

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 3334) TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ON MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 8205) TO AMEND THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968 TO PROVIDE THAT BYRNE GRANT FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 8790) TO EXPEDITE UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 AND IMPROVE FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS, ON PUBLIC LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND ON TRIBAL LANDS TO RETURN RESILIENCE TO OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE FORESTED LANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION (H. RES. 1469) ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR KEY OFFICIALS IN THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISIONMAKING AND EXECUTION FAILURES THROUGHOUT THE WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 1486]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 1486, by a record vote of 9 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3334, the Sanctioning Tyrannical and Oppressive People within the Chinese Communist Party Act, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Foreign Affairs now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be

considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution further makes in order only the amendments printed in part B of the report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report are waived. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 8205, the Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act, under a closed rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–51 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 8790, the Fix Our Forests Act, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part C of the report, shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution further makes in order only the amendments printed in part D of the report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report are waived. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for consideration of H. Res. 1469, Ensuring accountability for key officials in the Biden-Harris administration responsible for decisionmaking and execution failures throughout the withdrawal from Afghanistan, under a closed rule. The resolution provides that upon adoption of the resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 1469. The resolution provides that H. Res. 1469 shall be considered as read. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on For-

eign Affairs or their respective designees. The resolution provides that Section 3(j) of House Resolution 5 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: “(3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, ‘non-governmental capacity’ shall mean any capacity except representing the executive branch of the United States government.”

#### EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3334, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 3334, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 8205 includes:

—Clause 3(d) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of committee cost estimate in a committee report.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 8205, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 8790 includes:

—Clause 3(d) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of committee cost estimate in a committee report.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 8790, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H. Res. 1469, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 271*

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the language in the rule related to defining the governmental capacity of witnesses to remove that restriction entirely and remove the requirement for the Majority Leader to approve the remote participation of witnesses. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach .....	Nay	Ms. Scanlon .....	Yea
Mr. Massie .....	Nay	Mr. Neguse .....	Yea
Mr. Norman .....	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez .....	Yea

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Roy .....	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin .....	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy .....	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott .....	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 272*

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendment #11 to H.R. 8790, offered by Representative Dingell, which strikes anti-ESA riders from the bill. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach .....	Nay	Ms. Scanlon .....	Yea
Mr. Massie .....	Nay	Mr. Neguse .....	Yea
Mr. Norman .....	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez .....	Yea
Mr. Roy .....	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin .....	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy .....	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott .....	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 273*

Motion by Ms. Leger Fernandez to amend the rule to make in order amendment #3 to H.R. 8790, offered Representative Leger Fernandez, which inserts authorizations for appropriations including: Title I—Fireshed center, registry, assessment, and emergency management. Title II—Community Wildfire risk reduction program, defense research program, and seeds of success. Title III—Biochar innovations and opportunities for conservation, health, and advancements in research, and public-private wildfire technology deployment and testbed partnership. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach .....	Nay	Ms. Scanlon .....	Yea
Mr. Massie .....	Nay	Mr. Neguse .....	Yea
Mr. Norman .....	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez .....	Yea
Mr. Roy .....	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin .....	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy .....	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott .....	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 274*

Motion by Mr. Reschenthaler to report the rule. Adopted: 9–4

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler .....	Yea	Mr. McGovern .....	Nay
Mrs. Fischbach .....	Yea	Ms. Scanlon .....	Nay
Mr. Massie .....	Yea	Mr. Neguse .....	Nay
Mr. Norman .....	Yea	Ms. Leger Fernandez .....	Nay
Mr. Roy .....	Yea		
Mrs. Houchin .....	Yea		
Mr. Langworthy .....	Yea		
Mr. Austin Scott .....	Yea		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman .....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3334 IN PART A  
CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. McClain (MI): Inserts an exception relating to importation of goods. (10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3334 IN PART B  
MADE IN ORDER

1. Nunn (IA), Ogles (TN): Adds to the sanction list under section 4 any Chinese State-Owned Enterprise that knowingly manufactures or distributes any chemicals used in the production of illicit fentanyl. (10 minutes)

2. Crockett (TX): Adds engaging in efforts to interfere in U.S. federal, state, and local elections to List of Qualifications for "SANCTIONABLE CONDUCT." (10 minutes)

3. Ogles (TN): Clarifies that alternate members of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party are also subject to the sanctions described in subsection (c) of Section 4. (10 minutes)

