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1ST SESSION

H. R. 2492

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands, respectively, without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. PERMITS AND AGREEMENTS WITH ELECTRICAL
5 UTILITIES.**

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

13 (1) any applicable land and resource manage-
14 ment plan; and

15 (2) other applicable environmental laws (includ-
16 ing regulations).

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

25 (c) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in subsection (b) shall require
26 the sale of any material removed under a permit or ease-

1 ment that includes permission for cutting and removal de-
2 scribed in subsection (a).

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

6 (A) National Forest System lands; and

7 (B) lands managed by the Bureau of Land
8 Management.

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

11 (A) with respect to National Forest Sys-
12 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
13 through the Chief of the Forest Service; and

14 (B) with respect to lands managed by the
15 Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of
16 the Interior, acting through the Director of the
17 Bureau of Land Management.

Passed the House of Representatives May 13, 2025.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.