

1                   **TITLE VIII—FORESTRY**  
2                   **Subtitle A—Repeal of Certain**  
3                   **Forestry Programs**

4   **SEC. 8001. FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.**

5           (a) REPEAL.—Section 4 of the Cooperative Forestry  
6 Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103) is repealed.

7           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8002 of the  
8 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public  
9 Law 107–171; 16 U.S.C. 2103 note) is amended by strik-  
10 ing subsection (a).

11   **SEC. 8002. WATERSHED FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

12           Section 6 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act  
13 of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103b) is repealed.

14   **SEC. 8003. EXPIRED COOPERATIVE NATIONAL FOREST**  
15                   **PRODUCTS MARKETING PROGRAM.**

16           Section 18 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance  
17 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2112) is repealed.

18   **SEC. 8004. HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION AGRICUL-**  
19                   **TURAL LAND NATIONAL RESOURCES LEAD-**  
20                   **ERSHIP PROGRAM.**

21           Section 8402 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
22 Act of 2008 (16 U.S.C. 1649a) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 8005. TRIBAL WATERSHED FORESTRY ASSISTANCE**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Section 303 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act  
4 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6542) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 8006. SEPARATE FOREST SERVICE DECISIONMAKING**  
6 **AND APPEALS PROCESS.**

7 (a) REPEAL.—Section 322 of the Department of the  
8 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993  
9 (16 U.S.C. 1612 note; Public Law 102–381) is repealed.

10 (b) FOREST SERVICE PRE-DECISIONAL OBJECTION  
11 PROCESS.—Section 428 of division E of the Consolidated  
12 Appropriations Act, 2012 (16 U.S.C. 6515 note; Public  
13 Law 112–74) shall not apply to any project or activity  
14 implementing a land and resource management plan devel-  
15 oped under section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
16 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604)  
17 that is categorically excluded from documentation in an  
18 environmental assessment or an environmental impact  
19 statement under the National Environmental Policy Act  
20 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

1 **Subtitle B—Reauthorization of Co-**  
2 **operative Forestry Assistance**  
3 **Act of 1978 Programs**

4 **SEC. 8101. STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES FOR**  
5 **FOREST RESOURCES.**

6 Section 2A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance  
7 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
11 paragraph (6); and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(5) as feasible, appropriate military installa-  
15 tions where the voluntary participation and manage-  
16 ment of private or State-owned or other public  
17 forestland is able to support, promote, and con-  
18 tribute to the missions of such installations; and”;  
19 and

20 (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “2012” and  
21 inserting “2018”.

1           **Subtitle C—Reauthorization of**  
2           **Other Forestry-related Laws**

3   **SEC. 8201. RURAL REVITALIZATION TECHNOLOGIES.**

4           Section 2371(d)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Con-  
5   servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6601(d)(2))  
6   is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

7   **SEC. 8202. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY.**

8           Section 2405(d) of the Global Climate Change Pre-  
9   vention Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6704(d)) is amended by  
10   striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

11   **SEC. 8203. HEALTHY FORESTS RESERVE PROGRAM.**

12           (a) **DEFINITION OF ACREAGE OWNED BY INDIAN**  
13   **TRIBES.**—Section 502(e)(3) of the Healthy Forests Res-  
14   toration Act (16 U.S.C. 6572(e)(3)) is amended—

15           (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “subpara-  
16   graphs (A) and (B)” and inserting “clauses (i) and  
17   (ii)”;

18           (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through  
19   (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and in-  
20   denting appropriately; and

21           (3) by striking “In the case of” and inserting  
22   the following:

23           “(A) **DEFINITION OF ACREAGE OWNED BY**  
24   **INDIAN TRIBES.**—In this paragraph, the term  
25   ‘acreage owned by Indian tribes’ includes—

1                   “(i) land that is held in trust by the  
2                   United States for Indian tribes or indi-  
3                   vidual Indians;

4                   “(ii) land, the title to which is held by  
5                   Indian tribes or individual Indians subject  
6                   to Federal restrictions against alienation  
7                   or encumbrance;

8                   “(iii) land that is subject to rights of  
9                   use, occupancy, and benefit of certain In-  
10                  dian tribes;

11                  “(iv) land that is held in fee title by  
12                  an Indian tribe; or

13                  “(v) land that is owned by a native  
14                  corporation formed under section 17 of the  
15                  Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as  
16                  the ‘Indian Reorganization Act’) (25  
17                  U.S.C. 477) or section 8 of the Alaska Na-  
18                  tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
19                  1607); or

20                  “(vi) a combination of 1 or more  
21                  types of land described in clauses (i)  
22                  through (v).