4. Ogles (TN): Requires the President to certify that the PRC and CCP have ceased their oppression of the Tibetan people as a condition of terminating sanctions. (10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8790 IN PART C  
CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. Lucas (OK): Makes technical changes to ensure collaboration and coordination with the fire weather prediction and modeling activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and subject certain funds to the availability of appropriations.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 8790 IN PART D  
MADE IN ORDER

1. Molinaro (NY), Harder (CA): Adds consideration of a strategy for reducing the threat of wildfires to wildland firefighters to the fire assessment. (10 minutes)

2. LaMalfa (CA), Vasquez (NM): Directs the United States Forest Service to expand the use of proactive, targeted animal grazing in fuels management programs to reduce wildfire risk. (10 minutes)

3. Valadao (CA), Costa (CA), Issa (CA): Requires the U.S. Forest Service to conduct an evaluation of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS) to assess the use of such a system to mitigate and suppress wildfires. (10 minutes)

4. Garamendi (CA), Fallon (TX): Clarifies that special districts are eligible to participate in the wildfire-related programs authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. Clarifies that special districts are eligible to participate in the biochar research and development program established in Sec. 301 of H.R. 8790. Expands the Good Neighbor Authority to special districts. (10 minutes)

5. Obernolte (CA), Pettersen (CO): Adds thermal mid-wave infrared equipped low earth orbit satellites as a prioritized emerging technology for agencies to implement through public-private partnerships for wildfire mitigation and detection. (10 minutes)

6. Harder (CA): Authorizes a Department of Interior Casualty Assistance Program to provide assistance to firefighters and the

families of firefighters who were critically injured, ill, or killed in the line-of-duty. (10 minutes)

7. Barr (KY), McGarvey (KY): Directs the the US Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to address reforestation and regeneration issues specific to the White Oak species through the White Oak Initiative and pilot projects. (10 minutes)

8. Pettersen (CO): Expands nursery and seed capacity work to support reforestation and restoration by state, Tribal, and local governments and institutions of higher education. (10 minutes)

9. Mullin (CA): Adds artificial intelligence and other decision support tools for use by the Fireshed Center. (10 minutes)

10. Costa (CA), Valadao (CA): Expands public and private forestry and watershed management partnerships by reducing redundancy for existing water source management plans and increasing the number of eligible entities. (10 minutes)

11. Zinke (MT): Allows GNA revenue to be used for reconstruction, repair, and restoration of non-NFS roads necessary to implement GNA projects on federal lands, allows GNA cooperators to construct new permanent roads on federal lands that is necessary to implement authorized restoration activities and approved by the federal agency through an Environmental Analysis or Categorical Exclusion decision, and allows GNA cooperators to complete new permanent road construction to replace and decommission existing permanent road(s) that are adversely impacting forest, rangeland, or watershed health. (10 minutes)

12. Boebert (CO): Clarifies existing authorities may be utilized to prevent wildfires in Fire Regimes IV and V which are located in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, Maine, West Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, Ohio, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, Iowa, Florida, and Texas. (10 minutes)

13. Boebert (CO): Ensures grazing is one of the hazardous fuels reduction activities authorized by the bill. (10 minutes)

14. Boebert (CO): Requires regional foresters to submit a plan through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for the treatment and removal of trees killed by or infested with bark beetles in Western states. (10 minutes)

15. Boebert (CO): Requires regional foresters to submit a plan for the sale of Christmas trees and firewood on federal lands. (10 minutes)

16. LaLota (NY): Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study on the impacts pine beetles have in the Northeastern region of the United States. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3334 CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

Page 14, after line 18, insert the following (and redesignate accordingly):

(j) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements to impose sanctions authorized under this Act shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

(2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “good” means any article, natural or man-made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3334 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NUNN OF IOWA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 8, line 16, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

Page 8, line 20, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

Page 8, after line 20, insert the following:

(4) each person the President determines is a Chinese state-owned enterprise—

(A) illegally manufacturing or distributing fentanyl; or

(B) knowingly or intentionally manufacturing or distributing fentanyl precursor chemicals to be used in the illegal production or distribution of fentanyl.

Page 14, beginning line 7, redesignate subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

Page 14, after line 6, insert the following:

(A) if the person is described in any of paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a)—

Page 14, line 11, strike the period at the end and insert “; or”.

Page 14, after line 11, insert the following

(B) if the person is described in paragraph (4) of subsection (a), taken affirmative steps to cease the manufacture and distribution of fentanyl or any precursor chemical known or intended to be used in the illegal production or distribution of fentanyl.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROCKETT OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 9, line 2, strike “or”.

Page 9, line 6, strike the period and insert “; or”.

