

Increase the Fines for People Who Start Forest Fires



Support the Tancredo Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act

Dear Colleague,

California's worst wildfire outbreak in more than a decade has resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen people, and the destruction of more than 1,000 homes. These tragic events come on the heels of the 2002 fire season, which gobbled up almost 7 million acres in a number of western states, including my home state of Colorado. Much of this destruction is attributable to human carelessness.

Last year, after speaking to a Forest Ranger in my district, I learned that the fine for people who thoughtlessly violate fire bans – imposed when tinderbox conditions are present on our federal lands – can be **as little as \$25**. After hearing that, and watching the devastation of some of last years human-caused wildfires, I introduced H.R. 1038, which would establish a **minimum fine** of **\$500** for people who put people's lives and communities at risk by thoughtlessly disregarding these bans.

The bill has already been cleared by the House Resources, Judiciary, and Agriculture committees.

I hope you will consider joining me in supporting this bi-partisan, common sense piece of legislation. Call Mac Zimmerman at 57882 for more information, or to become a cosponsor.

Sincerely,
Tom Tancredo
Member of Congress

Current Cosponsors: Udall (CO), Renzi, McInnis, Beauprez, Radanovich, DeGette, Musgrave, Blumenauer, Hefley, Hayworth, Gallegly