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# S. 1875

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

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purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildfire Disaster  
5 Funding Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced  
8 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2  
9 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

11 “(E) FLAME WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—

1           “(i) If a bill or joint resolution mak-  
2           ing appropriations for a fiscal year is en-  
3           acted that specifies an amount for wildfire  
4           suppression operations in the Wildland  
5           Fire Management accounts at the Depart-  
6           ment of Agriculture or the Department of  
7           the Interior, then the adjustments for that  
8           fiscal year shall be the amount of addi-  
9           tional new budget authority provided in  
10          that Act for wildfire suppression operations  
11          for that fiscal year, but shall not exceed  
12          \$2,689,000,000 in additional new budget  
13          authority in each of fiscal years 2014  
14          through 2021.

15          “(ii) As used in this subparagraph—

16               “(I) the term ‘additional new  
17               budget authority’ means the amount  
18               provided for a fiscal year, in excess of  
19               70 percent of the average costs for  
20               wildfire suppression operations over  
21               the previous 10 years, in an appro-  
22               priation Act and specified to pay for  
23               the costs of wildfire suppression oper-  
24               ations; and

1                   “(II) the term ‘wildfire suppres-  
2                   sion operations’ means the emergency  
3                   and unpredictable aspects of wildland  
4                   firefighting including support, re-  
5                   sponse, and emergency stabilization  
6                   activities; other emergency manage-  
7                   ment activities; and funds necessary  
8                   to repay any transfers needed for  
9                   these costs.

10                   “(iii) The average costs for wildfire  
11                   suppression operations over the previous  
12                   10 years shall be calculated annually and  
13                   reported in the President’s Budget submis-  
14                   sion under section 1105(a) of title 31,  
15                   United States Code, for each fiscal year.”.

16                   (b) DISASTER FUNDING.—Section 251(b)(2)(D) of  
17 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act  
18 of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(D)) is amended—

19                   (1) in clause (i)—

20                   (A) in subclause (I), by striking “and” and  
21                   inserting “plus”;

22                   (B) in subclause (II), by striking the pe-  
23                   riod and inserting “; less”; and

24                   (C) by adding the following:

1                   “(III) the additional new budget  
2                   authority provided in an appropriation  
3                   Act for wildfire suppression operations  
4                   pursuant to subparagraph (E) for the  
5                   preceding fiscal year.”; and

6                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

7                   “(v) Beginning in fiscal year 2016  
8                   and in subsequent fiscal years, the calcula-  
9                   tion of the ‘average funding provided for  
10                  disaster relief over the previous 10 years’  
11                  shall include the additional new budget au-  
12                  thority provided in an appropriation Act  
13                  for wildfire suppression operations pursu-  
14                  ant to subparagraph (E).”.

15 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

16                  If the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of  
17                  Agriculture determines that supplemental appropriations  
18                  are necessary for a fiscal year for wildfire suppression op-  
19                  erations, such Secretary shall promptly submit to Con-  
20                  gress—

21                   (1) a request for such supplemental appropria-  
22                  tions; and

23                   (2) a plan detailing the manner in which such  
24                  Secretary intends to obligate the supplemental ap-

- 1        appropriations by not later than 30 days after the date
- 2        on which the amounts are made available.

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