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Megafire Action Applauds U.S. House Passage of Save Our Sequoias Act

Bipartisan momentum grows for smart, targeted forest protections

Washington, D.C. – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed by a voice vote the bipartisan [Save Our Sequoias Act](#), critical legislation endorsed by Megafire Action. This bill represents a significant step forward in providing the conservation and protection necessary for California's iconic giant sequoia trees.

"Today's vote is a major win for forest health," said Matt Weiner, founder and CEO of Megafire Action. **"The Save Our Sequoias Act builds on successful action USFS took to ramp up the pace and scale of resilience work after losing 20% of our iconic sequoia groves to extreme wildfire in 2022. The Giant Sequoias Land Coalition has made incredible progress and this bill will help finish the job and save these iconic forests. Like the Fix Our Forests Act, which would take a similar approach to expediting resilience work on federal land, the Save Our Sequoias Act is bipartisan, targeted, and essential. We urge the Senate to maintain this momentum and get these complementary reforms across the finish line without delay."**

The Save Our Sequoias Act will enhance coordination between federal, state, tribal, and local land managers through shared stewardship agreements and the codification of the Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition, a partnership between the current Giant Sequoia managers. It will:

- Create a Giant Sequoia Health and Resiliency Assessment to prioritize wildfire risk reduction treatments in the highest-risk groves and track the progress of scientific forest management activities.
- Declare an emergency to streamline and expedite environmental reviews and consultations while maintaining robust scientific analysis.
- Provide new authority to the National Park Foundation and National Forest Foundation to accept private donations to facilitate giant sequoia restoration and resiliency.
- Establish a comprehensive reforestation strategy to regenerate giant sequoias in areas destroyed by recent catastrophic wildfires.

Furthermore, the bill directs the Department of the Interior to implement a Giant Sequoia Reforestation and Rehabilitation Strategy, backed by new specialized programs and funding.

In the wake of the House victory the momentum continued as this afternoon, the Senate companion bill was introduced by Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA) and John Curtis (R-UT). This legislation complements the [Fix Our Forests Act](#) (S. 1462), which currently awaits consideration by the full U.S. Senate. Both bills enjoy bipartisan support. In October 2025, the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry advanced the bill on a bipartisan basis. The Fix Our Forests Act seeks to modernize management policies, streamline permitting for high-priority safety projects, and establish a Wildfire Intelligence Center to improve inter-agency data sharing. It is backed by a broad coalition of governors, state agencies, conservation groups, and industry leaders.

Megafire Action urges the Senate to move quickly to pass both the Save Our Sequoias Act and the Fix Our Forests Act to ensure the long-term resilience of our nation's forests.

About Megafire Action

Megafire Action is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to developing and securing policy solutions to solve the megafire crisis. We advocate for systemic change at the national and state level, with a focus on landscape management, community resilience, and better use of innovative technology solutions.

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