Page 9, after line 6, insert the following:

(4) willfully and knowingly engage in malicious activities, including online disinformation campaigns and propaganda, for the purpose of interfering with United States Federal, State, or local elections.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OGLES OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 8, line 8, after “Chinese Communist Party” insert “, including alternate members thereof,”.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OGLES OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 13, after line 13, insert the following:

(B) ceased all forms of oppression of the Tibetan people, including those significant human rights abuses detailed

in the Tibet section of the Department of State's 2023 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices;  
 Page 13, line 14, strike "(B)" and insert "(C)".  
 Page 13, line 23, strike "(C)" and insert "(D)".  
 Page 14, line 4, strike "(D)" and insert "(E)".

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PART C—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8790 CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

Page 13, beginning line 8, strike "predictive" and insert "land and fuels management".

Page 13, line 23, strike "provide" and insert "amplify and distribute existing, and develop as necessary,".

Page 13, line 25, insert "National Weather Service" before "fire".

Page 14, line 2, insert "while avoiding duplicative efforts" after "recovery".

Page 22, line 8, insert "(including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)" after "departments".

Page 46, after line 8, insert the following:

(10) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Page 50, after line 18 insert the following:

(d) COLLABORATION AND NONDUPLICATION.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall ensure collaboration and nonduplication of activities with the Building Technologies Office of the Department of Energy.

Page 50, line 19, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 56, line 21, strike "Not" and insert "Subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purpose, not".

Page 62, line 11, insert ", in consultation with the Secretary of Energy," before "shall".

Page 65, line 12, strike "or".

Page 65, line 14, strike the period and insert "or organization;".

Page 65, after line 14 insert the following:

(D) a National Laboratory (as such term is defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)); or

(E) a partnership or consortium of two or more entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

Page 71, line 15, strike "TESTBED" and insert "DEMONSTRATION".

Page 72, line 19, strike "testbed" and insert "demonstration".

Page 72, line 6, strike "and".

Page 72, after line 6 insert the following:

(H) a State, Tribal, county, or municipal fire department or district operating through the United States Fire Administration or pursuant to an agreement with a Federal agency; and

Page 72, line 7, strike "(H)" and insert "(I)".

Page 72, line 16, strike "60 days" and insert "1 year".

Page 73, beginning line 1, strike "existing interagency coordinating groups on wildfires" and insert "the National Wildfire Coordinating Group".

Page 73, line 4, insert "the demonstration and deployment of" after "advance".

Page 73, line 24, strike "test" and insert "demonstrate".

Page 74, strike lines 3 through 10 and insert the following:



(e) **PRIORITIZATION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.**—In selecting covered entities to participate in the Pilot Program, the Secretaries shall give priority to covered entities—

(1) that have participated in the Fire Weather Testbed of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; or

(2) developing and applying emerging technologies for wild-fire mitigation, including artificial intelligence, quantum sensing, computing and quantum-hybrid applications, augmented reality, 5G private networks, and device-to-device communications supporting nomadic mesh networks.

Page 74, line 15, strike “test” and insert “deploy”.

Page 75, line 2, strike “tested” and insert “deployed and demonstrated”.

Page 75, after line 12 insert the following:

(6) A description of the relationship and coordination between the Pilot Program and the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including the Fire Weather Testbed.

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PART D—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 8790 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 21, line 10, strike “and”.

Page 21, line 14, insert “and” after the semicolon.

Page 21, after line 14, insert the following:

(v) a strategy for reducing the threat of wildfire to improve the effectiveness of wildland firefighting, particularly the effectiveness of fuels treatments that would improve wildland firefighter safety during wildfires;

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2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

After section 116 insert the following:

**SEC. 117. UTILIZING GRAZING FOR WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION.**

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, in coordination with holders of permits to graze livestock on Federal land, shall develop a strategy to increase opportunities to utilize livestock grazing as a wildfire risk reduction strategy, including—

(1) completion of reviews (as required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)) to allow permitted grazing on vacant grazing allotments during instances of drought, wildfire, or other natural disasters that disrupt grazing on allotments already permitted;

(2) use of targeted grazing;

(3) increased use of temporary permits to promote targeted fuels reduction and reduction of invasive annual grasses;

(4) increased use of grazing as a postfire recovery and restoration strategy, where appropriate; and

(5) use of all applicable authorities under the law.

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE VALADAO OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2023”.

