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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1152****[Report No. 110-99]**

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

JUNE 26, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

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A BILL

To promote wildland firefighter safety.

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”.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Wildland Fire Safety*
 3 *and Transparency Act of 2007”.*

4 **SEC. 2. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
 7 means—

8 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
 9 through the Directors of the Bureau of Land
 10 Management, the United States Fish and Wild-
 11 life Service, the National Park Service, and the
 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

13 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
 14 through the Chief of the Forest Service.

15 (2) WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER.—The term
 16 “wildland firefighter” means any person who partici-
 17 pates in wildland firefighting activities—

18 (A) under the direction of either of the
 19 Secretaries; or

20 (B) under a contract or compact with a
 21 federally recognized Indian tribe.

22 (b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall jointly
 24 submit to Congress an annual report on the wildland
 25 firefighter safety practices of the Secretaries, includ-
 26 ing training programs and activities for wildland fire

1 suppression, prescribed burning, and wildland fire
2 use, during the preceding calendar year.

3 (2) TIMELINE.—Each report under paragraph
4 (1) shall—

5 (A) be submitted by not later than March
6 of the year following the calendar year covered
7 by the report; and

8 (B) include—

9 (i) a description of, and any changes
10 to, wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
11 cluding training programs and activities
12 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
13 burning, and wildland fire use;

14 (ii) statistics and trend analyses;

15 (iii) an estimate of the amount of
16 Federal funds expended by the Secretaries
17 on wildland firefighter safety practices, in-
18 cluding training programs and activities
19 for wildland fire suppression, prescribed
20 burning, and wildland fire use;

21 (iv) progress made in implementing
22 recommendations from the Inspector Gen-
23 eral, the Government Accountability Office,
24 the Occupational Safety and Health Ad-
25 ministration, or an agency report relating

1 to a wildland firefighting fatality issued
2 during the preceding 10 years; and

3 (v) a description of—

4 (I) the provisions relating to
5 wildland firefighter safety practices in
6 any Federal contract or other agree-
7 ment governing the provision of
8 wildland firefighters by a non-Federal
9 entity;

10 (II) a summary of any actions
11 taken by the Secretaries to ensure
12 that the provisions relating to safety
13 practices, including training, are com-
14 plied with by the non-Federal entity;
15 and

16 (III) the results of those actions.

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