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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2013

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WILDFIRE MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.

(a) In General.—Section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and
(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
lowing:

“(d) POST DISASTER MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—
The President may provide hazard mitigation assistance
in accordance with section 404 in any area in which assist-
ance was provided under this section, whether or not a
major disaster had been declared.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Robert T.
Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
(42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 404(a) (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a))—

(A) by inserting before the first period “,
or any area in which assistance was provided
under section 420”; and

(B) in the third sentence, by inserting “or
 event under section 420” after “major disaster”
each place that term appears; and

(2) in section 322 (e)(1) (42 U.S.C.
5165(e)(1)), by inserting “or event under section
420” after “major disaster” each place that term
appears.