**SEC. 2. CONTAINER AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM (CAFFS).**

(a) EVALUATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the Interagency Airtanker Board, shall jointly conduct an evaluation of the container aerial firefighting system to assess the use of such system to mitigate and suppress wildfires.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the Interagency Airtanker Board, shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees a report that includes the results of the evaluation required under subsection (a).

(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees” means—

- (1) the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 8, after line 8, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly):

(18) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term “special district” means a political subdivision of a State that—

- (A) has significant budgetary autonomy or control;
- (B) was created by or pursuant to the laws of the State for the purpose of performing a limited and specific governmental or proprietary function; and
- (C) is distinct from any other local government unit within the State.

Page 29, before line 1, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent subparagraphs accordingly):

(A) in section 3 (16 U.S.C. 6502), by inserting at the end the following:

“(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘local government’ means a county, municipality, or special district.

“(4) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term ‘special district’ means a political subdivision of a State that—

- “(A) has significant budgetary autonomy or control;
- “(B) was created by or pursuant to the laws of the State for the purpose of performing a limited and specific governmental or proprietary function; and

- “(C) is distinct from any other local government unit within the State.”.
- Page 30, line 15, strike “and”.
- Page 30, after line 15, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly):
- (2) in subsection (a), by inserting the following:
- “(11) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term ‘special district’ means a political subdivision of a State that—
- “(A) has significant budgetary autonomy or control;
- “(B) was created by or pursuant to the laws of the State for the purpose of performing a limited and specific governmental or proprietary function; and
- “(C) is distinct from any other local government unit within the State.”.
- Page 30, line 18, insert “special district,” after “tribe,”.
- Page 30, line 24, insert “a special district,” after “Indian tribe,”.
- Page 31, line 2, insert “special district,” after “tribe,”.
- Page 31, line 12, insert “special district,” after “Indian tribe,”.
- Page 31, line 17, insert “special district,” after “tribe,”.
- Page 31, line 23, insert “special district,” after “tribe,”.
- Page 31, line 25, insert “special district,” after “tribe,”.
- Page 65, line 11, insert “special district,” after “local,”.

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OBERNOLTE OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

- Page 73, line 12, strike “and”.
- Page 73, after line 14, insert the following:
- (F) interoperable commercial data; and
- Page 74, line 8, insert “thermal mid-wave infrared equipped low earth orbit satellites,” after “applications,”.
- Page 74, line 10, insert “and detection” before the period.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDER OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill add the following:

**TITLE IV—ENSURING CASUALTY ASSISTANCE FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS**

**SEC. 401. WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT CASUALTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop a Wildland Fire Management Casualty Assistance Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) to provide assistance to the next-of-kin of—

- (1) firefighters who, while in the line of duty, suffer illness or are critically injured or killed; and
- (2) wildland fire support personnel critically injured or killed in the line of duty.

(b) ASPECTS OF PROGRAM.—The Program shall address the following:

(1) The initial and any subsequent notifications to the next-of-kin of a firefighter or wildland fire support personnel who—

(A) is killed in the line of duty; or

(B) requires hospitalization or treatment at a medical facility due to a line-of-duty injury or illness.

(2) The reimbursement of next-of-kin for expenses associated with travel to visit a firefighter or wildland fire support personnel who—

(A) is killed in the line of duty; or

(B) requires hospitalization or treatment at a medical facility due to a line-of-duty injury or illness.

(3) The qualifications, assignment, training, duties, supervision, and accountability for the performance of casualty assistance responsibilities.

(4) The relief or transfer of casualty assistance officers, including notification to survivors of critical injury or illness in the line of duty and next-of-kin of the reassignment of such officers to other duties.

(5) Centralized, short-term and long-term case management procedures for casualty assistance, including rapid access by survivors of firefighters or wildland fire support personnel and casualty assistance officers to expert case managers and counselors.

(6) The provision, through a computer accessible website and other means and at no cost to survivors and next-of-kin of firefighters or wildland fire support personnel, of personalized, integrated information on the benefits and financial assistance available to such survivors from the Federal Government.

(7) The provision of information to survivors and next-of-kin of firefighters or wildland fire support personnel on mechanisms for registering complaints about, or requests for, additional assistance related to casualty assistance.

(8) Liaison with the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, and the Social Security Administration to ensure prompt and accurate resolution of issues relating to benefits administered by those agencies for survivors of firefighters or wildland fire support personnel.

(9) Data collection, in consultation with the United States Fire Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, regarding the incidence and quality of casualty assistance provided to survivors of firefighters or wildland fire support personnel.

(c) LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.—The Program shall not affect existing authorities for Line of Duty Death benefits for Federal firefighters and wildland fire support personnel.

