



# Monthly Energy Update

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## Utah Senator Introduces Bill Proposing Wildfire Relief Fund

An incoming senator introduced proposed legislation Dec. 19 that would establish a federal wildfire relief fund.

The bill “aims to ensure that all communities have access to insurance, as well as affordable, reliable, and clean energy” regardless of the wildfire risks in their region, according to the announcement by Sen.-elect John Curtis (R-Utah).

Curtis served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before being elected to the Senate this year, taking the seat currently held by retiring Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah).

“The increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires requires a bold and comprehensive approach to relief and recovery,” Curtis said in a statement.

“This bill prioritizes collaboration, mitigation, and support for those affected by wildfires, while encouraging utilities and stakeholders to adopt proactive measures to reduce future risks.”

PacifiCorp, which has more than 1 million customers in Utah through its subsidiary Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), has faced increasing insurance rates related to wildfire risk.

PacifiCorp experienced an 1,888-percent increase in insurance costs over the last five years, including nearly 300 percent over the past year, RMP President Richard Garlish told Utah state legislators in August