23                  “(B) ENROLLMENT OF ACREAGE.—In the  
24                  case of”.

1 (b) CHANGE IN FUNDING SOURCE FOR HEALTHY  
2 FORESTS RESERVE PROGRAM.—Section 508 of the  
3 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.  
4 6578) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “IN GEN-  
6 ERAL” and inserting “FISCAL YEARS 2009  
7 THROUGH 2013”;

8 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
9 section (d); and

10 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(b) FISCAL YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2018.—There is  
13 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-  
14 culture to carry out this section \$12,000,000 for each of  
15 fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

16 “(c) ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF FUNDS.—In addition  
17 to funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-  
18 propriations in subsection (b) for a fiscal year, the Sec-  
19 retary may use such amount of the funds appropriated  
20 for that fiscal year to carry out the Soil Conservation and  
21 Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590a et seq.) as the  
22 Secretary determines necessary to cover the cost of tech-  
23 nical assistance, management, and enforcement respon-  
24 sibilities for land enrolled in the healthy forests reserve

1 program pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section  
2 504.”.

3 **SEC. 8204. INSECT AND DISEASE INFESTATION.**

4 Title VI of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of  
5 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
6 the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 602. DESIGNATION OF TREATMENT AREAS.**

8 **“(a) DEFINITION OF DECLINING FOREST**  
9 **HEALTH.—**In this section, the term ‘declining forest

10 health’ means a forest that is experiencing—

11 **“(1) substantially increased tree mortality due**  
12 **to insect or disease infestation; or**

13 **“(2) dieback due to infestation or defoliation by**  
14 **insects or disease.**

15 **“(b) DESIGNATION OF TREATMENT AREAS.—**

16 **“(1) INITIAL AREAS.—**Not later than 60 days  
17 after the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act  
18 of 2014, the Secretary shall, if requested by the  
19 Governor of the State, designate as part of an insect  
20 and disease treatment program 1 or more landscape-  
21 scale areas, such as subwatersheds (sixth-level hy-  
22 drologic units, according to the System of Hydro-  
23 logic Unit Codes of the United States Geological  
24 Survey), in at least 1 national forest in each State  
25 that is experiencing an insect or disease epidemic.

1           “(2) ADDITIONAL AREAS.—After the end of the  
2           60-day period described in paragraph (1), the Sec-  
3           retary may designate additional landscape-scale  
4           areas under this section as needed to address insect  
5           or disease threats.

6           “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—To be designated a land-  
7           scape-scale area under subsection (b), the area shall be—

8           “(1) experiencing declining forest health, based  
9           on annual forest health surveys conducted by the  
10          Secretary;

11          “(2) at risk of experiencing substantially in-  
12          creased tree mortality over the next 15 years due to  
13          insect or disease infestation, based on the most re-  
14          cent National Insect and Disease Risk Map pub-  
15          lished by the Forest Service; or

16          “(3) in an area in which the risk of hazard  
17          trees poses an imminent risk to public infrastruc-  
18          ture, health, or safety.

19          “(d) TREATMENT OF AREAS.—

20          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry  
21          out priority projects on Federal land in the areas  
22          designated under subsection (b) to reduce the risk or  
23          extent of, or increase the resilience to, insect or dis-  
24          ease infestation in the areas.

1           “(2) AUTHORITY.—Any project under para-  
2           graph (1) for which a public notice to initiate  
3           scoping is issued on or before September 30, 2018,  
4           may be carried out in accordance with subsections  
5           (b), (c), and (d) of section 102, and sections 104,  
6           105, and 106.

7           “(3) EFFECT.—Projects carried out under this  
8           subsection shall be considered authorized hazardous  
9           fuel reduction projects for purposes of the authori-  
10          ties described in paragraph (2).

