Amendment to division A of the Rules Committee Print 115–31 Offered by Mr. Pearce of New Mexico

At the end of division A (before the short title) insert the following:

1 SEC. ____. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall 2 carry out a pilot program to reduce hazardous fuels in 3 a county—

4 (1) with over 2,000,000 acres of mixed conifer Na5 tional Forest System land that contain ponderosa pine and
6 pinon juniper;

7 (2) with a total population of less than 4,000;

8 (3) that has a square mileage of over 6,500; and

9 (4) where less than 25 percent of the land in such10 county is privately owned.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that
any project carried out pursuant to the pilot program described in subsection (a) has an average annual allowable
sale quantity of timber of at least 20 million board feet.
(c) A categorical exclusion is available to the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and carry out activities
described in subsections (a) and (b).

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