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S. 2456

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities on certain federally owned lands to address the adverse effects of 1994 wildfires in the western portion of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 12), 1994

Mr. GORTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Health Act of
5 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS THE ADVERSE EFFECTS**
2 **OF WILDFIRES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, immediately after the date of enactment of
5 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the Forest Service and in consultation with the
7 Secretary of the Interior, shall carry out the following ac-
8 tivities on Federally owned lands that were adversely af-
9 fected by the 1994 wildfires in the western portion of the
10 United States:

11 (1) Thinning and salvaging dead, dying, bug in-
12 fested, and burnt timber to remove existing fuel
13 loads and improve the health of forests.

14 (2) Seeding with grass seeds, conducting tree
15 planting operations, and carrying out other forms of
16 revegetation for the purposes of flood prevention and
17 the prevention of landslides.

18 (b) **EMPLOYMENT.**—Notwithstanding any other pro-
19 vision of law, to the maximum extent practicable, the Sec-
20 retary of Agriculture shall employ dislocated timber work-
21 ers to carry out the activities specified in subsection (a).

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