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H. R. 4912

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. SCHAFFER, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC LAND**
2 **FIRE REGULATIONS RESULTING IN PROP-**
3 **ERTY DAMAGE.**

4 (a) INCREASED PENALTIES ON INTERIOR LANDS.—
5 Notwithstanding section 303(a) of the Federal Land Pol-
6 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) or
7 section 3 of the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 3),
8 a violation of the rules regulating the use of fire by visitors
9 and other users of lands administered by the Bureau of
10 Land Management or National Park System lands shall
11 be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or imprison-
12 ment for not more than one year, or both, if the violation
13 results in damage to public or private property.

14 (b) INCREASED PENALTIES ON NATIONAL FOREST
15 SYSTEM LANDS.—Notwithstanding the eleventh undesig-
16 nated paragraph under the heading “SURVEYING THE
17 PUBLIC LANDS” of the Act of June 4, 1897 (16 U.S.C.
18 551), a violation of the rules regulating the use of fire
19 by visitors and other users of National Forest System
20 lands shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000
21 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, if
22 the violation results in damage to public or private prop-
23 erty.

24 (c) USE OF COLLECTED FINES.—Any moneys re-
25 ceived by the United States as a result of a fine imposed
26 for a violation of fire rules applicable to lands adminis-

1 tered by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park
2 System lands, or National Forest System lands shall be
3 available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary
4 of Agriculture, as the case may be, without further appro-
5 priation and until expended, for the purpose of conducting
6 hazardous fuels reduction activities under the National
7 Fire Plan.

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