
7 store wildland urban-interfaces, watersheds, wildlife
8 habitat, and critical infrastructure; and
- 9 (8) the streamlining of environmental reviews
10 for forest management projects in locations experi-
11 encing severe, extreme, or exceptional drought.