(d) NEXT-OF-KIN DEFINED.—In this section, the term “next-of-kin” means person or persons in the highest category of priority as determined by the following list (categories appear in descending order of priority):

(1) Surviving legal spouse.

(2) Children (whether by current or prior marriage) age 18 years or older in descending precedence by age.

- (3) Father or mother, unless by court order custody has been vested in another (adoptive parent takes precedence over natural parent);
- (4) Siblings (whole or half) age 18 years or older in descending precedence by age.
- (5) Grandfather or grandmother.
- (6) Any other relative (precedence to be determined in accordance with the civil law of descent of the deceased former member's State of domicile at time of death).

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill insert the following:

## **TITLE IV—WHITE OAK RESILIENCE**

### **SEC. 401. WHITE OAK RESTORATION INITIATIVE COALITION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The White Oak Restoration Initiative Coalition shall be established—

(1) as a voluntary collaborative group of Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments and private and non-governmental organizations to carry out the duties described in subsection (b); and

(2) in accordance with the charter titled “White Oak Initiative Coalition Charter” adopted by the White Oak Initiative Board of Directors on March 21, 2023 (or a successor charter).

(b) **DUTIES.**—In addition to the duties specified in the charter described in subsection (a)(2), the duties of the White Oak Restoration Initiative Coalition are—

(1) to coordinate Federal, State, Tribal, local, private, and non-governmental restoration of white oak in the United States; and

(2) to make program and policy recommendations, consistent with applicable forest management plans, with respect to—

(A) changes necessary to address Federal and State policies that impede activities to improve the health, resiliency, and natural regeneration of white oak;

(B) adopting or modifying Federal and State policies to increase the pace and scale of white oak regeneration and resiliency of white oak;

(C) options to enhance communication, coordination, and collaboration between forest land owners, particularly for cross-boundary projects, to improve the health, resiliency, and natural regeneration of white oak;

(D) research gaps that should be addressed to improve the best available science on white oak;

(E) outreach to forest landowners with white oak or white oak regeneration potential; and

(F) options and policies necessary to improve the quality and quantity of white oak in tree nurseries.

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND STAFF SUPPORT.**—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall make such personnel available to the White Oak Res-

toration Initiative Coalition for administrative support, technical services, and development and dissemination of educational materials as the Secretaries determine necessary to carry out this section.

(d) PRIVATE FUNDING OF WHITE OAK RESTORATION PROJECTS.—Subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purpose, the Secretary of Agriculture may make funds available to the White Oak Restoration Initiative Coalition to carry out this section from the account established pursuant to section 1241(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(f)).

**SEC. 402. FOREST SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall establish and carry out 5 pilot projects in national forests to restore white oak in such forests through white oak restoration and natural regeneration practices that are consistent with applicable forest management plans.

(b) NATIONAL FORESTS RESERVED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.—At least 3 pilot projects required under subsection (a) shall be carried out on national forests reserved or withdrawn from the public domain.

(c) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into cooperative agreements to carry out the pilot projects required under subsection (a).

(d) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 403. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR WHITE OAK REVIEW AND RESTORATION.**

(a) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry out an assessment of land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, including fish and wildlife refuges and abandoned mine land, to evaluate—

(A) whether white oak is present on such land; and

(B) the potential to restore white oak forests on such land.

(2) USE OF INFORMATION.—In carrying out the assessment under paragraph (1), the Secretary may use information from sources other than the Department of the Interior, including from the White Oak Initiative and the Forest Service.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make publicly available on the website of the Department of the Interior, a report regarding the results of the assessment carried out under this subsection.

(b) PILOT PROJECTS.—After the date on which the report required under subsection (a)(3) is submitted, the Secretary shall establish and carry out 5 pilot projects in different areas of land described in subsection (a)(1) to restore and naturally regenerate white oak.

(c) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements to carry out the pilot projects required under subsection (b).

(d) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 404. WHITE OAK REGENERATION AND UPLAND OAK HABITAT.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish a non-regulatory program to be known as the “White Oak and Upland Oak Habitat Regeneration Program” (in this section referred to as the “Program”).

(b) **DUTIES.**—In carrying out the Program, the Secretary shall—

(1) draw upon the best available science and management plans for species of white oak to identify, prioritize, and implement restoration and conservation activities that will improve the growth of white oak within the United States;

(2) collaborate and coordinate with the White Oak Restoration Initiative Coalition to prioritize white oak restoration initiatives;

(3) adopt a white oak restoration strategy that—

(A) supports the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and conservation activities developed in accordance with paragraph (1);

(B) targets cost effective projects with measurable results; and

(C) maximizes restoration outcomes with no net gain of Federal full-time equivalent employees; and

(4) establish the voluntary grant and technical assistance programs in accordance with subsection (e).

