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To provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on
certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

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 Resilient
5 Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION**

7 **PROJECTS ON CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY HEAD.—The term “agency head”
2 means—

3 (A) the Director of the National Park
4 Service;

5 (B) the Chief of the Forest Service;

6 (C) the Director of the Bureau of Land
7 Management;

8 (D) the Director of the United States Fish
9 and Wildlife Service; and

10 (E) the Director of the Bureau of Indian
11 Affairs.

12 (2) AT-RISK COMMUNITY; FIRE REGIME I; FIRE
13 REGIME II; FIRE REGIME III.—The terms “at-risk
14 community”, “fire regime I”, “fire regime II”, and
15 “fire regime III” have the meanings given those
16 terms in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Res-
17 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

18 (3) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
19 means Federal land under the jurisdiction of the ap-
20 plicable agency head.

21 (4) HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION
22 PROJECT.—The term “hazardous fuels reduction
23 project” means the removal or modification of flam-
24 mable vegetation or woody debris through prescribed
25 fire, thinning, brush removal, mastication, pruning,

1 slash treatment, or a combination of those methods,
2 on the condition that the method is ecologically ap-
3 propriate, cost-effective, and selected on a site-spe-
4 cific basis.

5 (b) HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The agency heads shall
7 carry out hazardous fuels reduction projects on cov-
8 ered land.

9 (2) PROJECT PRIORITIES.—In carrying out
10 paragraph (1), the agency heads shall prioritize haz-
11 ardous fuels reduction projects that are—

12 (A) conducted in areas that—

13 (i) are within or adjacent to—

14 (I) at-risk communities; or

15 (II) high-value watersheds;

16 (ii) have very high wildfire hazard hazard po-
17 tential; or

18 (iii) are in fire regime I, fire regime
19 II, or fire regime III; or

20 (B) designed to integrate and simulta-
21 neously advance 2 or more of the goals estab-
22 lished in the report of the Secretary of Agri-
23 culture and the Secretary of the Interior enti-
24 tled “The National Strategy: the Final Phase of
25 the Development of the National Cohesive

1 Wildland Fire Management Strategy” and
2 dated April 2014 and the update entitled “Na-
3 tional Cohesive Wildland Fire Management
4 Strategy Addendum Update” and dated Janu-
5 ary 2023—

6 (i) to create fire-adapted communities;

7 (ii) to restore and maintain resilient
8 landscapes; and

9 (iii) to achieve safe, effective fire re-
10 sponse.

11 (c) FUNDING.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—On the first October 1 fol-
13 lowing the date of enactment of this Act, out of any
14 funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
15 the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the
16 agency heads, in accordance with an allocation for-
17 mula established by the Secretary of the Treasury,
18 in consultation with the agency heads,
19 \$30,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended.

21 (2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The agency
22 heads shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and
23 shall use to carry out this section the funds trans-
24 ferred under paragraph (1), without further appro-
25 priation.

1 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING COSTS.—
2 Not more than 10 percent of funding made available
3 under paragraph (1) may be used for administrative
4 and planning costs.

5 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY WILDFIRE**
6 **DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 In addition to amounts made available to the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture under section 40803(c)(12) of the
9 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C.
10 6592(c)(12)), there is authorized to be appropriated to the
11 Secretary of Agriculture to carry out section 40803(f) of
12 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C.
13 6592(f)) \$3,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
14 2027 through 2031.

15 **SEC. 4. COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORA-**
16 **TION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

17 Section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
18 ment Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “spe-
21 cies;” and inserting “species or pathogens;”;

22 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking
23 “and” at the end;

24 (C) in subparagraph (H), by adding “and”
25 after the semicolon at the end; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(I) address standardized monitoring ques-
3 tions and indicators;”;

4 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

5 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the
8 end; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(iii) include a Federal Government
11 staffing plan for providing support to col-
12 laborative processes established pursuant
13 to subsection (b)(2);”;

14 (3) in subsection (d)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking
17 “and” at the end;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking
19 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
20 colon; and

21 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(G) whether the proposal seeks to use in-
24 novative implementation mechanisms, including
25 conservation finance agreements, good neighbor

1 agreements entered into under section 8206 of
2 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C.
3 2113a), and similar implementation mecha-
4 nisms;

5 “(H) whether the proposal seeks to reduce
6 the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire or increase
7 ecological restoration activities—

8 “(i) within areas across land owner-
9 ships, including State, Tribal, and private
10 land; and

11 “(ii) within the wildland-urban inter-
12 face; and

13 “(I) whether the proposal seeks to enhance
14 watershed health and drinking water sources.”;
15 and

16 (B) in paragraph (3)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
18 “10” and inserting “20”; and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
20 “2” and inserting “4”;

21 (4) in subsection (e)(3), by inserting “conflict
22 resolution or collaborative governance,” before “and
23 woody”; and

24 (5) in subsection (f)(6), by striking
25 “\$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through

1 2023” and inserting “\$100,000,000 for fiscal year
2 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter”.

3 **SEC. 5. COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND.**

4 Section 604 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act
5 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591c) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
7 section (k); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(j) COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
12 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known
13 as the ‘County Stewardship Fund’ (referred to in
14 this section as the ‘Fund’), to be administered by
15 the Secretary.

16 “(2) DEPOSITS.—Each fiscal year, with respect
17 to each contract under subsection (b), there shall be
18 deposited in the Fund an amount equal to the great-
19 er of—

20 “(A) 25 percent of the appraised value of
21 the forest products sold under the applicable
22 contract, to be transferred from the general
23 fund of the Treasury; and

1 “(B) 25 percent of the excess receipts from
2 the applicable contract, as authorized under
3 subsection (g)(2).

4 “(3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the Fund
5 shall—

6 “(A) be used only for purposes described
7 in paragraph (4); and

8 “(B) remain available until expended.

9 “(4) PURPOSES.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the
11 Chief or the Director, as applicable, shall dis-
12 tribute from amounts in the Fund to each
13 county in which a contract under subsection (b)
14 was carried out on Federal land in the county
15 during the preceding fiscal year a payment of
16 an amount equal to 25 percent of the receipts
17 generated from that contract.

18 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A county receiving
19 a payment under subparagraph (A) may use
20 the payment for any governmental purposes.”.