ICYMI: The Hotshot Wake Up: What's Passed, What's Pending, What's Been Defeated? A Current Look At Wildfire Legislation With Founder Of Megafire Action Matt Weiner

In a new interview with The Hotshot Wake Up, Megafire Action founder and CEO Matt Weiner discusses our work to modernize wildfire policy, from recent landmark legislative wins in California to the urgent push to pass the bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act. The wide-ranging conversation dives into the progress being made and the work still ahead to solve the megafire crisis.

Key Quote: "We started Megafire Action in 2022 with the goal of solving the megafire crisis because we do have the agency to solve this crisis, and therefore we need to demand that policymakers do more and act with more urgency to get it done. And we need to make sure they have the support they need to do it in a sensible way."

In case you missed it…

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"On today's show: If anyone knows how to navigate the political soup to pass wildfire legislation, it's Matt Weiner, CEO and Founder of Megafire Action.

"Megafire Action has worked on hazard pay for prescribed burns, the Fix Our Forests Act, and much of the wildfire legislation that recently passed in California. This includes home hardening grants, reducing litigation for prescribed burns, grants for communities in the wildland urban interface, and even a dedicated CAL FIRE unit to test and rapidly deploy emerging wildfire technology.

"Before founding Megafire Action in 2022, Matt was the Executive Director of the CA Democratic Congressional Delegation (House of Representatives), Chief of Staff to State Senator Henry Stern (CA), and held various roles with the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

“They are now focused on federal wildfire legislation, with many wondering what that will look like in the coming months. A great conversation.

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