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H. R. 1009

To authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfires.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. POCAN, Mr. COOK, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. CHU of California, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Wildfire Prevention
5 Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. WILDFIRE MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5187) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
6 section (e); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(d) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—The Presi-
10 dent may provide hazard mitigation assistance in accord-
11 ance with section 404 in any area affected by a fire for
12 which assistance was provided under this section, whether
13 or not a major disaster had been declared.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Robert T.
15 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) in section 404(a) (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a))—

18 (A) by inserting before the first period “,
19 or any area affected by a fire for which assist-
20 ance was provided under section 420”; and

21 (B) in the third sentence, by inserting “or
22 event under section 420” after “major disaster”
23 each place that term appears; and

1 (2) in section 322(e)(1) (42 U.S.C. 5165(e)(1)),
2 by inserting “or event under section 420” after
3 “major disaster” each place that term appears.

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