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## Legislation Could Support Wildfire Mitigation

The advent of fall brings us closer to the end of another long and challenging fire season in Oregon. Our highest priority at Midstate Electric Cooperative is keeping our members, employees and communities safe—and we will continue to work year-round to mitigate the risk of wildfire.

It would also help if our elected officials in Washington, D.C., passed pending legislation to give us the right tools to effectively manage vegetation near power lines.

We understand the U.S. Senate may soon consider the Fix Our Forests Act (S. 1462). A version of this legislation has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support.

The bill makes key changes to how federal forests are managed, including many that enhance wildfire mitigation efforts. Specifically, it would:

- Expand electric utility authority to remove hazard trees from within 10 feet to 150 feet of electric power lines.
- Establish expedited timelines for federal agency review and approval of vegetation management plans.
- Streamline timber sale and removal processes to reduce fuel loads near power lines.

We will keep you posted on this important legislation as we get closer to a vote in the Senate—and we may even ask you to lend your voice to the effort.

To learn more about how you can get involved in supporting the Fix Our Forests Act, visit [voicesforcooperativepower.com/oregonfof](https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/oregonfof).



#### CEO/General Manager Jim Anderson

*"Where energy needs conflict with environmental goals, we must strike a reasonable balance."*  
—Ronald Reagan

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