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H. R. 243

To exempt certain wildfire mitigation activities from certain environmental requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMALFA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combustion Avoidance
5 along Rural Roads Act” or the “CARR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN WILDFIRE MITIGATION**
2 **ACTIVITIES FROM CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL**
3 **REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Wildfire mitigation activities of
5 the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agri-
6 culture may be carried out without regard to the provi-
7 sions of law specified in subsection (b).

8 (b) PROVISIONS OF LAW SPECIFIED.—The provisions
9 of law specified in this section are all Federal, State, or
10 other laws, regulations, and legal requirements of, deriving
11 from, or related to the subject of, the following laws:

12 (1) Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environ-
13 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

14 (2) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
15 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

16 (c) WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITY.—For purposes
17 of this section, the term “wildfire mitigation activity”—

18 (1) is an activity conducted on Federal land
19 that is—

20 (A) under the administration of the Direc-
21 tor of the National Park System, the Director
22 of the Bureau of Land Management, or the
23 Chief of the Forest Service; and

24 (B) within 300 feet of any permanent or
25 temporary road, as measured from the center of
26 such road; and

- 1 (2) includes forest thinning, hazardous fuel re-
- 2 duction, prescribed burning, and vegetation manage-
- 3 ment.