11          “(4) REPORT.—

12                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with  
13                 the schedule described in subparagraph (B), the  
14                 Secretary shall issue 2 reports on actions taken  
15                 to carry out this subsection, including—

16                         “(i) an evaluation of the progress to-  
17                         wards project goals; and

18                         “(ii) recommendations for modifica-  
19                         tions to the projects and management  
20                         treatments.

21          “(B) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall—

22                         “(i) not earlier than September 30,  
23                         2018, issue the initial report under sub-  
24                         paragraph (A); and

1                   “(ii) not earlier than September 30,  
2                   2024, issue the second report under that  
3                   subparagraph.

4           “(e) TREE RETENTION.—The Secretary shall carry  
5 out projects under subsection (d) in a manner that maxi-  
6 mizes the retention of old-growth and large trees, as ap-  
7 propriate for the forest type, to the extent that the trees  
8 promote stands that are resilient to insects and disease.

9           “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2024.

12 **“SEC. 603. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.**

13           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
14 (d), a project described in subsection (b) that is conducted  
15 in accordance with section 602(d) may be—

16                   “(1) considered an action categorically excluded  
17 from the requirements of Public Law 91–190 (42  
18 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

19                   “(2) exempt from the special administrative re-  
20 view process under section 105.

21           “(b) COLLABORATIVE RESTORATION PROJECT.—

22                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—A project referred to in  
23 subsection (a) is a project to carry out forest res-  
24 toration treatments that—

1           “(A) maximizes the retention of old-growth  
2           and large trees, as appropriate for the forest  
3           type, to the extent that the trees promote  
4           stands that are resilient to insects and disease;

5           “(B) considers the best available scientific  
6           information to maintain or restore the ecologi-  
7           cal integrity, including maintaining or restoring  
8           structure, function, composition, and  
9           connectivity; and

10           “(C) is developed and implemented  
11           through a collaborative process that—

12           “(i) includes multiple interested per-  
13           sons representing diverse interests; and

14           “(ii)(I) is transparent and nonexclu-  
15           sive; or

16           “(II) meets the requirements for a re-  
17           source advisory committee under sub-  
18           sections (e) through (f) of section 205 of  
19           the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
20           Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
21           7125).

22           “(2) INCLUSION.—A project under this sub-  
23           section may carry out part of a proposal that com-  
24           plies with the eligibility requirements of the Collabo-  
25           rative Forest Landscape Restoration Program under

1 section 4003(b) of the Omnibus Public Land Man-  
2 agement Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(b)).

3 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(1) PROJECT SIZE.—A project under this sec-  
5 tion may not exceed 3000 acres.

6 “(2) LOCATION.—A project under this section  
7 shall be limited to areas—

8 “(A) in the wildland-urban interface; or

9 “(B) Condition Classes 2 or 3 in Fire Re-  
10 gime Groups I, II, or III, outside the wildland-  
11 urban interface.

12 “(3) ROADS.—

13 “(A) PERMANENT ROADS.—

14 “(i) PROHIBITION ON ESTABLISH-  
15 MENT.—A project under this section shall  
16 not include the establishment of permanent  
17 roads.

18 “(ii) EXISTING ROADS.—The Sec-  
19 retary may carry out necessary mainte-  
20 nance and repairs on existing permanent  
21 roads for the purposes of this section.

22 “(B) TEMPORARY ROADS.—The Secretary  
23 shall decommission any temporary road con-  
24 structed under a project under this section not

1 later than 3 years after the date on which the  
2 project is completed.

3 “(d) EXCLUSIONS.—This section does not apply to—

4 “(1) a component of the National Wilderness  
5 Preservation System;

6 “(2) any Federal land on which, by Act of Con-  
7 gress or Presidential proclamation, the removal of  
8 vegetation is restricted or prohibited;

9 “(3) a congressionally designated wilderness  
10 study area; or

11 “(4) an area in which activities under sub-  
12 section (a) would be inconsistent with the applicable  
13 land and resource management plan.

14 “(e) FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS.—All projects  
15 and activities carried out under this section shall be con-  
16 sistent with the land and resource management plan es-  
17 tablished under section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Re-  
18 newable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.  
19 1604) for the unit of the National Forest System con-  
20 taining the projects and activities.

