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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ **HM** 59
SHORT TITLE Impact of Forest Thinning and Burning **SB** _____
ANALYST Wan

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 59 urges the U. S. Forest Service to analyze the impact of forest thinning and burning projects on global warming. HM59 notes that prescribed burns emit carbon into the atmosphere, thereby increasing global warming, and that extreme weather conditions brought on by climate change are responsible for large wildfires. The memorial also states that numerous studies conclude that under extreme fire conditions, tree thinning fails as a fire prevention method. HM 59 urges the U.S. Forest Service to weigh the benefits and harm caused by forest thinning and burning and consider alternative management strategies, and to assess the impact thinning and burning projects have on global warming prior to implementation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact is identified at this time.

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