

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 598

To amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are not required to reinitiate consultation on a land management plan or land use plan under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2025

Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. NEWHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Information
3 Reform Act” or as the “FIR Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NO ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED.**

5 (a) FOREST SERVICE PLANS.—Section 6(d)(2) of the
6 Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act
7 of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604(d)(2)) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 “(2) NO ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION RE-
10 QUIRED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—Not-
11 withstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
12 retary shall not be required to reinitiate consultation
13 under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act
14 of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536(a)(2)) or section 402.16 of
15 title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
16 regulation), on a land management plan approved,
17 amended, or revised under this section when—

18 “(A) a new species is listed or critical habi-
19 tat is designated under the Endangered Species
20 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); or

21 “(B) new information reveals effects of the
22 land management plan that may affect a spe-
23 cies listed or critical habitat designated under
24 that Act in a manner or to an extent not pre-
25 viously considered.”.

1 (b) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS.—Sec-
2 tion 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
3 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 “(g) NO ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED
6 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not be re-
8 quired to reinitiate consultation under section 7(a)(2) of
9 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
10 1536(a)(2)) or section 402.16 of title 50, Code of Federal
11 Regulations (or a successor regulation), on a land use plan
12 approved, amended, or revised under this section when—

13 “(1) a new species is listed or critical habitat
14 is designated under the Endangered Species Act of
15 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); or

16 “(2) new information reveals effects of the land
17 use plan that may affect a species listed or critical
18 habitat designated under that Act in a manner or to
19 an extent not previously considered.”.

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