

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require limitations on prescribed burns.

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H. R. 2647

To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE to
the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Mr. ROBERTS

Viz:

1 At the end of title IV, add the following:

2 **SEC. 4 ____ . PRESCRIBED BURN APPROVAL.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYS-
5 TEM.—The term “national fire danger rating sys-
6 tem” means the national system used to provide a
7 measure of fire danger according to a range of low
8 to moderate to high to very high to extreme.

9 (2) PRESCRIBED BURN.—The term “prescribed
10 burn” means a planned fire intentionally ignited.

1 (b) LIMITATIONS ON PRESCRIBED BURNS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), the head of a Federal agency shall not
4 authorize a prescribed burn on Federal land if, for
5 the county or contiguous county in which the Fed-
6 eral land is located, the national fire danger rating
7 system indicates an extreme fire danger level.

8 (2) EXCEPTION.—The head of a Federal agen-
9 cy may authorize a prescribed burn under a condi-
10 tion described in paragraph (1) if the head of the
11 Federal agency coordinates with the applicable State
12 government and local fire officials.

13 (3) REPORT.—At the end of each fiscal year,
14 the Chief of the Forest Service shall submit to Con-
15 gress a report describing—

16 (A) the number and locations of prescribed
17 burns during that fiscal year; and

18 (B) each prescribed burn during that fiscal
19 year that was authorized by the head of a Fed-
20 eral agency pursuant to paragraph (2).