

# MODERNIZING WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2025

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In 2024 alone, the U.S. had 64,897 wildfires, which burned a total of 8,924,884 acres. It's clear that we are in the midst of a wildfire crisis, and we must deploy the resources needed to meet this challenge. As a result, the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission developed 148 non-partisan policy recommendations to mitigate and respond to the ongoing crisis. This legislation is a **first-of-its-kind** package incorporating the Commission's expert-led policy recommendations on fighting wildland fire. This package provides a **once-in-a-generation** opportunity to meet the needs of the wildfire crisis.

**About the Legislation:** This wildfire package takes a four-pronged approach informed by the Commission's report to combat wildfires



## Wildland Fire Workforce Development

- Establishes a Middle Fire Leaders Academy to provide rapid training and certification for emerging wildfire and beneficial fire leaders.
- Creates a grant program for colleges and vocational programs to ensure consistent support for the fire mitigation, response, and recovery workforce.



## Wildland Firefighter Support

- Extends the break in service provision to two years to ensure that wildland firefighters can remain eligible for firefighter retirement eligibility.
- Allows wildland firefighters to not be penalized in how time worked counts for retirement.
- Authorizes a DOI Wildland Fire Management Casualty Assistance Program to provide assistance to loved ones of injured, ill, or deceased firefighters and support personnel.



## Wildfire Smoke and Public Health

- Establishes a nationally consistent smoke monitoring and alert system to provide consistent, real-time information and forecasts on air quality impacts from wildland fire.
- Authorizes a human health risk assessment and best practices for worker exposure to wildland fire smoke.



## Fire Mitigation and Technology

- Allows compensations to producers for forage losses due to the use of beneficial fire to reduce wildfires.
- Develops dynamic risk maps for the wildland environment.
- Streamlines accessibility and deployment of federal wildfire grants.
- Establishes the Joint Office of the Fire Environment Center.

## Support for the Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act of 2025

Endorsements: International Association of Fire Fighters, Megafire Action, National Federation of Federal Employees, Grassroots Wildland Firefighters, Alliance for Wildfire Resilience, International Association of Emergency Managers, National Emergency Management Association, Federation of American Scientists, The Nature Conservancy, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, BuildStrong America, the Environmental Defense Fund, Outdoor Alliance, and the National Association of State Foresters.

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