21 “(f) PUBLIC NOTICE AND SCOPING.—The Secretary  
22 shall conduct public notice and scoping for any project or  
23 action proposed in accordance with this section.

24 “(g) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pre-  
2           pare an annual report on the use of categorical ex-  
3           clusions under this section that includes a descrip-  
4           tion of all acres (or other appropriate unit) treated  
5           through projects carried out under this section.

6           “(2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 1 year after  
7           the date of enactment of this section, and each year  
8           thereafter, the Secretary shall submit the reports re-  
9           quired under paragraph (1) to—

10                   “(A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
11                   tion, and Forestry of the Senate;

12                   “(B) the Committee on Environment and  
13                   Public Works of the Senate;

14                   “(C) the Committee on Agriculture of the  
15                   House of Representatives;

16                   “(D) the Committee on Natural Resources  
17                   of the House of Representatives; and

18                   “(E) the Government Accountability Of-  
19                   fice.”.

20 **SEC. 8205. STEWARDSHIP END RESULT CONTRACTING**  
21 **PROJECTS.**

22           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Healthy Forests  
23 Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591) (as amended  
24 by section 8204) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 604. STEWARDSHIP END RESULT CONTRACTING**  
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) CHIEF.—The term ‘Chief’ means the Chief  
5 of the Forest Service.

6 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
7 the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

8 “(b) PROJECTS.—The Chief and the Director, via  
9 agreement or contract as appropriate, may enter into  
10 stewardship contracting projects with private persons or  
11 other public or private entities to perform services to  
12 achieve land management goals for the national forests  
13 and the public lands that meet local and rural community  
14 needs.

15 “(c) LAND MANAGEMENT GOALS.—The land man-  
16 agement goals of a project under subsection (b) may in-  
17 clude any of the following:

18 “(1) Road and trail maintenance or obliteration  
19 to restore or maintain water quality.

20 “(2) Soil productivity, habitat for wildlife and  
21 fisheries, or other resource values.

22 “(3) Setting of prescribed fires to improve the  
23 composition, structure, condition, and health of  
24 stands or to improve wildlife habitat.

1           “(4) Removing vegetation or other activities to  
2           promote healthy forest stands, reduce fire hazards,  
3           or achieve other land management objectives.

4           “(5) Watershed restoration and maintenance.

5           “(6) Restoration and maintenance of wildlife  
6           and fish.

7           “(7) Control of noxious and exotic weeds and  
8           reestablishing native plant species.

9           “(d) AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS.—

10           “(1) PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE.—A source  
11           for performance of an agreement or contract under  
12           subsection (b) shall be selected on a best-value basis,  
13           including consideration of source under other public  
14           and private agreements or contracts.

15           “(2) CONTRACT FOR SALE OF PROPERTY.—A  
16           contract entered into under this section may, at the  
17           discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be consid-  
18           ered a contract for the sale of property under such  
19           terms as the Secretary may prescribe without regard  
20           to any other provision of law.

21           “(3) TERM.—

22           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
23           subparagraph (B), the Chief and the Director  
24           may enter into a contract under subsection (b)

1 in accordance with section 3903 of title 41,  
2 United States Code.

3 “(B) MAXIMUM.—The period of the con-  
4 tract under subsection (b) may exceed 5 years  
5 but may not exceed 10 years.

6 “(4) OFFSETS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chief and the Di-  
8 rector may apply the value of timber or other  
9 forest products removed as an offset against the  
10 cost of services received under the agreement or  
11 contract described in subsection (b).

12 “(B) METHODS OF APPRAISAL.—The value  
13 of timber or other forest products used as an  
14 offset under subparagraph (A)—

15 “(i) shall be determined using appro-  
16 priate methods of appraisal commensurate  
17 with the quantity of products to be re-  
18 moved; and

19 “(ii) may—

20 “(I) be determined using a unit  
21 of measure appropriate to the con-  
22 tracts; and

23 “(II) may include valuing prod-  
24 ucts on a per-acre basis.

1           “(5) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Notwith-  
2 standing subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the  
3 National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16  
4 U.S.C. 472a), the Chief may enter into an agree-  
5 ment or contract under subsection (b).

