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H. R. 7695

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Ms. HAGEMAN (for herself, Mr. DOWNING, Ms. MALOY, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. TIFFANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CER-**
2 **TAIN ROADS ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**
3 **LANDS.**

4 (a) ROADLESS RULE NULLIFICATION.—

5 (1) NULLIFICATION.—The final rule of the De-
6 partment of Agriculture titled “Special Areas;
7 Roadless Area Conservation” and issued on January
8 12, 2001 (66 Fed. Reg. 3244) shall have no force
9 or effect.

10 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Agri-
11 culture may not take any action to propose, finalize,
12 implement, administer, or enforce any rule substan-
13 tially similar to the rule described in paragraph (1).

14 (b) REQUIRED ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—The Sec-
15 retary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the For-
16 est Service, shall, subject to all applicable environmental
17 requirements (including applicable requirements of the
18 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
19 4321 et seq.)), construct on National Forest System lands
20 such permanent and temporary roads as the Secretary de-
21 termines necessary—

22 (1) to carry out restoration activities of the
23 Forest Service;

24 (2) to carry out hazardous fuels reduction ac-
25 tivities of the Forest Service in—

26 (A) an at-risk community;

1 (B) the wildland-urban interface; or

2 (C) a municipal watershed;

3 (3) to replace or decommission any existing per-
4 manent road determined by the Secretary to be ad-
5 versely affecting the health of a forest, rangeland, or
6 a watershed; or

7 (4) to carry out the intent of the Act of June
8 4, 1897 (16 U.S.C. 473–482, 551).

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) AT-RISK COMMUNITY; WILDLAND-URBAN
11 INTERFACE.—The terms “at-risk community” and
12 “wildland-urban interface” have the meanings given
13 such terms, respectively, in section 101 of the
14 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.
15 6511).

16 (2) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
17 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
18 the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
19 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
20 U.S.C. 1609).

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