

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4541

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide clarification with respect to certain categorical exclusion authority relating to insect and disease infestation and wildfire resilience projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. TIFFANY (for himself, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. BENTZ) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Responding Aggres-
3 sively to Prevent Insects and Disease Act” or the “RAPID
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING CATEGORICAL EX-**
6 **CLUSION AUTHORITY RELATED TO INSECT**
7 **AND DISEASE INFESTATION.**

8 (a) INSECT AND DISEASE CATEGORICAL EXCLU-
9 SION.—Section 603(c) of the Healthy Forests Restoration
10 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591b(c)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “3000 acres”
12 and inserting “10,000 acres”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “Fire Re-
14 gime Groups I, II, or III,” and inserting “Fire Re-
15 gime I, Fire Regime II, Fire Regime III, Fire Re-
16 gime IV, or Fire Regime V,”.

17 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING CATEGORICAL EX-**
18 **CLUSION AUTHORITY RELATED TO WILDFIRE**
19 **RESILIENCE PROJECTS.**

20 Section 605(c) of the Healthy Forests Restoration
21 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591d(c)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “3000 acres”
23 and inserting “10,000 acres”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “Fire Re-
25 gime Groups I, II, or III” and inserting “Fire Re-

- 1 gime I, Fire Regime II, Fire Regime III, Fire Re-
- 2 gime IV, or Fire Regime V”.

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