6           “(6) CONTRACTING OFFICER.—Notwithstanding  
7 any other provision of law, the Secretary or the Sec-  
8 retary of the Interior may determine the appropriate  
9 contracting officer to enter into and administer an  
10 agreement or contract under subsection (b).

11           “(7) FIRE LIABILITY PROVISIONS.—Not later  
12 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this sec-  
13 tion, the Chief and the Director shall issue for use  
14 in all contracts and agreements under this section  
15 fire liability provisions that are in substantially the  
16 same form as the fire liability provisions contained  
17 in—

18           “(A) integrated resource timber contracts,  
19 as described in the Forest Service contract  
20 numbered 2400–13, part H, section H.4; and

21           “(B) timber sale contracts conducted pur-  
22 suant to section 14 of the National Forest  
23 Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a).

24           “(e) RECEIPTS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief and the Director  
2           may collect monies from an agreement or contract  
3           under subsection (b) if the collection is a secondary  
4           objective of negotiating the contract that will best  
5           achieve the purposes of this section.

6           “(2) USE.—Monies from an agreement or con-  
7           tract under subsection (b)—

8                   “(A) may be retained by the Chief and the  
9           Director; and

10                   “(B) shall be available for expenditure  
11           without further appropriation at the project site  
12           from which the monies are collected or at an-  
13           other project site.

14           “(3) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—

15                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
16           other provision of law, the value of services re-  
17           ceived by the Chief or the Director under a  
18           stewardship contract project conducted under  
19           this section, and any payments made or re-  
20           sources provided by the contractor, Chief, or  
21           Director shall not be considered monies received  
22           from the National Forest System or the public  
23           lands.

24                   “(B) KNUTSON-VANDERBERG ACT.—The  
25           Act of June 9, 1930 (commonly known as the

1           ‘Knutson-Vanderberg Act’) (16 U.S.C. 576 et  
2           seq.) shall not apply to any agreement or con-  
3           tract under subsection (b).

4           “(f) COSTS OF REMOVAL.—Notwithstanding the fact  
5           that a contractor did not harvest the timber, the Chief  
6           may collect deposits from a contractor covering the costs  
7           of removal of timber or other forest products under—

8           “(1) the Act of August 11, 1916 (16 U.S.C.  
9           490); and

10           “(2) the Act of June 30, 1914 (16 U.S.C. 498).

11           “(g) PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT GUARANTEES.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief and the Director  
13           may require performance and payment bonds under  
14           sections 28.103–2 and 28.103–3 of the Federal Ac-  
15           quisition Regulation, in an amount that the con-  
16           tracting officer considers sufficient to protect the in-  
17           vestment in receipts by the Federal Government  
18           generated by the contractor from the estimated  
19           value of the forest products to be removed under a  
20           contract under subsection (b).

21           “(2) EXCESS OFFSET VALUE.—If the offset  
22           value of the forest products exceeds the value of the  
23           resource improvement treatments, the Chief and the  
24           Director may—

1           “(A) collect any residual receipts under the  
2           Act of June 9, 1930 (commonly known as the  
3           ‘Knutson-Vanderberg Act’) (16 U.S.C. 576 et  
4           seq.); and

5           “(B) apply the excess to other authorized  
6           stewardship projects.

7           “(h) MONITORING AND EVALUATION.—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief and the Director  
9           shall establish a multiparty monitoring and evalua-  
10          tion process that accesses the stewardship con-  
11          tracting projects conducted under this section.

12          “(2) PARTICIPANTS.—Other than the Chief and  
13          Director, participants in the process described in  
14          paragraph (1) may include—

15                 “(A) any cooperating governmental agen-  
16                 cies, including tribal governments; and

17                 “(B) any other interested groups or indi-  
18                 viduals.

19          “(i) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the  
20          date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter,  
21          the Chief and the Director shall report to the Committee  
22          on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and  
23          the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
24          tives on—

1           “(1) the status of development, execution, and  
2           administration of agreements or contracts under  
3           subsection (b);

4           “(2) the specific accomplishments that have re-  
5           sulted; and

6           “(3) the role of local communities in the devel-  
7           opment of agreements or contract plans.”.

