

Final – Title VIII: Forestry

Section Number and Description	Current Law
Subtitle A: Amendments to Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978	
<p>Sec. 8001 National Priorities for Private Forest Conservation Establishes three priorities for allocation of funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conserving and managing working forests for multiple values and uses 2. Protecting and restoring forests from a range of threats and restoring appropriate forest types in response to such threats. 3. Enhancing public benefits from private forests. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8002 Long-term Statewide Assessments and Strategies for Forest Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires states, to be eligible for funding under CFAA, to develop and submit to the Secretary of Agriculture (1) a statewide assessment of forest resource conditions, trends, threats; (2) a strategy for addressing threats to forest resources; and, (3) a description of resources needed from all sources to address the strategy. • Assessments are to be coordinated among state forester or equivalent, state forest stewardship coordinating committee, state wildlife agency, and state technical committee. An annual report on use of funds is required. • Authorization of appropriation of up to \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8003 Community Forest & Open Space Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a grant program to provide federal matching grants to help local governments, tribes or NGOs acquire private forests that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses and are intended to provide public benefits to communities. • Authorization of such sums as may be necessary. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8004 Assistance to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the CFAA to reflect trust territory status. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8005 Changes to the Forest Resources Coordinating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Forest Resources Coordinating Committee at Secretary level to coordinate non-industrial forestry activities within the Department of Agriculture and with the private sector. • The coordinating committee includes the chiefs of FS and NRCS, administrators of FSA and CSREES, and a representative from a State technical committee. • Non-fed reps with three-year terms include State Foresters, State Fish and Wildlife Agency, NIPF owner, Industry, Conservation Orgs., consultants, others. 	No existing provision

<p>Sec. 8006 Changes to the State Forest Stewardship Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces requirement for a statewide Forest Stewardship Plan with <i>Statewide Assessment and Strategies for Forest Resources</i>. State committees make recommendations on the Statewide Assessment. Adds State Technical Committee representative. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8007 Competition in Programs Under Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a portion of CFAA funds, as determined by the Secretary, be available competitively to State Foresters. State Foresters are the only eligible entity. Secretary to consult with new Forest Resource Coordinating Committee to determine competitive allocation of funds. 	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8008 Competitive Allocation of Funds for Cooperative Forest Innovation Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary is authorized to competitively allocate not more than 5% of CFAA funds to support innovative national, regional, or local education, outreach, or technology projects that would increase the ability of USDA to address national priorities outlined in Sec. 8001. 	No existing provision
Subtitle B – Tribal-Forest Service Cooperative Relations	
<p>Sec. 8101 Purposes Itemizes the purposes of each of the subsections in Subtitle B.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8102 Definitions Provides definitions for ‘adjacent site,’ ‘cultural items,’ ‘human remains,’ ‘Indian,’ ‘Indian Tribe,’ ‘lineal descendant,’ ‘National Forest System,’ ‘reburial site,’ ‘traditional and cultural purpose.’</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8103 Authorization for the Reburial of Human Remains and Cultural Items on National Forest System Lands Authorizes the Secretary to allow use of NFS land for reburial of human remains or cultural items in possession of an Indian tribe or lineal descendant that have been disinterred from NFS land or adjacent sites.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8104 Temporary Closure of National Forest System Land for Traditional & Cultural Purposes Authorizes the Secretary to allow, to the maximum extent practicable, for the shortest period and minimum area, access to National Forest System land by Indians and Indian tribes for traditional and cultural purposes.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec 8105 Forest Products for Traditional and Cultural Purposes Allows the Secretary to provide Indian Tribes forest products from NFS lands used for traditional or cultural purposes as long as those forest products are not used for commercial purposes.</p>	No existing provision

<p>Sec. 8106 Prohibition on Disclosure Exempts the Secretary from FOIA disclosure of information relating to burial sites (including the quantity and identity of human remains and cultural items on the sites and locations of the sites) and the confidentiality of certain information, including information that is culturally sensitive to Indian tribes provided in the context of forest and rangeland research activities.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8107 Severability and Savings Provisions Preserves all existing tribal rights, all existing agreements among tribes and the Forest Service, existing trust responsibilities, and any other outstanding rights to use of NFS lands.</p>	No existing provision
Subtitle C: Amendments to Other Forestry-Related Laws	
<p>Sec. 8201 Rural Revitalization Technologies Reauthorized through 2012.</p>	Currently expiring authority
<p>Sec. 8202 Office of International Forestry Reauthorized through 2012.</p>	Currently expiring authority
<p>Sec. 8203 Emergency Forest Restoration Program Authorizes the Secretary to make 75% cost-share payments to an owner of non-industrial private forest land who carries out emergency measures to restore the land after it is damaged by a natural disaster. Authorization of such sums as may be necessary.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8204 Prevention of Illegal Logging Practices Amends the Lacey Act amendments of 1981 to require USDA and other agencies to enforce foreign and state laws regarding the illegal taking of plants (primarily trees and their products), require an import declaration for any plants, conduct a review of the declaration requirements and report to Congress.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8205 Healthy Forest Reserve Program Reauthorizes the program through 2012. CCC funds made available are 9.75 million in each of fiscal years FY09-FY12.</p>	Currently expiring authority
Subtitle D: Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance Provisions	
<p>Sec. 8301 Green Mountain National Forest Boundary Adjustment Authorizes modification of the boundary of the GMNF to include 13 designated expansion units.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8302 Land Conveyances, Chihauhuan Desert Nature Park, New Mexico and George Washington National Forest, Virginia Provides for conveyance without consideration of (1) 983 acres of land in Dona Ana County, NM from the ARS to the Chihauhuan Desert Nature Park, Inc. and (2) 8 acres encompassing a cemetery from the George Washington National Forest to the Central Advent Christian Church of Alleghany County, VA.</p>	No existing provision

Subtitle E: Miscellaneous Provisions	
<p>Sec. 8401 Qualifying Timber Contracts Options Authorizes the Secretary to cancel or re-determine qualifying timber contracts; also provides for time extension of existing qualified contracts.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 8402 Hispanic-Serving Institution Agricultural Land National Resources Leadership Program Competitive grants to Hispanic-serving institutions for undergrad forestry scholarships.</p>	No existing provision
FINAL – Title VIX: Energy	
<p>Sec. 9001 Definitions Includes definition of renewable biomass that is broadly inclusive of materials from federal lands. This definition applies only to Farm Bill Energy Title programs. This definition DOES NOT amend definition under the Renewable Fuels Standard in HR6.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 9012 Forest Biomass for Energy Directs the Secretary, through the FS, to conduct a competitive research and development program to encourage the use of forest biomass for energy. Authorization of appropriation of \$15 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.</p>	No existing provision
<p>Sec. 9013 Community Wood Energy Provides for a Forest Service administered matching grant program for both community wood energy systems and woody supply feasibility studies. The intent of the program is to assist communities in both the conversion of public buildings to wood-based power generation and in development of sustainable wood supply plans to meet the needs of the wood energy systems. Authorization of appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.</p>	No existing provision
FINAL - Title VII: Research	
<p>Sec. 7528 Demonstration Project Authority for Temporary Positions ARS and FS given permanent DEMO authority for temporary positions; effective upon date of enactment of Farm Bill.</p>	Reinstatement of an expired authority.