(c) **COORDINATION.**—In establishing the Program the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall consult with—

(1) the heads of Federal agencies, including—

(A) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(B) the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

(2) the Governor of each State in which restoration efforts will be carried out pursuant to the Program.

(d) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Program include—

(1) coordinating restoration and conservation activities among Federal, State, local, and Tribal entities and conservation partners to address white oak restoration priorities;

(2) improving and regenerating white oak and upland oak forests and the wildlife habitat such forests provide;

(3) carrying out coordinated restoration and conservation activities that lead to the increased growth of species of white oak in native white oak regions on Federal, State, Tribal, and private land;

(4) facilitating strategic planning to maximize the resilience of white oak systems and habitats under changing climate conditions;

(5) engaging the public through outreach, education, and citizen involvement to increase capacity and support for coordinated restoration and conservation activities for species of white oak; and

(6) increasing scientific capacity to support the planning, monitoring, and research activities necessary to carry out such coordinated restoration and conservation activities.

(e) **GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—To the extent that funds are available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall establish a voluntary grant and technical assistance program (in this section referred to as the “grant program”) to achieve the purposes of the Program described in subsection (d).

(2) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (in this subsection referred to as the “Foundation”) to manage and administer the grant program.

(B) **FUNDING.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purpose, after the Secretary enters into a cooperative agreement with the Foundation under subparagraph (A), the Foundation shall for each fiscal year, receive amounts to carry out this subsection in an advance payment of the entire amount on October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, of that fiscal year.

(3) **APPLICATION OF NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT.**—Amounts received by the Foundation to carry out the grant program shall be subject to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), excluding section 10(a) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)).

(f) **SUNSET.**—The authority under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 405. TREE NURSERY SHORTAGES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall—

(1) develop and implement a national strategy to increase the capacity of Federal, State, Tribal, and private tree nurseries to address the nationwide shortage of tree seedlings; and

(2) coordinate such strategy with—

(A) the national reforestation strategy of the Forest Service; and

(B) each regional implementation plan for National Forests.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be based on the best available science and data; and

(2) identify and address—

(A) regional seedling shortages of bareroot and container tree seedlings;

(B) regional reforestation opportunities and the seedling supply necessary to fulfill such opportunities;

(C) opportunities to enhance seedling diversity and close gaps in seed inventories; and

(D) barriers to expanding, enhancing, or creating new infrastructure to increase nursery capacity.

**SEC. 406. WHITE OAK RESEARCH.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a Tribe or institution, includ-



ing a covered land grant college, to collaboratively conduct research on—

- (1) white oak genes with resistance or tolerance to stress;
- (2) white oak trees that exhibit vigor for the purpose of increasing survival and growth;
- (3) establishing a genetically diverse white oak seeds bank capable of responding to stressors;
- (4) providing a sustainable supply of white oak seedlings and genetic resources;
- (5) improved methods for aligning seed sources with the future climate at planting sites;
- (6) reforestation of white oak through natural and artificial regeneration;
- (7) improved methods for retaining and increasing white oak trees in forests;
- (8) improved methods for reforesting abandoned mine land sites; and
- (9) economic and social aspects of white oak forest management across land ownerships.

(b) **CONSULT.**—In carrying out the research under subsection (a), the Tribe or institution, including a covered land grant college, that enters into the memorandum of understanding under such subsection may consult with such States, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and other scientific bodies, as the entity subject to such memorandum determines appropriate.

(c) **SUNSET.**—The authority under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **COVERED LAND GRANT COLLEGE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered land grant college” means an 1862 Institution, an 1890 Institution, or a 1994 Institution (as such terms are defined, respectively, in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).

**SEC. 407. USDA FORMAL INITIATIVE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and in coordination with the Chief of the Forest Service, shall establish a formal initiative on white oak to—

- (1) re-establish white oak forests where appropriate;
- (2) improve management of existing white oak forests to foster natural regeneration of white oak;
- (3) provide technical assistance to private landowners to re-establish, improve management of, and naturally regenerate white oak;
- (4) improve and expand white oak nursery stock; and
- (5) adapt and improve white oak seedlings.

(b) **SUNSET.**—The authority under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 408. AUTHORITIES.**

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall use the authorities provided under this title in combination with other authorities to carry out projects, including—

- (1) good neighbor agreements entered into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113); and

(2) stewardship contracting projects entered into under section 604 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591).

