



The Forest Emergency Recovery & Research Act (HR 4200)

We are asking for your support for the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act (HR 4200) which would assist our forests after a catastrophic event, such as a fire or hurricane. It is supported by a broad, bipartisan list of national and regional organizations (listed on the next page).

DOES:

- DOES establish a scientifically based plan to recover and restore our federal forests after natural disasters, such as tornados, wildfires, hurricanes, or ice storm.
- DOES secure the publics right to appeal and litigate federal forest recovery projects.
- DOES increase peer-reviewed science and funding for research.
- DOES require collaboration with states, local governments, tribes, colleges and universities, and other interested parties.
- DOES reduce costs to the government; the Congressional Budget Office score indicates that the bill would reduce spending by \$21 million from 2007-2011 and by \$23 million from 2007-2016.

DOES NOT:

- DOES NOT mandate any logging; all decisions on how to best manage a federal forest after a catastrophic event are left up to peer reviewed decisions by federal forest managers.
- DOES NOT override other environmental laws (such as the ESA, Wilderness Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, National Forest Management Act, National Historic Preservation Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act).
- DOES not apply to lands designated as Wilderness, National Park or National Monument.

CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT:

- Introduced on **November 3, 2005 with 98 original bipartisan cosponsors; 147 current bipartisan cosponsors; Seven hearings** held on the topic – passed **Resources Committee (25-13) and Agriculture Committee (36-3)**

For additional information, please contact the Subcommittee on Forests & Forest Health (202.225.0691) or Congressman Greg Walden's office (202.225.6730).

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BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY & RESEARCH ACT: The Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act has earned support of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Society of American Foresters, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, the Wildlife Management Institute, former Oregon State Forester Jim Brown (1986-2003), Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth, Oregon State University College of Forestry Dean Hal Salwasser, the Department of the Interior, Associated Oregon Counties, the Evergreen Foundation, and many additional conservation and local government organizations. In addition to the list of supporting groups below, wildfire fighting associations and entities representing over 330 companies and 12,000 firefighting professionals are also supporting HR 4200. List of organization supporting HR4200:

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| Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, Inc. | National Environmental Fuels Association |
| American Forest Resource Council | National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition |
| America Forest & Paper Association | National Rifle Association |
| American Helicopter Services & Aerial
Firefighting Association | National Rural Electric Cooperative Association |
| American Motorcyclist Association | National Shooting Sports Foundation |
| Archery Trade Association | National Trappers Association |
| Arkansas Forestry Association | National Wild Turkey Federation |
| Associated Oregon Counties | National Wildfire Suppression Association |
| Association of O&C Counties | New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association |
| Bear Trust International | North American Bear Foundation |
| Boise Wood Products | North American Deck and Railing Association |
| Boone and Crockett Club | Northwest Contract Firefighters Association |
| Bowhunting Preservation Alliance | Northwest Timber Fallers Association |
| California Forestry Association | Oregon Cattlemen's Association |
| Campfire Club of America | Oregon Firefighting Contractors Association |
| Central Oregon Association of Realtors | Oregon Home Builders Association |
| Columbia Helicopters | Pacific Wildfire International |
| Colusa County Board of Education, California | PatRick Corp. |
| Communities for Healthy Forests | Pitkin County, Colorado |
| Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs | Placer County, California |
| Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation | PNGC Power |
| Conservation Force | Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council |
| Dallas Safari Club | Quality Deer Management Association |
| Deschutes County, Oregon | Railway Tie Association |
| Evergreen Foundation | Regional Council of Rural Counties |
| Federal Wildland Fire Service Association | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation |
| Ferguson Management Company | Ruffed Grouse Society |
| Forest Industry Association Council | Safari Club International |
| Forest Products Industry National Labor
Management | Society of American Foresters |
| Foundation for North American Wild Sheep | Southern Appalachian Multiple-Use Council |
| Grayback Forestry | Southern Forest Products Association |
| Houston Safari Club | Southern Pressure Treaters Association |
| Idaho Women in Timber | Strike Back |
| Intermountain Forest Association | Tehama County, California |
| International Assn. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies | The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County |
| Jackson County, Oregon | The Hardwood Federation |
| Jefferson County, Oregon | Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership |
| Josephine County, Oregon | Timber Piling Council |
| Lassen County, California | Treated Wood Council |
| Louisiana Forestry Association | Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and the
Environment |
| Malheur County, Oregon | United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners |
| Minnesota Forest Industries | Valley County, Idaho |
| Minnesota Timber Producers Association | Virginia Forest Products Association |
| Montana Logging Association | Washburn Contract Services, Inc. |
| National Assn. of Conservation Districts | Western Counties Alliance |
| National Association of Counties | Western Forest Fire Services Association |
| National Federation of Federal Employees | Western Legislative Forestry Task Force |
| National Association of Home Builders | Whitetails Unlimited |
| National Association of State Foresters | Wildlife Management Institute |

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