

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1679

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2003

Mr. TANCREDO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Protection and
5 Wildfire Prevention Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROC-**
2 **ESS.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF APPEALS REFORM ACT.—Section
4 322 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agen-
5 cies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law 102–381; 16
6 U.S.C. 1612 note; commonly known as the Appeals Re-
7 form Act), is repealed.

8 (b) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE AP-
9 PEALS PROCESS.—The Secretary of Agriculture is author-
10 ized to issue regulations to establish an administrative ap-
11 peals process that will serve as the means by which inter-
12 ested persons shall seek administrative redress regarding
13 proposed actions of the Forest Service concerning projects
14 and activities implementing land and resource manage-
15 ment plans.

16 (c) TRANSITION.—Until such time as the administra-
17 tive appeals process authorized by subsection (b) is estab-
18 lished and takes effect, section 322 of the Department of
19 the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
20 1993, shall continue to apply to proposed actions of the
21 Forest Service concerning projects and activities imple-
22 menting land and resource management plans notwith-
23 standing the repeal of the section by subsection (a).

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