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Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) reintroduced a bill to help fund wildfire suppression operations. If enacted, the bill would allow budget overruns incurred from fighting wildfires to be paid for with money earmarked to natural disasters rather than non-fire allocated accounts or fire prevention funding. President Obama's budget request included similar language for fiscal year 2015. While the previous measure gained some traction in the Senate in the 113th Congress, it was rejected by the House. The current bill will now go to the Senate Committee on the Budget for consideration.

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