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H. R. 7666

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a strategy to increase opportunities to utilize livestock grazing as a means of wildfire risk reduction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. LAMALFA (for himself and Mr. VASQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. UTILIZING GRAZING FOR WILDFIRE RISK RE-**
4 **DUCTION.**

5 The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, in coordination with
7 holders of permits to graze livestock on Federal land, shall
8 develop a strategy to increase opportunities to utilize live-

1 stock grazing as wildfire risk reduction strategy, includ-
2 ing—

3 (1) completion of reviews (as required under the
4 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (U.S.C.
5 4321 et seq.)) to allow permitted grazing on vacant
6 grazing allotments during instances of drought, wild-
7 fire or other natural disasters that disrupt grazing
8 on allotments already permitted;

9 (2) use of targeted grazing;

10 (3) increase use of temporary permits to pro-
11 mote targeted fuels reduction and reduction of
12 invasive annual grasses;

13 (4) increased use of grazing as a postfire recov-
14 ery and restoration strategy, where appropriate; and

15 (5) use all applicable authorities under the law.

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