

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GIANFORTE OF MONTANA**

At the end of part III of subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 83 ____ . SALVAGE AND REFORESTATION IN RESPONSE**
2 **TO CATASTROPHIC EVENTS.**

3 (a) EXPEDITED SALVAGE OPERATIONS AND REFOR-
4 ESTATION ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING LARGE-SCALE CATA-
5 STROPHIC EVENTS.—

6 (1) EXPEDITED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESS-
7 MENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
8 an environmental assessment prepared by the Sec-
9 retary concerned pursuant to section 102 of the Na-
10 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
11 4332) for a salvage operation or reforestation activ-
12 ity proposed to be conducted on National Forest
13 System lands or public lands adversely impacted by
14 a large-scale catastrophic event shall be completed
15 within 60 days after the conclusion of the cata-
16 strophic event.

17 (2) EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION AND COM-
18 PLETION.—In the case of reforestation activities
19 conducted on National Forest System lands or pub-

1 lic lands adversely impacted by a large-scale cata-
2 strophic event, the Secretary concerned shall, to the
3 maximum extent practicable, achieve reforestation of
4 at least 75 percent of the impacted lands during the
5 5-year period following the conclusion of the cata-
6 strophic event.

7 (3) AVAILABILITY OF KNUTSON-VANDENBERG
8 FUNDS.—Amounts in the special fund established
9 pursuant to section 3 of the Act of June 9, 1930
10 (commonly known as the Knutson-Vandenberg Act;
11 16 U.S.C. 576b) shall be available to the Secretary
12 of Agriculture for reforestation activities authorized
13 by this section.

14 (4) TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS.—
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
16 case of a salvage operation or reforestation activity
17 proposed to be conducted on National Forest System
18 lands or public lands adversely impacted by a large-
19 scale catastrophic event, the Secretary concerned
20 shall allow 30 days for public scoping and comment,
21 15 days for filing an objection, and 15 days for the
22 agency response to the filing of an objection. Upon
23 completion of this process and expiration of the pe-
24 riod specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary con-
25 cerned shall implement the project immediately.

1 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH FOREST PLAN.—A salvage
2 operation or reforestation activity authorized by this sec-
3 tion shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the
4 forest plan applicable to the National Forest System lands
5 or public lands covered by the salvage operation or refor-
6 estation activity.

7 (c) PROHIBITION ON RESTRAINING ORDERS, PRE-
8 LIMINARY INJUNCTIONS, AND INJUNCTIONS PENDING AP-
9 PEAL.—No restraining order, preliminary injunction, or
10 injunction pending appeal shall be issued by any court of
11 the United States with respect to any decision to prepare
12 or conduct a salvage operation or reforestation activity in
13 response to a large-scale catastrophic event. Section 705
14 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to any chal-
15 lenge to the salvage operation or reforestation activity.