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETTERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title I add the following:

**SEC. 117. PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRIORITY REFORESTATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the heads of covered Federal agencies, shall establish a program to provide support for priority projects identified under subsection (c)(2), in accordance with this section.

(b) **SUPPORT.**—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary may provide support through—

(1) cooperative agreements entered into in accordance with processes established by the Secretary; and

(2) contracts, including contracts established pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

(c) **ANNUAL IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY PROJECTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the heads of covered Federal agencies, shall—

(1) identify lands of the United States administered by, or under the jurisdiction of, the Secretary of the Interior that require reforestation and restoration due to unplanned disturbances and that are unlikely to experience natural regeneration without assistance; and

(2) establish a list of priority projects for reforestation and restoration for the upcoming year, which may include activities to ensure adequate and appropriate seed and seedling availability to further the objectives of other priority projects.

(d) **CONSULTATION.**—In carrying out the program under subsection (a) and the requirements under subsection (c), the Secretary shall consult or collaborate with, as appropriate, and inform the following:

(1) State and local governments.

(2) Indian Tribes.

(3) Covered institutions of higher education.

(4) Federal agencies that administer lands of the United States that adjoin or are proximal to lands that are the subject of priority projects and potential priority projects.

(5) Other stakeholders, as determined by the Secretary.

(e) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the relevant Congressional Committees a report that includes the following:

(1) An accounting of all lands identified under subsection (c)(1) for the period covered by the report.

(2) A list of priority projects identified under subsection (c)(2) for the period covered by the report and, with respect to each

such priority project, any support issued under the program under subsection (a) and any progress made towards reforestation and restoration.

(3) An accounting of each contract and cooperative agreement established under the program under subsection (a).

(4) A description of the actions taken in accordance with subsection (d).

(5) Assessments with respect to—

(A) gaps in—

(i) the implementation of the program under subsection (a); and

(ii) the progress made under the program with respect to priority projects; and

(B) opportunities to procure funding necessary to address any such gaps.

(f) NONDUPLICATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Defense to ensure the nonduplication of activities carried out under section 205.

(g) SUNSET.—The authority provided under this section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “covered Federal agency” means the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(2) COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term “covered institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term “eligible institutions” in section 301(e)(3)).

(3) NATURAL REGENERATION; REFORESTATION.—The terms “natural regeneration” and “reforestation” have the meanings given such terms in section 3(e)(4)(A) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1601(3)(4)(A)).

(4) RESTORATION.—The term “restoration” means activities that facilitate the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed, including the reestablishment of appropriate plant species composition and community structure.

(5) UNPLANNED ECOSYSTEM DISTURBANCE.—The term “unplanned ecosystem disturbance” means any unplanned disturbance that disrupts the structure or composition of an ecosystem, including a wildfire, an infestation of insects or disease, and a weather event.

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MULLIN OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 13, line 1, strike “predict” and insert “predict, using data tools (including artificial intelligence) and other decision support products,”.

Page 13, line 5, strike “community” and insert “community (including at-risk communities identified in firehatched assessments conducted under section 105)”.

Page 14, line 2, strike “and” at the end.  
 Page 14, line 4, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.  
 Page 14, after line 4, insert the following new paragraph:

(8) disseminate data tools (including artificial intelligence) and other decision support products, for use in manners consistent with the purposes described paragraphs (1) through (7), to the following:

- (A) Federal agencies.
- (B) Indian Tribes.
- (C) State and local governments.
- (D) Academic or research institutions.
- (E) Other entities, public or private, identified by the Director.

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill add the following:

**TITLE IV—EXPANSION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS UNDER WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM**

**SEC. 401. WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

Section 303 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6542(g)(4)(B)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (7) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively;

(B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following:

“(1) ADJACENT LAND.—The term ‘adjacent land’ means non-Federal land, including State, local, and private land, that is adjacent to, and within the same watershed as, National Forest System land on which a watershed protection and restoration project is carried out under this section.”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and (H) as subparagraphs (K) and (L), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following:

“(G) an acequia association;

“(H) a local, regional, or other public entity that manages stormwater or wastewater resources or other related water infrastructure;

“(I) a land-grant mercedes;

“(J) a local, regional, or other private entity that has water delivery authority;”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “The Secretary shall” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—A watershed protection and restoration project under the Program shall be designed to—

“(A) protect and restore watershed health, water supply and quality, a municipal or agricultural water supply system, and water-related infrastructure;

