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1ST SESSION

S. 1152

To promote wildland firefighter safety.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2007

Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Wildland Firefighter
5 Safety Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
9 means—

10 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
11 through the Directors of the Bureau of Land
12 Management, the United States Fish and Wild-

1 life Service, the National Park Service, and the
2 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

3 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
4 through the Chief of the Forest Service.

5 (2) WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER.—The term
6 “wildland firefighter” means any person who partici-
7 pates in wildland firefighting activities—

8 (A) under the direction of either of the
9 Secretaries; or

10 (B) under a contract or compact with a
11 federally recognized Indian tribe.

12 (b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall jointly
14 submit to Congress an annual report on the wildland
15 firefighter safety practices of the Secretaries, includ-
16 ing training programs and activities for wildland fire
17 suppression, prescribed burning, and wildland fire
18 use, during the preceding calendar year.

19 (2) TIMELINE.—Each report under paragraph
20 (1) shall—

21 (A) be submitted by not later than March
22 of the year following the calendar year covered
23 by the report; and

24 (B) include—

1 (i) a description of, and any changes
2 to, wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
3 cluding training programs and activities
4 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
5 burning, and wildland fire use;

6 (ii) statistics and trend analyses;

7 (iii) an estimate of the amount of
8 Federal funds expended by the Secretaries
9 on wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
10 cluding training programs and activities
11 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
12 burning, and wildland fire use;

13 (iv) progress made in implementing
14 recommendations from the Inspector Gen-
15 eral, the Government Accountability Office,
16 the Occupational Safety and Health Ad-
17 ministration, or an agency report relating
18 to a wildland firefighting fatality issued
19 during the preceding 10 years; and

20 (v) a description of—

21 (I) the provisions relating to
22 wildland firefighter safety practices in
23 any Federal contract or other agree-
24 ment governing the provision of

1 wildland firefighters by a non-Federal
2 entity;

3 (II) a summary of any actions
4 taken by the Secretaries to ensure
5 that the provisions relating to safety
6 practices, including training, are com-
7 plied with by the non-Federal entity;
8 and

9 (III) the results of those actions.

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