

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fiftieth Legislature
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2012

CHAPTER 256
HOUSE BILL 2494

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 37, CHAPTER 2.1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3; RELATING TO THE COMPACT FOR INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON FORESTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 37, chapter 2.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 3, to read:
4 ARTICLE 3. COMPACT FOR INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON FORESTS
5 37-661. Enactment of compact
6 THE COMPACT FOR INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON FORESTS IS ENACTED INTO LAW
7 AS FOLLOWS:
8 COMPACT FOR INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON FORESTS
9 I. IF FEDERAL LAW PERMITS THE FORESTRY AGENCY OF TWO OR MORE PARTY
10 STATES TO ASSUME ANY DELEGATED AGENCY ROLE IN PERFORMING ANY FORESTRY
11 MANAGEMENT FUNCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS IN THAT STATE, THOSE PARTY STATE
12 AGENCIES MAY, UNDER CONCURRENT JURISDICTION, COORDINATE AND UNIFY THE
13 MANAGEMENT OF THE FORESTS THAT TRAVERSE THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN THOSE
14 STATES INCLUDING:
15 (A) PERFORMING ALL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED OR
16 DELEGATED BY THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO FORESTRY.
17 (B) COMPILING AND SHARING DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS AND
18 ELECTRONIC FILES AMONG THE PARTY STATES AND THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE.
19 (C) PROJECTS FOR RECOVERY, REHABILITATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT
20 OF FORESTS, WATERSHEDS AND RANGELANDS DAMAGED BY WILDFIRE, DROUGHT, DISEASE,
21 PEST INFESTATION, DEPREDATION AND OTHER NATURAL AND HUMAN CAUSES.
22 (D) WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES.
23 II. THIS COMPACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE:
24 (A) ANY CONDUCT THAT IS ILLEGAL IN ANY PARTY STATE.
25 (B) THE PROSECUTION OF ANY PERSON FOR CONDUCT THAT IS LAWFUL IN THE
26 STATE WHERE IT WAS COMMITTED.
27 III. THIS COMPACT IS RATIFIED BY ENACTMENT OF THE LANGUAGE OF THIS
28 COMPACT, OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LANGUAGE EXPRESSING THE SAME PURPOSE, BY AT
29 LEAST TWO STATES THAT FORM A COMMON BOUNDARY.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 12, 2012.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 12, 2012.