“(B) protect and restore forest health from insect infestation and disease or wildfire; or

“(C) advance any combination of the purposes described in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

“(3) PRIORITIES.—In selecting watershed protection and restoration projects under the Program, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that would—

“(A) provide risk management benefits associated with: drought; wildfire; post-wildfire conditions; extreme weather; flooding; resilience to climate change; and watershed and fire resilience, including minimizing risks to watershed health, water supply and quality, and water-related infrastructure, including municipal and agricultural water supply systems;

“(B) support aquatic restoration and conservation efforts that complement existing or planned forest restoration or wildfire risk reduction efforts; or

“(C) provide quantifiable benefits to water supply or quality and include the use of nature-based solutions, such as restoring wetland and riparian ecosystems.

“(4) CONDITIONS FOR PROJECTS ON ADJACENT LAND.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—No project or activity may be carried out under this section on adjacent land unless the owner of the adjacent land agrees in writing that the owner is a willing and engaged partner in carrying out that project or activity.

“(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any change in—

“(i) the ownership of adjacent land on which a project or activity is carried out under this section; or

“(ii) the management of adjacent land on which a project or activity is carried out under this section, except during the carrying out of that project or activity.”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “with end water users” and inserting “with end water users to protect and restore the condition of National Forest watersheds and adjacent land that provide water—

“(A) to the end water users subject to the agreement; or  
“(B) for the benefit of another end water user.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at the end;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) a good neighbor agreement entered into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a); or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) COOPERATION WITH NON-FEDERAL PARTNERS.—The Secretary shall cooperate with non-Federal partners in carrying out assessments, planning, project design, and project implementation under this section.”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) REQUIREMENT.—A water source management plan shall be—

“(A) designed to protect and restore ecological integrity (as defined in section 219.19 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this subparagraph));

“(B) based on the best available scientific information; and

“(C) conducted in a manner consistent with the forest plan applicable to the National Forest System land on which the watershed protection and restoration project is carried out.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) REDUCING REDUNDANCY.—An existing watershed plan, such as a watershed protection and restoration action plan developed under section 304(a)(3), or other applicable watershed planning documents as approved by the Secretary may be used as the basis for a water source management plan under this subsection.”; and

(5) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “primary purpose of” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “primary purpose of advancing any of the purposes described in subsection (b)(2).”.

**SEC. 402. WATERSHED CONDITION FRAMEWORK TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

Section 304(a) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6543(a)) is amended in paragraphs (3) and (5) by striking “protection and”.

**11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ZINKE OF MONTANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Page 31, line 5, strike “and”.

Page 31, after line 5, insert the following:

“(II) to carry out reconstruction, repair, and restoration of non-National Forest System roads necessary to implement projects on Federal lands;

“(III) to construct new permanent roads on Federal lands that are—

“(aa) necessary to implement authorized restoration activities; and

“(bb) approved by the Federal agency through an environmental analysis or categorical exclusion decision;

“(IV) to complete new permanent road construction to replace and decommission an existing permanent road that is adversely impacting forest, rangeland, or watershed health; and”.

Page 31, line 6, strike “(II)” and insert “(V)”.  
Page 31, line 7, strike “subclause (I)” and insert “subclauses (I) through (IV)”.

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12. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 29, after line 3, insert the following:

(B) in section 603(c)(2)(B) (16 U.S.C. 6591b(c)(2)(B)), by striking “Fire Regime Groups I, II, or III” and inserting “Fire Regime I, Fire Regime II, Fire Regime III, Fire Regime IV, or Fire Regime V”.

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13. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 71, line 1, strike “treatments” and insert “treatments, grazing,”.

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14. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 38, after line 12, insert the following:

“(H) proposals that seek to remove or treat insects or diseases, including the removal of trees killed by, or infested with, bark beetles in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming;”.

Page 38, line 13, strike “(H)” and insert “(I)”.

Page 38, line 23, strike “(I)” and insert “(J)”.

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15. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 38, after line 12, insert the following:

“(H) proposals that seek to facilitate the sale of firewood and Christmas trees on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior;”.

Page 38, line 13, strike “(H)” and insert “(I)”.

Page 38, line 23, strike “(I)” and insert “(J)”.

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16. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LALOTA OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of title III add the following:

**SEC. 307. STUDY ON PINE BEETLE INFESTATION.**

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall—

- (1) carry out a study on the causes and effects of, and solutions for, the infestation of pine beetles in the North Eastern region of the United States; and

(2) submit to the relevant Congressional Committees a report that includes the results of the study required under paragraph (1).

