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H. R. 8084

To amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to allow additional flood prevention measures on certain lands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2022

Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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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 “Fire Recovery Im-
5 provement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES.**

7 The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
8 (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

1 **“SEC. 16. ADDITIONAL FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES.**

2 “(a) FOREST SERVICE LANDS.—In carrying out this
3 Act, the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Nat-
4 ural Resources Conservation Service, may—

5 “(1) carry out activities on eligible lands to ad-
6 dress the effects of flooding in downstream commu-
7 nities; and

8 “(2) carry out activities to mitigate potential ef-
9 fects of flooding in downstream communities upon
10 the receipt of an independent hydraulic study that
11 shows that severe and repetitive flooding is likely in
12 such communities.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITY.—The term
15 ‘downstream community’ means a community that—

16 “(A) is located on land not under the juris-
17 diction of the Forest Service; and

18 “(B) is threatened by post-wildfire flooding
19 in such community due to a post-wildfire burn
20 scar on adjacent or upstream Forest Service
21 lands.

22 “(2) ELIGIBLE LAND.—The term ‘eligible land’
23 means land that is—

24 “(A) located in a county in which less than
25 50 percent of the land is privately owned; and

1 “(B) under the jurisdiction of the Forest
2 Service.”.

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