8           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 347 of the  
9           Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appro-  
10          priations Act, 1999 (16 U.S.C. 2104 note; Public Law  
11          105–277) is repealed.

12       **SEC. 8206. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.**

13       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14           (1) AUTHORIZED RESTORATION SERVICES.—  
15           The term “authorized restoration services” means  
16           similar and complementary forest, rangeland, and  
17           watershed restoration services carried out—

18                   (A) on Federal land and non-Federal land;

19                   and

20                   (B) by either the Secretary or a Governor  
21                   pursuant to a good neighbor agreement.

22           (2) FEDERAL LAND.—

23                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal  
24                   land” means land that is—

25                           (i) National Forest System land; or

1 (ii) public land (as defined in section  
2 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
3 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)).

4 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “Federal  
5 land” does not include—

6 (i) a component of the National Wil-  
7 derness Preservation System;

8 (ii) Federal land on which the removal  
9 of vegetation is prohibited or restricted by  
10 Act of Congress or Presidential proclama-  
11 tion (including the applicable implementa-  
12 tion plan); or

13 (iii) a wilderness study area.

14 (3) FOREST, RANGELAND, AND WATERSHED  
15 RESTORATION SERVICES.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “forest,  
17 rangeland, and watershed restoration services”  
18 means—

19 (i) activities to treat insect- and dis-  
20 ease-infected trees;

21 (ii) activities to reduce hazardous  
22 fuels; and

23 (iii) any other activities to restore or  
24 improve forest, rangeland, and watershed  
25 health, including fish and wildlife habitat.

1 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “forest,  
2 rangeland, and watershed restoration services”  
3 does not include—

4 (i) construction, reconstruction, re-  
5 pair, or restoration of paved or permanent  
6 roads or parking areas; or

7 (ii) construction, alteration, repair or  
8 replacement of public buildings or works.

9 (4) GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT.—The term  
10 “good neighbor agreement” means a cooperative  
11 agreement or contract (including a sole source con-  
12 tract) entered into between the Secretary and a Gov-  
13 ernor to carry out authorized restoration services  
14 under this section.

15 (5) GOVERNOR.—The term “Governor” means  
16 the Governor or any other appropriate executive offi-  
17 cial of an affected State or the Commonwealth of  
18 Puerto Rico.

19 (6) ROAD.—The term “road” has the meaning  
20 given the term in section 212.1 of title 36, Code of  
21 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-  
22 actment of this Act).

23 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary  
24 means—

1 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-  
2 spect to National Forest System land; and

3 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-  
4 spect to Bureau of Land Management land.

5 (b) GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.—

6 (1) GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
8 enter into a good neighbor agreement with a  
9 Governor to carry out authorized restoration  
10 services in accordance with this section.

11 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary  
12 shall make each good neighbor agreement avail-  
13 able to the public.

14 (2) TIMBER SALES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (d) and (g)  
16 of section 14 of the National Forest Manage-  
17 ment Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a(d) and (g))  
18 shall not apply to services performed under a  
19 cooperative agreement or contract entered into  
20 under subsection (a).

21 (B) APPROVAL OF SILVICULTURE PRE-  
22 SCRIPTIONS AND MARKING GUIDES.—The Sec-  
23 retary shall provide or approve all silviculture  
24 prescriptions and marking guides to be applied

1 on Federal land in all timber sale projects con-  
2 ducted under this section.

3 (3) RETENTION OF NEPA RESPONSIBILITIES.—

4 Any decision required to be made under the Na-  
5 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
6 4321 et seq.) with respect to any authorized restora-  
7 tion services to be provided under this section on  
8 Federal land shall not be delegated to a Governor.

9 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**  
10 **Provisions**

11 **SEC. 8301. REVISION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FOREST IN-**  
12 **VENTORY AND ANALYSIS.**

13 (a) REVISION REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
15 revise the strategic plan for forest inventory and analysis  
16 initially prepared pursuant to section 3(e) of the Forest  
17 and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of  
18 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to address the requirements im-  
19 posed by subsection (b).

