Wildfires in America’s National Forests could get worse. Much worse. The Walden logging bill now before the House would accelerate the kind of mismanagement that can greatly increase the risk of the most dangerous and damaging fires.

You see, HR 4200 creates new incentives to log trees in remote backcountry, miles away from the communities that need protection from severe wildfires. That’s dumb and dangerous.

What we really need is to help communities reduce fire hazards in the places where wildlands and neighborhoods meet. That’s why a broad coalition of firefighters believes we must stop the Walden logging bill. Because Congress should be protecting our communities, not fanning the flames.

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