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H. R. 2492

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fire Safe Electrical
5 Corridors Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITS AND AGREEMENTS WITH ELECTRICAL**
2 **UTILITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any special use permit or ease-
4 ment on covered Federal lands provided to an electrical
5 utility, the Secretary concerned may provide permission to
6 cut and remove trees or other vegetation from within the
7 vicinity of distribution lines or transmission lines without
8 requiring a separate timber sale, if that cutting and re-
9 moval is consistent with—

10 (1) any applicable land and resource manage-
11 ment plan; and

12 (2) other applicable environmental laws (includ-
13 ing regulations).

14 (b) USE OF PROCEEDS.—A special use permit or
15 easement that includes permission for cutting and removal
16 described in subsection (a) shall include a requirement
17 that, if the applicable electrical utility sells any portion
18 of the material removed under the permit or easement,
19 the electrical utility shall provide to the Secretary con-
20 cerned any proceeds received from the sale, less any trans-
21 portation costs incurred in the sale.

22 (c) EFFECT.—Nothing in subsection (b) shall require
23 the sale of any material removed under a permit or ease-
24 ment that includes permission for cutting and removal de-
25 scribed in subsection (a).

26 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED FEDERAL LANDS.—The term
2 “covered Federal lands” means—

3 (A) National Forest System lands; and

4 (B) lands managed by the Bureau of Land
5 Management.

6 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
7 retary concerned” means—

8 (A) with respect to National Forest Sys-
9 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
10 through the Chief of the Forest Service; and

11 (B) with respect to lands managed by the
12 Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of
13 the Interior, acting through the Director of the
14 Bureau of Land Management.

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