109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5697

To provide for the appropriate designation of certain Federal positions involved in wildland fire suppression activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 28, 2006

Mr. Pombo (for himself and Mr. Porter) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 "Federal Wildland Fire-
- 5 fighter Classification Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT.
- 7 (a) In General.—In the administration of chapter
- 8 51 of title 5, United States Code, the Office of Personnel
- 9 Management shall ensure that the official title assigned
- 10 under such chapter to any class or other category of posi-

- 1 tions described in subsection (b) shall include the designa-
- 2 tion of "Wildland Firefighter" or words to that effect.
- 3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply in the
- 4 case of any class or other category of positions that con-
- 5 sists primarily or exclusively of forest technician positions,
- 6 range technician positions, or any other category of posi-
- 7 tions the duties and responsibilities of which may include
- 8 significant wildland fire suppression activities (as deter-
- 9 mined by the Office).

10 SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

- 11 Nothing in this Act shall be considered to require any
- 12 change in the pay, benefits, or other terms or conditions
- 13 of employment that apply with respect to any category of
- 14 employees or positions.

15 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

- 16 For purposes of this Act—
- 17 (1) the terms "class", "employee", and "posi-
- 18 tion" shall have the meanings set forth in section
- 19 5102 of title 5, United States Code; and
- 20 (2) the terms "forest technician position" and
- 21 "range technician position" shall have the meanings
- specified by the Office of Personnel Management.

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