

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 471**OFFERED BY MS. SCHRIER OF WASHINGTON**

At the end of subtitle A of title III add the following:

1 **SEC. 309. FACILITATING THE RESPONSIBLE UTILIZATION**
2 **OF PRESCRIBED FIRE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
4 Chief of the Forest Service, shall—

5 (1) use all available resources, including infra-
6 red technologies, to ensure prescribed burns con-
7 ducted by the Forest Service are extinguished; and

8 (2) update the prescribed burn policies of the
9 Forest Service to reflect the findings and rec-
10 ommendations included in the report entitled “Na-
11 tional Prescribed Fire Program Review” published
12 by the Forest Service on September 2022.

13 (b) ADDRESSING WILDFIRE.—The Secretaries shall,
14 to the maximum extent practicable—

15 (1) expedite permitting required by the Secre-
16 taries for the installation, maintenance, or removal
17 of wildfire detection equipment, such as sensors,
18 cameras, and other relevant equipment, in areas at
19 risk of wildfire;

1 (2) expand the use of satellite and remote sens-
2 ing data and mobile technologies to assist wildfire
3 response, management, and firefighter safety
4 through improved situational awareness;

5 (3) review procurement requirements for wild-
6 fire detection equipment within the context of mod-
7 ern and innovative technology; and

8 (4) utilize new and existing technologies to ana-
9 lyze performance measurements and suppression ef-
10 fectiveness of wildland fire incidents.

11 (c) PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH REGARDING
12 SMOKE.—The Secretaries, in coordination with the Direc-
13 tor, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
14 Agency, and the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
15 trol and Prevention, shall conduct research to improve or
16 develop—

17 (1) wildland fire smoke prediction models that
18 incorporate data from appropriate sources, including
19 data compiled by the Fireshed Center;

20 (2) publicly available prescribed fire smoke im-
21 pact display tools that incorporate data from appro-
22 priate sources, including data compiled by the
23 Fireshed Center;

24 (3) appropriate, cost-effective, and consistent
25 mitigation strategies for communities impacted by

1 smoke, including with regard to prescribed fire ac-
2 tivities; and

3 (4) consistent nationally and scientifically sup-
4 ported messages regarding personal protection
5 equipment for the public, as necessary.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned, in con-
8 sultation with State, Tribal, and local governments, shall
9 submit to the relevant Congressional Committees a pre-
10 scribed fire operational strategy for each region of the Na-
11 tional Forest System and public lands that describes—

12 (1) additional staffing and funding needs to fa-
13 cilitate a safe and responsible increase in the utiliza-
14 tion of prescribed fire; and

15 (2) current and potential future plans by the
16 Secretary concerned to apply prescribed fire.

