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Megafire Action Statement Applauds the Senate Agriculture Committee for Advancing the Bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act

Washington, D.C. – Today, after the Fix Our Forests Act (S. 1462) passed out of the Senate Agriculture Committee on a bipartisan basis, Megafire Action, the nation’s leading advocacy organization dedicated to solving the megafire crisis, released the following statement:

“Today’s bipartisan vote to advance the Fix Our Forests Act is a critical step towards addressing America’s wildfire crisis,” said **Matt Weiner, Founder and CEO of Megafire Action**. “We commend Chairman Boozman, Ranking Member Klobuchar, and committee Democrats Fetterman, Luján, Slotkin, Warnock, and Welch for supporting this common-sense legislation alongside their Republican colleagues. After this strong showing, Congress is poised to deliver much needed tools to reduce risk, restore our forests and wildlands, and protect lives. We urge all members of Congress—Democrats and Republicans alike—to carry this momentum forward and pass the Fix Our Forests Act without delay.”

For the past year and a half, Megafire Action has been a strong supporter of the bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act —led by Senators John Hickenlooper (D-CO), John Curtis (R-UT), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Tim Sheehy (R-MT). The bill cuts 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 face today.

The bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act continues to gain momentum, earning growing support from both Democrats and Republicans as it advances, along with strong backing from a broad coalition that includes **leading California fire chiefs, Governors** Jared Polis, Colorado; Gavin Newsom, California; Spencer Cox, Utah; Western Governors’ Association; **state agencies** Colorado Department of Natural Resources; Colorado State Forest Service; Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; California Natural Resources Agency; Utah Department of Natural Resources; CAL FIRE, **conservation, environmental, and outdoor recreation groups** including The Nature Conservancy; National Wildlife Federation; Environmental Defense Fund; National Audubon Society; Citizens’ Climate Lobby; Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition; The Stewardship Project; The Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society; The

Property and Environment Research Center (PERC); Rocky Mountain Elk; Climate & Wildfire Institute; National Wild Turkey Federation; Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors (HECHO); **businesses, trade associations, and think tanks** Bipartisan Policy Center Action (BPC Action); and the American Property Casualty Insurance Association; and Salesforce; Berkshire Hathaway Energy; Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions; Colorado's Electric Cooperatives; United Power; Colorado Water Congress; US Chamber of Commerce, and more.

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