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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

S. 1462 – Fix Our Forests Act

(Sen. Curtis, R-UT, and three cosponsors)

The Administration supports S. 1462, the Fix Our Forests Act, which would encourage active forest and vegetation management and promote wildfire resilience by expediting environmental reviews, reducing frivolous litigation, and enhancing Federal, state, tribal, and local collaboration. Protecting people, communities, and watersheds, and promoting healthy and resilient forests are top priorities of this Administration.

S. 1462 offers a suite of improvements to wildfire management and would leverage existing tools to ensure that regulatory barriers do not hinder our ability to actively manage our forests. Dense forests and vegetation, along with insect infestation, invasive species, disease, and drought, have weakened our natural landscapes, placing people, communities, and watersheds at risk of experiencing catastrophic fires.

While many of the Administration's priorities are supported by this legislation, including enhanced wildfire risk reduction programs and post-fire recovery, and streamlining environmental reviews and permits for forest restoration projects, the Administration would like to work with the Congress to address important issues.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is leading by example to improve program effectiveness and has already unified the firefighting programs from its four bureaus into a single U.S. Wildland Fire Service (USWFS). The Administration recommends adjusting the legislation to reflect the USWFS as the sole agency within DOI responsible for wildland fire mitigation and response.

Building on DOI's success, the President's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget unifies Federal wildland management programs at DOI and the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service into the USWFS within DOI, consistent with E.O. 14308, "Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response." A unified USWFS will streamline Federal wildfire suppression policy, resources, response, risk mitigation efforts, and coordination with non-Federal partners to more efficiently and effectively combat the wildfire crisis.

The Administration looks forward to working on this legislation with the Congress to further expand efforts to mitigate regulatory and administrative burdens on wildland fire mitigation,

include additional ecosystems such as rangelands into the legislation's authorities, and modernize fire intelligence and technology consistent with the Administration's unified approach to wildfire mitigation and response. Enacting comprehensive legislation to combat catastrophic wildfires, restore forest ecosystems, and make Federal forest management more efficient and responsive would be a win for American communities.

If S. 1462 were presented to the President, his advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.
