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One Year After Deadly Los Angeles Fires, U.S. Senate Has Opportunity to Act on Bipartisan Wildfire Solution

Fix Our Forests Act has significant bipartisan support, is awaiting full floor vote

Washington, D.C. – One year after devastating megafires tore through Los Angeles, not enough has been done at the federal level to prevent the next disaster. Recently, the **Fix Our Forests Act** passed out of committee with broad bipartisan support, and it's currently awaiting passage by the full U.S. Senate. Megafire Action, the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to solving the megafire crisis, is calling on lawmakers to act on this unique opportunity to address this crisis.

"The Palisades and Eaton fires were horrific tragedies for so many Angelenos who are still struggling to recover. The megafire crisis is here, and communities remain at risk," said **Matt Weiner, founder and CEO of Megafire Action**. "The Fix Our Forests Act is a rare, bipartisan opportunity to establish policy solutions that will prevent future megafires and protect Americans. The urgency is real, and the path forward is clear. The U.S. Senate must bring this bill to the floor immediately."

One year ago today, the Palisades and Eaton fires tore through the Los Angeles metropolitan area, fueled by drought, heavy vegetation, and strong Santa Ana winds. In total, the fires burned more than [37,000 acres](#), destroyed [over 16,000 homes and other structures](#), forced [200,000 people](#) to evacuate, and caused a staggering [\\$107 billion in damages](#). A [2025 study](#) has since linked the fires – ranked among the most destructive in California history – to as many as 440 deaths.

The [Fix Our Forests Act \(S. 1462\)](#), introduced by U.S. Senators Curtis, Hickenlooper, Padilla, and Sheehy, represents a crucial bipartisan solution. The legislation would modernize forest management policies, expedite permitting for safety projects, and create the Wildfire Intelligence Center to better protect communities and ecosystems.

Despite the urgent need, the bill is awaiting passage in the Senate. Megafire Action will continue working with partners and lawmakers to ensure Senators feel the full weight of public expectation now that the Senate has returned to session this year.

Widespread bipartisan support for the Fix Our Forests Act is backed by a massive coalition of fire chiefs, governors, and industry leaders. Supporters include:

- **Governors:** Gavin Newsom (CA), Jared Polis (CO), Spencer Cox (UT), and the 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:** 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), American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Salesforce, Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, Colorado's Electric Cooperatives, United Power, Colorado Water Congress, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and more

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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