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As Wildfire Smoke Blankets Much of the U.S., Megafire Action and Alliance for Wildfire Resilience Renew Push for Senate to Act

Washington, D.C. – As catastrophic wildfires continue to burn across the United States – sending smoke across much of the country and toward Washington, D.C. – Megafire Action and Alliance for Wildfire Resilience are renewing their push for the Senate to pass the bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act (S. 1462).

Mobile billboards are circling Capitol Hill this week with a reminder of what's at stake: "Wildfires don't wait for the Senate to act." The ads note that more than 3.4 million acres have already burned across the U.S. this year—roughly [45% more than at this point last year and nearly 150%](#) times the 10-year average.



"The East Coast is getting a firsthand look at what millions of Americans already know: catastrophic wildfires impact communities far beyond the fire line," said **Matt Weiner, founder and CEO of Megafire Action**. "The bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act has the votes to pass today. Senators heading to the Capitol through the smoke should demand a vote now."

"In the face of the growing wildfire crisis, it's easy to feel hopeless. But we aren't without solutions," said **Tyson Bertone-Riggs, founder and Managing Director for Policy at Alliance for Wildfire Resilience**. "What we know for certain is that doing nothing puts our landscapes

and communities at ever greater risk. Congress has the opportunity to act by passing the Fix Our Forests Act. We can't afford to wait."

The Fix Our Forests Act—led by Senators John Hickenlooper (D-CO), John Curtis (R-UT), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Tim Sheehy (R-MT)—would cut red tape that slows proven wildfire resilience efforts that have [previously hampered](#) wildfire response. It also makes long-overdue changes to how the federal government adopts and scales cutting-edge wildfire technology to meet the threats communities are facing today.

The House passed its version of FOFA last year, and the Senate advanced the legislation out of committee months ago, but the bill has yet to receive a vote on the Senate floor.

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Megafire Action is the leading non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to the fundamental shift in policy, practice, and technology needed to prevent catastrophic megafires and protect American communities and landscapes.