20 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN.—In  
21 revising the strategic plan, the Secretary shall describe in  
22 detail the organization, procedures, and funding needed  
23 to achieve each of the following:

1           (1) Complete the transition to a fully  
2           annualized forest inventory program and include in-  
3           ventory and analysis of interior Alaska.

4           (2) Implement an annualized inventory of trees  
5           in urban settings, including the status and trends of  
6           trees and forests, and assessments of their eco-  
7           system services, values, health, and risk to pests and  
8           diseases.

9           (3) Report information on renewable biomass  
10          supplies and carbon stocks at the local, State, re-  
11          gional, and national level, including by ownership  
12          type.

13          (4) Engage State foresters and other users of  
14          information from the forest inventory and analysis  
15          in reevaluating the list of core data variables col-  
16          lected on forest inventory and analysis plots with an  
17          emphasis on demonstrated need.

18          (5) Improve the timeliness of the timber prod-  
19          uct output program and accessibility of the  
20          annualized information on that database.

21          (6) Foster greater cooperation among the forest  
22          inventory and analysis program, research station  
23          leaders, and State foresters and other users of infor-  
24          mation from the forest inventory and analysis.

1           (7) Promote availability of and access to non-  
2 Federal resources to improve information analysis  
3 and information management.

4           (8) Collaborate with the Natural Resources  
5 Conservation Service, National Aeronautics and  
6 Space Administration, National Oceanic and Atmos-  
7 pheric Administration, and United States Geological  
8 Survey to integrate remote sensing, spatial analysis  
9 techniques, and other new technologies in the forest  
10 inventory and analysis program.

11          (9) Understand and report on changes in land  
12 cover and use.

13          (10) Expand existing programs to promote sus-  
14 tainable forest stewardship through increased under-  
15 standing, in partnership with other Federal agencies,  
16 of the over 10,000,000 family forest owners, their  
17 demographics, and the barriers to forest steward-  
18 ship.

19          (11) Implement procedures to improve the sta-  
20 tistical precision of estimates at the sub-State level.

21          (c) SUBMISSION OF REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN.—

22 The Secretary shall submit the revised strategic plan to  
23 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
24 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
25 Forestry of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 8302. FOREST SERVICE PARTICIPATION IN ACES PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest  
4 Service, may use funds derived from conservation-related  
5 programs executed on National Forest System land to uti-  
6 lize the Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services  
7 Program established pursuant to section 1252 of the Food  
8 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851) to provide tech-  
9 nical services for conservation-related programs and au-  
10 thorities carried out by the Secretary on National Forest  
11 System land.

12 **SEC. 8303. EXTENSION OF STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS AU-**  
13 **THORITY REGARDING USE OF DESIGNATION**  
14 **BY PRESCRIPTION TO ALL THINNING SALES**  
15 **UNDER NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT**  
16 **ACT OF 1976.**

17 Section 14 of the National Forest Management Act  
18 of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) is amended by striking sub-  
19 section (g) and inserting the following:

20 “(g) DESIGNATION AND SUPERVISION OF HAR-  
21 VESTING.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Designation, including  
23 marking when necessary, designation by description,  
24 or designation by prescription, and supervision of  
25 harvesting of trees, portions of trees, or forest prod-

1       ucts shall be conducted by persons employed by the  
2       Secretary of Agriculture.

3               “(2) REQUIREMENT.—Persons employed by the  
4       Secretary of Agriculture under paragraph (1)—

5                       “(A) shall have no personal interest in the  
6       purchase or harvest of the products; and

7                       “(B) shall not be directly or indirectly in  
8       the employment of the purchaser of the prod-  
9       ucts.

10               “(3) METHODS FOR DESIGNATION.—Designa-  
11       tion by prescription and designation by description  
12       shall be considered valid methods for designation,  
13       and may be supervised by use of post-harvest cruise,  
14       sample weight scaling, or other methods determined  
15       by the Secretary of Agriculture to be appropriate.”.

16 **SEC. 8304. REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE FUNDS.**

17       (a) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term  
18       “State” means—

19               (1) a State; and

20               (2) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

21       (b) IN GENERAL.—If a State seeks reimbursement  
22       for amounts expended for resources and services provided  
23       to another State for the management and suppression of  
24       a wildfire, the Secretary, subject to subsections (c) and  
25       (d)—

1           (1) may accept the reimbursement amounts  
2           from the other State; and

3           (2) shall pay those amounts to the State seek-  
4           ing reimbursement.

