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1ST SESSION

S. 906

To promote wildland firefighter safety.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2005

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Wildland Firefighter
5 Safety Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.**

7 (a) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this section, the
8 term “Secretary” means—

9 (1) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect
10 to public land (as defined in section 103 of the Fed-
11 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43

1 U.S.C. 1702)), the surface of which is administered
2 by the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
3 Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and

4 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to
5 land of the National Forest System (as defined in
6 section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-
7 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.
8 1609(a))) administered by the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Serv-
10 ice.

11 (b) FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND TRAINING BUDG-
12 ET.—The Secretary shall—

13 (1) track funds expended for firefighter safety
14 and training programs and activities; and

15 (2) include a line item for funds expended
16 under paragraph (1) in each budget request sub-
17 mitted after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
19 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annu-
20 ally thereafter, the Secretaries shall jointly submit to Con-
21 gress a report on the implementation and efficacy of
22 wildland firefighter safety and training programs and ac-
23 tivities.

24 (d) SAFETY QUALIFICATION OF PRIVATE CONTRAC-
25 TORS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall ensure
2 that any Federal contract or agreement entered into
3 with a private entity for wildland firefighting serv-
4 ices requires the entity to provide firefighter training
5 in accordance with qualification standards estab-
6 lished by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

7 (2) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretaries shall de-
8 velop a program to monitor and enforce compliance
9 with the requirements of paragraph (1).

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