

**AMENDMENT TO
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Redesignate section 12606 as section 12607.

Insert after section 12605 the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12606. WILDFIRE HAZARD SEVERITY MAPPING FOR**
2 **ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION**
3 **INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 (a) MAP REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
6 of Energy shall—

7 (1) use the most recent LANDFIRE data to
8 generate a geospatial map for the conterminous
9 United States that depicts wildfire risk to electric
10 utilities that—

11 (A) manage electric transmission infra-
12 structure or rights-of-ways on public lands; and

13 (B) maintain equipment that is at risk of
14 igniting or being impacted by wildland fire; and

15 (2) disseminate the information generated
16 under paragraph (1) in an appropriate format for
17 use by electric utilities in order to—

1 (A) improve understanding of wildfire risk;

2 (B) identify areas and assets at the highest
3 risk;

4 (C) prioritize infrastructure maintenance
5 and vegetation management;

6 (D) identify opportunities for energy stor-
7 age and microgrid projects; and

8 (E) develop plans for regular and emer-
9 gency access to manage and mitigate wildfire
10 risk.

11 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
12 the Secretary of Energy shall consult with—

13 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through
14 the Chief of the Forest Service;

15 (2) the Secretary of the Interior;

16 (3) the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
17 gency Management Agency;

18 (4) other appropriate Federal agencies;

19 (5) States;

20 (6) relevant colleges, universities, and institu-
21 tions of higher education with relevant expertise;

22 and

23 (7) other entities, as appropriate.

24 (c) ELECTRIC UTILITY DEFINED.—In this section,
25 the term “electric utility” means—

- 1 (1) a rural electric cooperative;
- 2 (2) a political subdivision of a State, such as a
- 3 municipally owned electric utility, or any agency, au-
- 4 thority, corporation, or instrumentality of one or
- 5 more State political subdivisions; and
- 6 (3) an investor-owned utility.

