

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 236

To exempt prescribed burning on National Forest System lands from regulation under the Clean Air Act.

---

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. ROGAN (for himself, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. McKEON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

---

## A BILL

To exempt prescribed burning on National Forest System lands from regulation under the Clean Air Act.

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 “National Forest Pro-  
5       tection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON REGULATION OF PRESCRIBED**  
7       **BURNING.**

8       Section 118 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7418)  
9       is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10      section:

---

1       “(e) PRESCRIBED BURNING ON NATIONAL FOREST  
2 SYSTEM LANDS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), for a  
3 period of 10 years after the date of the enactment of this  
4 subsection, the Administrator shall suspend the applica-  
5 tion of this Act (other than this subsection) to prescribed  
6 burning carried out by the Secretary of Agriculture on Na-  
7 tional Forest System lands for the purpose of demonstrat-  
8 ing that an aggressive prescribed burning program over  
9 time will lower the total amount of particulate produced  
10 from the combined outputs of prescribed fires and  
11 wildfires.”.

○