

HB 2175-S - DIGEST

(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to manage acquired lands using the best available land management techniques to implement strategic activities to reduce hazard fuels in areas that could be prone to wildfire. These techniques may include: (1) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases;

(2) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

(3) Issuance of leases for brush picking;

(4) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain public and recreational land; and

(5) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use existing roads in nonresidential areas.

Exempts the natural resource management activities of the department of fish and wildlife, mentioned in (1) through (5) above, from certain provisions of the state environmental policy act.