

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MS. BYNUM OF OREGON

Add at the end of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 12__ . PROHIBITION ON FOREST SERVICE OPER-**
2 **ATIONAL OR STAFFING CHANGES THAT**
3 **WOULD DIMINISH WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.— None of the funds authorized or
5 otherwise made available by this Act may be used to carry
6 out any reorganization, relocation, consolidation, closure,
7 transfer of functions, reduction in force, or other signifi-
8 cant staffing or operational change within the Forest
9 Service unless the Secretary of provides, with respect to
10 such a change, the certification described in subsection
11 (b).

12 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The certification described in
13 this subsection is, with respect to a change specified in
14 subsection (a), a certification in writing to the Committees
15 on Agriculture and Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutri-
17 tion, and Forestry and Appropriations of the Senate,
18 that—

19 (1) such change will not—

1 (A) increase wildfire risk;

2 (B) diminish wildfire preparedness or the
3 response capacity of the Forest Service;

4 (C) reduce hazardous fuels treatment or
5 prescribed fire capacity of the Forest Service;

6 (D) delay initial attack or incident man-
7 agement capacity of the Forest Service; or

8 (E) reduce the wildfire research and
9 science capacity of the Forest Service.

10 (2) includes a detailed operational analysis of
11 such change;

12 (3) identifies any Forest Service personnel or
13 facilities impacted by such change;

14 (4) identifies how such change impacts coordi-
15 nation between State, Tribal, and local partners;

16 (5) includes a plan to mitigate any identified
17 operational risk

18 (c) WILDFIRE RISK DEFINED.—In this section, the
19 term “wildfire risk” includes any material degradation in
20 the ability of the Forest Service to prepare for, prevent,
21 mitigate, respond to, or recover from wildfire.

