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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2013

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “New Mexico Wildland Fire Emergency Salvage Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. EXPEDITED SALVAGE TIMBER SALES IN RESPONSE TO THE SILVER, LITTLE BEAR, AND WHITE-WATER-BALDY COMPLEX FIRES IN NEW MEXICO.

(a) Salvage Timber Sales Required.—As part of the restoration and rehabilitation activities undertaken on lands within the Gila National Forest and Lincoln National Forest and on Bureau of Land Management lands adversely impacted by the 2012 Little Bear and White-water-Baldy Complex Fires and the 2013 Silver Fire in New Mexico, the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to the affected National Forest System lands, and the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to affected Bureau of Land Management lands, shall promptly plan and implement salvage timber sales of dead, damaged, or downed timber resulting from those wildfires.

(b) Legal Sufficiency.—Due to the extraordinary severity of the wildfires referred to in subsection (a), salvage timber sales conducted under such subsection shall proceed immediately and to completion notwithstanding any other provision of law, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Salvage timber sales conducted under subsection (a) shall not be subject to—

(1) administrative review, including, in the case of the Forest Service, the notice, comment, and appeal requirements of section 322 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law 102–381; 16 U.S.C. 1612 note); or

(2) judicial review in any court of the United States.

(d) LIMITATION; RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed in a manner that would affect the land management plan applicable to any area designated as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System under section 3 of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1132) and containing lands covered by subsection (a).