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S. 3172

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for certain wildfire mitigation assistance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 2016

Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 Mitigation As-
5 sistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDFIRE MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.
8 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 5187) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
 2 section (e); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
 4 lowing:

5 “(d) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whether or not a major
 7 disaster is declared, the President may provide haz-
 8 ard mitigation assistance in accordance with section
 9 404 in any area or related area affected by a fire
 10 for which assistance was provided under this section.

11 “(2) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding sec-
 12 tion 404(a), the President may establish a minimum
 13 amount of hazard mitigation assistance to be pro-
 14 vided for a wildfire or fire complex under this sub-
 15 section.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Robert T.
 17 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
 18 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) in section 404(a) (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a))—

20 (A) by inserting before the first period “,
 21 or any area in which assistance was provided
 22 under section 420”; and

23 (B) in the third sentence, by inserting “or
 24 event under section 420” after “major disaster”
 25 each place that term appears; and

1 (2) in section 322(e)(1) (42 U.S.C. 5165(e)(1)),
2 by inserting “or event under section 420” after
3 “major disaster” each place that term appears.

4 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
5 year after the date of enactment of this Act and annually
6 thereafter, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
7 Management Agency shall submit to the Committee on
8 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
9 ate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
10 of the House of Representatives, and the Appropriations
11 Committees of the Senate and the House of Representa-
12 tives a report containing a summary of any projects car-
13 ried out, and any funding provided to those projects,
14 under subsection (d) of section 420 of the Robert T. Staf-
15 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
16 U.S.C. 5187) (as amended by section 2(a)(2)).

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