

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require the conduct of a wildfire risk assessment and the development of a wildfire mitigation plan.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1262**

To designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

1        On page 3, lines 4 and 5, strike “dated October 10,  
2 2018” and insert “dated November 19, 2019”.

3        Beginning on page 4, strike line 20 and all that fol-  
4 lows through page 6, line 5, and insert the following:

5            (3) WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT.—Not later  
6 than 280 days after the date of enactment of this  
7 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Oregon

1 Governor's Council on Wildfire Response, shall con-  
2 duct a wildfire risk assessment that covers—

3 (A) the recreation areas designated by sub-  
4 section (a);

5 (B) the Wild Rogue Wilderness; and

6 (C) any Federal land adjacent to an area  
7 described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

8 (4) WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
10 after the date on which the wildfire risk assess-  
11 ment is conducted under paragraph (3), the  
12 Secretary shall develop a wildfire mitigation  
13 plan, based on the wildfire risk assessment, that  
14 identifies, evaluates, and prioritizes treatments  
15 and other management activities that can be  
16 implemented on the Federal land covered by the  
17 wildfire risk assessment (other than Federal  
18 land designated as a unit of the National Wil-  
19 derness Preservation System) to mitigate wild-  
20 fire risk to communities located near the appli-  
21 cable Federal land.

22 (B) PLAN COMPONENTS.—The wildfire  
23 mitigation plan developed under subparagraph  
24 (A) shall include—

1 (i) vegetation management projects  
2 (including mechanical treatments to reduce  
3 hazardous fuels and improve forest health  
4 and resiliency);

5 (ii) evacuation routes for communities  
6 located near the applicable Federal land,  
7 which shall be developed in consultation  
8 with State and local fire agencies; and

9 (iii) strategies for public dissemination  
10 of emergency evacuation plans and routes.

11 (C) APPLICABLE LAW.—The wildfire miti-  
12 gation plan under subparagraph (A) shall be  
13 developed in accordance with—

14 (i) this section; and

15 (ii) any other applicable law.

16 (5) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
18 subparagraph (B) or as the Secretary deter-  
19 mines necessary for public safety, no new per-  
20 manent or temporary roads shall be constructed  
21 (other than the repair and maintenance of ex-  
22 isting roads) within a recreation area des-  
23 ignated by subsection (a).

24 (B) TEMPORARY ROADS.—Consistent with  
25 the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may

1           construct temporary roads within a recreation  
2           area designated by subsection (a) to implement  
3           the wildfire mitigation plan developed under  
4           paragraph (4), unless the temporary road would  
5           be within an area designated as a unit of the  
6           National Wilderness Preservation System.

7           (C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph  
8           affects the administration by the Secretary of  
9           the Molalla Forest Road in accordance with ap-  
10          plicable resource management plans.

11          (6) EFFECT ON WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.—  
12          Nothing in this section alters the authority of the  
13          Secretary (in cooperation with other Federal, State,  
14          and local agencies, as appropriate) to conduct  
15          wildland fire operations within a recreation area des-  
16          ignated by subsection (a), consistent with the pur-  
17          poses of this Act.

18          (7) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
19          rights, all Federal surface and subsurface land with-  
20          in a recreation area designated by subsection (a) is  
21          withdrawn from all forms of—

22                  (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under  
23                  the public land laws;

24                  (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
25                  mining laws; and

1                   (C) disposition under all laws pertaining to  
2                   mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral  
3                   materials.

4                   (8) NO EFFECT ON WILDERNESS AREAS.—Any  
5                   wilderness area located within a recreation area des-  
6                   ignated by subsection (a) shall be administered in  
7                   accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131  
8                   et seq.).

9                   On page 6, line 13, strike “dated October 10, 2018”  
10                  and insert “dated November 19, 2019”.

11                  On page 8, line 6, strike “16 U.S.C. 1131(d)(1)” and  
12                  insert “16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)”.