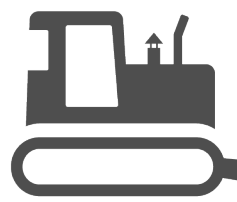


**Jon Tester's**

**WESTERN**

**WILDFIRE**

**Initiative**



**WILDFIRE MITIGATION ASSISTANCE ACT**

Jon's Wildfire Mitigation Assistance Act would provide FEMA's hazard mitigation funding to communities recovering from certain major wildfires so they can take steps like building erosion barriers, restoring burned land, and improving drainage systems to help prevent flooding. It will also allow communities to further reduce fuels after the devastation of a wildfire.



**WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING ACT**

Jon is sponsoring the bipartisan Wildfire Disaster Funding Act to pay for catastrophic wildfires through separate emergency funding, allowing the Forest Service to devote more resources to proactive forest management like trail maintenance and timber harvest. The U.S. Forest Service reported that wildfire costs have consumed 52 percent of the Forest Service's budget for 2015, compared with just 16 percent 20 years ago.



**LAND MANAGEMENT WORKFORCE FLEXIBILITY ACT**

Jon's bill allows temporary seasonal wildland firefighters to compete for vacant permanent positions in the federal workforce. Many temporary seasonal wildland firefighters are currently cut off from career advancement opportunities that are available to permanent seasonal employees. This bill removes barriers in the current hiring system that lead to higher training costs and a less safe workforce.

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