

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 536

To amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of the term “renewable biomass”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2009

Mr. WYDEN 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. RENEWABLE BIOMASS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that Congress should seek to establish a consistent
6 definition for the term “renewable biomass”.

7 (b) RENEWABLE BIOMASS.—Section 211(o)(1)(I) of
8 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(1)(I)) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating clauses (v) through (vii) as
10 clauses (vi) through (viii), respectively;

1 (2) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

2 “(v) Slash and precommercial sized
3 thinnings harvested—

4 “(I) in environmentally sustain-
5 able quantities, as determined by the
6 appropriate Federal land manager;
7 and

8 “(II) from National Forest Sys-
9 tem land or public land (as defined in
10 section 103 of the Federal Land Pol-
11 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43
12 U.S.C. 1702), other than—

13 “(aa) components of the Na-
14 tional Wilderness Preservation
15 System;

16 “(bb) wilderness study
17 areas;

18 “(cc) inventoried roadless
19 areas and all unroaded areas of
20 at least 5,000 acres;

21 “(dd) old growth stands;

22 “(ee) components of the Na-
23 tional Landscape Conservation
24 System; and

1 “(ff) national monuments.”;

2 and

3 (3) by striking clause (vi) (as redesignated by
4 paragraph (1)) and inserting the following:

5 “(vi) Biomass obtained on land in any
6 ownership from the immediate vicinity of
7 any building, camp, or public infrastruc-
8 ture facility (including roads), at risk from
9 wildfire.”.

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