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To require the Secretary of the Army to conduct certain wildfire risk assessments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Wildfire Prevention
5 and Recovery Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROJECTS IN ARIZONA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may
8 periodically conduct wildfire risk assessments to reduce
9 risk and recovery costs associated with wildfire and post-
10 wildlife impacts to federally authorized dams, reservoirs,

1 and associated infrastructure under the jurisdiction of the
2 Corps of Engineers in the State of Arizona.

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting a wildfire risk
4 assessment under this section, the Secretary of the Army
5 shall consider and identify—

6 (1) wildfire exposure risks that may affect the
7 ability of the Corps of Engineers to carry out au-
8 thorized purposes, including navigation, flood con-
9 trol, hydropower, water supply, recreation, and
10 aquatic ecosystem restoration;

11 (2) corresponding risks to communities that
12 could occur in the event of failure of the dam, res-
13 ervoir, or associated infrastructure due to wildfire
14 exposure;

15 (3) the functionality of the dam, reservoir, and
16 associated infrastructure regarding post-wildfire
17 risk, including any known or estimated impacts asso-
18 ciated with excess sedimentation and debris flows;

19 (4) available studies, information, literature, or
20 data from relevant Federal, State, or local entities;
21 and

22 (5) mitigation strategies to increase the capa-
23 bility of the Corps of Engineers to prepare for and

- 1 respond to wildfire risk affecting the dam, reservoir,
- 2 and associated infrastructure.

