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To provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

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purposes.

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 “Wildfire Disaster
5 Funding Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced
8 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
9 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

11 “(E) FLAME WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—

1 “(i) If a bill or joint resolution mak-
2 ing appropriations for a fiscal year is en-
3 acted that specifies an amount for wildfire
4 suppression operations in the Wildland
5 Fire Management accounts at the Depart-
6 ment of Agriculture or the Department of
7 the Interior, then the adjustments for that
8 fiscal year shall be the amount of addi-
9 tional new budget authority provided in
10 that Act for wildfire suppression operations
11 for that fiscal year, but shall not exceed
12 \$2,689,000,000 in additional new budget
13 authority in each of fiscal years 2014
14 through 2021.

15 “(ii) As used in this subparagraph—

16 “(I) the term ‘additional new
17 budget authority’ means the amount
18 provided for a fiscal year, in excess of
19 70 percent of the average costs for
20 wildfire suppression operations over
21 the previous 10 years, in an appro-
22 priation Act and specified to pay for
23 the costs of wildfire suppression oper-
24 ations; and

1 “(II) the term ‘wildfire suppres-
2 sion operations’ means the emergency
3 and unpredictable aspects of wildland
4 firefighting including support, re-
5 sponse, and emergency stabilization
6 activities; other emergency manage-
7 ment activities; and funds necessary
8 to repay any transfers needed for
9 these costs.

10 “(iii) The average costs for wildfire
11 suppression operations over the previous
12 10 years shall be calculated annually and
13 reported in the President’s Budget submis-
14 sion under section 1105(a) of title 31,
15 United States Code, for each fiscal year.”.

16 (b) DISASTER FUNDING.—Section 251(b)(2)(D) of
17 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
18 of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(D)) is amended—

19 (1) in clause (i)—

20 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “and” and
21 inserting “plus”;

22 (B) in subclause (II), by striking the pe-
23 riod and inserting “; less”; and

24 (C) by adding the following:

1 “(III) the additional new budget
2 authority provided in an appropriation
3 Act for wildfire suppression operations
4 pursuant to subparagraph (E) for the
5 preceding fiscal year.”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(v) Beginning in fiscal year 2016
8 and in subsequent fiscal years, the calcula-
9 tion of the ‘average funding provided for
10 disaster relief over the previous 10 years’
11 shall include the additional new budget au-
12 thority provided in an appropriation Act
13 for wildfire suppression operations pursu-
14 ant to subparagraph (E).”.

15 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

16 If the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of
17 Agriculture determines that supplemental appropriations
18 are necessary for a fiscal year for wildfire suppression op-
19 erations, such Secretary shall promptly submit to Con-
20 gress—

21 (1) a request for such supplemental appropria-
22 tions; and

23 (2) a plan detailing the manner in which such
24 Secretary intends to obligate the supplemental ap-

- 1 appropriations by not later than 30 days after the date
- 2 on which the amounts are made available.

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