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H. R. 3559

To ensure that the Forest Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. MIN) 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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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 “Save Our Forests Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
2 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
3 the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
4 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
5 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Agriculture.

8 **SEC. 3. FOREST SERVICE STAFFING AND PERSONNEL.**

9 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, using funds previously appropriated to the
11 Secretary for such purposes, the Secretary shall—

12 (1) increase staffing necessary to sustain the
13 health, diversity, and productivity of National Forest
14 System land to meet the needs of present and future
15 generations; and

16 (2) reinstate any individuals who were involun-
17 tarily removed or otherwise terminated from employ-
18 ment with the Forest Service during the period be-
19 ginning on January 20, 2025, and ending on the
20 date of enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF AUTHORIZED FOREST SERVICE**
22 **PROJECTS.**

23 The Secretary shall continue to carry out each project
24 of the Forest Service for which funds are authorized or
25 appropriated under—

1 (1) the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
2 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.);

3 (2) section 200303 of title 54, United States
4 Code;

5 (3) chapter 2004 of title 54, United States
6 Code;

7 (4) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
8 (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429); or

9 (5) Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as
10 the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) (136 Stat.
11 1818).

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