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Committee Addresses Wildfire and Forest Management Crisis, Considers Solutions for Federal Forests WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17, 2024 | Committee Press Office (202-225-2761)

Today, the Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a legislative hearing on a discussion draft of legislation to improve responsible forest management and protect communities from catastrophic wildfires.

"Due to repeated mismanagement and years of neglect, our federal forests are in crisis. The bipartisan conversations we had in today's hearing are an important step forward in our work to solve these issues. With the modern techniques proposed in my discussion draft, we can empower land managers to use the tools they need to quickly address this problem before it becomes a catastrophe." – House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.)

"Eliminating active forest management has caused damage to our nation's forests and federal lands. The most effective way to restore their health and resiliency is to work together on legislation that would begin the immediate treatment on millions of acres of fire-prone federal lands." – Subcommittee on Federal Lands Chairman Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.)

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