5           (c) MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.—As a condi-  
6           tion of seeking and providing reimbursement under sub-  
7           section (b), the State seeking reimbursement and the  
8           State providing reimbursement must each have a mutual  
9           assistance agreement with the Forest Service or another  
10          Federal agency for providing and receiving wildfire man-  
11          agement and suppression resources and services.

12          (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may  
13          prescribe the terms and conditions determined to be nec-  
14          essary to carry out subsection (b).

15          (e) EFFECT ON PRIOR REIMBURSEMENTS.—Any ac-  
16          ceptance of funds or reimbursements made by the Sec-  
17          retary before the date of enactment of this Act that other-  
18          wise would have been authorized under this section shall  
19          be considered to have been made in accordance with this  
20          section.

21          (f) AMENDMENT.—Section 5(b) of the Act of May 27,  
22          1955 (42 U.S.C. 1856d(b)) is amended in the first sen-  
23          tence by inserting “or Department of Agriculture” after  
24          “Department of Defense”.

1 **SEC. 8305. FOREST SERVICE LARGE AIRTANKER AND AER-**  
2 **IAL ASSET FIREFIGHTING RECAPITALIZA-**  
3 **TION PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of ap-  
5 propriations, the Secretary, acting through the Chief of  
6 the Forest Service, may establish a large airtanker and  
7 aerial asset lease program in accordance with this section.

8 (b) **AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying out the  
9 program described in subsection (a), the Secretary may  
10 enter into a multiyear lease contract for up to 5 aircraft  
11 that meet the criteria—

12 (1) described in the Forest Service document  
13 entitled “Large Airtanker Modernization Strategy”  
14 and dated February 10, 2012, for large airtankers;  
15 and

16 (2) determined by the Secretary, for other aer-  
17 ial assets.

18 (c) **LEASE TERMS.**—The term of any individual lease  
19 agreement into which the Secretary enters under this sec-  
20 tion shall be—

21 (1) up to 5 years, inclusive of any options to  
22 renew or extend the initial lease term; and

23 (2) in accordance with section 3903 of title 41,  
24 United States Code.

1 (d) PROHIBITION.—No lease entered into under this  
2 section shall provide for the purchase of the aircraft by,  
3 or the transfer of ownership to, the Forest Service.

4 **SEC. 8306. LAND CONVEYANCE, JEFFERSON NATIONAL**  
5 **FOREST IN WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “Association”  
8 means the Mullins and Sturgill Cemetery Associa-  
9 tion of Pound, Virginia.

10 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-  
11 tled “Mullins and Sturgill Cemetery” dated March  
12 1, 2013.

13 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Upon payment by the  
14 Association of the consideration under subsection (c) and  
15 the costs under subsection (e), the Secretary shall, subject  
16 to valid existing rights, convey to the Association all right,  
17 title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel  
18 of National Forest System land in the Jefferson National  
19 Forest in Wise County, Virginia, consisting of approxi-  
20 mately 0.70 acres and containing the Mullins and Sturgill  
21 Cemetery and an easement to provide access to the parcel,  
22 as generally depicted on the map.

23 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

24 (1) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—As consideration for  
25 the land conveyed under subsection (b), the Associa-

1       tion shall pay to the Secretary cash in an amount  
2       equal to the market value of the land, as determined  
3       by an appraisal approved by the Secretary and con-  
4       ducted in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal  
5       Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and section  
6       206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
7       Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

8           (2) DEPOSIT.—The consideration received by  
9       the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be deposited  
10      into the general fund of the Treasury of the United  
11      States for the purposes of deficit reduction.

12      (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage  
13      and legal description of the land to be conveyed under sub-  
14      section (b) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory  
15      to the Secretary.

16      (e) COSTS.—The Association shall pay to the Sec-  
17      retary at closing the reasonable costs of the survey, the  
18      appraisal, and any administrative and environmental anal-  
19      yses required by law.

20      (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-  
21      retary may require such additional terms and conditions  
22      in connection with the conveyance under subsection (b) as  
23      the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-  
24      ests of the United States.