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H. R. 691

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to authorize insect and disease treatment programs on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Proven Wildfire Reduc-

5 tion Techniques Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT AREAS.**

7 Section 602 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act

8 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “**DESIGNATION**
2 **OF**”;

3 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) COOS BAY WAGON ROAD GRANT LANDS.—
7 The term ‘Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant lands’
8 means the lands reconveyed to the United States
9 pursuant to the first section of the Act of February
10 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179).

11 “(2) DECLINING FOREST HEALTH.—The term
12 ‘declining forest health’ means a qualified forest that
13 is experiencing—

14 “(A) substantially increased tree mortality
15 due to insect or disease infestation; or

16 “(B) dieback due to infestation or defolia-
17 tion by insects or disease.

18 “(3) OREGON AND CALIFORNIA RAILROAD
19 GRANT LANDS.—The term ‘Oregon and California
20 Railroad Grant lands’ means the following lands:

21 “(A) All lands in the State of Oregon re-
22 vested in the United States under the Act of
23 June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), that are adminis-
24 tered by the Secretary of the Interior, acting
25 through the Bureau of Land Management, pur-

1 suant to the first section of the Act of August
2 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a).

3 “(B) All lands in that State obtained by
4 the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the
5 land exchanges authorized and directed by sec-
6 tion 2 of the Act of June 24, 1954 (43 U.S.C.
7 1181h).

8 “(C) All lands in that State acquired by
9 the United States at any time and made subject
10 to the provisions of title II of the Act of August
11 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181f).

12 “(4) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term ‘public lands’
13 has the meaning given that term in section 103 of
14 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
15 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702), except that the term in-
16 cludes Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant lands and Or-
17 egon and California Railroad Grant lands.

18 “(5) QUALIFIED FOREST.—The term ‘qualified
19 forest’ means a forest located in—

20 “(A) National Forest System lands; or

21 “(B) public lands.

22 “(6) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ‘Sec-
23 retary concerned’ means—

24 “(A) with respect to National Forest Sys-
25 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture; and

1 “(B) with respect to public lands, the Sec-
2 retary of the Interior.”;

3 (3) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary concerned may
6 carry out insect and disease treatment programs in a
7 qualified forest that meets the requirements specified in
8 subsection (c).”;

9 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “To be des-
10 ignated a landscape-scale area under subsection (b),
11 the area shall be” and inserting “The Secretary con-
12 cerned may only carry out projects under subsection
13 (b) in a qualified forest that is”; and

14 (5) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “on Fed-
15 eral land in the areas designated”.

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