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Summary

(1) 10 amendments.
(2) 0 automated notifications.

Current Law(s) being amended

1. Agricultural Act of 2014
2. EXPLORE Act

Comparative Print: Changes in Existing Law

1. Agricultural Act of 2014

[As Amended Through P.L. 119–21, Enacted July 4, 2025]

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TITLE VIII—FORESTRY

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Subtitle C—Reauthorization of Other Forestry-Related Laws

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Sec. 8206. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.

(a) **Definitions.—** In this section:

(1) **Authorized restoration services.—** The term "authorized restoration services" means similar and complementary forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services carried out—

(A) on Federal land, non-Federal land, and land owned by an Indian tribe; and

(B) by either the Secretary or a ~~Governor~~ *Governor, Indian tribe,* or county, as applicable, pursuant to a good neighbor agreement.

(2) **County.—** The term "county" means—

(A) the appropriate executive official of an affected county; or

(B) in any case in which multiple counties are affected, the appropriate executive official of a compact of the affected counties.

(3) **Federal land.—**

(A) **In general.—** The term "Federal land" means land that is—

(i) National Forest System land; or

(ii) public land (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)); or

(iii)[5] National Park System land; or

(iv) National Wildlife Refuge Land.

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Section 443 of division E of Public Law 118-42 provides for amendments to subsections (a) and (b) of section 8206 of the "Agriculture Act of 2014". Such amendments should have been made to the "Agricultural Act of 2014"; however, they were carried out to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

(B) **Exclusions.—** The term "Federal land" does not include—

(i) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

(ii) Federal land on which the removal of vegetation is prohibited or restricted by Act of Congress or Presidential proclamation (including the applicable implementation plan); or

(iii) a wilderness study area.

(4) **Forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services.—**

(A) **In general.—** The term "forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services" means—

(i) activities to treat insect- and disease-infected trees;

(ii) activities to reduce hazardous fuels; and

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

(B) **Exclusions.—** The term "forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services" does not include—

(i)[5] construction, reconstruction, repair, or restoration of paved or permanent roads or parking areas, other than the reconstruction, repair, or restoration of a National Forest System, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, or National Wildlife Refuge managed road that is—

(I) necessary to carry out authorized restoration services pursuant to a good neighbor agreement; and

(II) in the case of a National Forest System road that is determined to be unneeded in accordance with section 212.5(b)(2) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Wildfire Suppression Funding and Forest Management Activities Act), decommissioned in accordance with subparagraph (A)(iii)—

(aa) in a manner that is consistent with the applicable travel management plan; and

(bb) not later than 3 years after the date on which the applicable authorized restoration services project is completed; or

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

(5) **Good neighbor agreement.—** The term "good neighbor agreement" means a cooperative agreement or contract (including a sole source contract) entered into between the Secretary and a ~~Governor~~ *Governor, Indian tribe,* or county, as applicable, to carry out authorized restoration services under this section.

(6) **Governor.—** The term "Governor" means the Governor or any other appropriate executive official of an affected State ~~or Indian tribe~~ or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(7) **Indian tribe.—** The term "Indian tribe" has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(8) **National forest system road.—** The term "National Forest System road" has the meaning given the term in section 212.1 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Wildfire Suppression Funding and Forest Management Activities Act).

(9) **Road.—** The term "road" has the meaning given the term in section 212.1 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(10) **Secretary.—** The term "Secretary" means—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land; and

(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to Bureau of Land Management land.

(b) **Good Neighbor Agreements.—**

(1) **Good neighbor agreements.—**

~~(A) **In general.—** The Secretary may enter into a good neighbor agreement with a Governor or county to carry out authorized restoration services in accordance with this section.~~

(A) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary may enter into a good neighbor agreement with a Governor, Indian tribe, or county—

(i) to carry out authorized restoration services in accordance with this section; and

(ii) for a term not to exceed 20 years.

(B) **Public availability.—** The Secretary shall make each good neighbor agreement available to the public.

(2) **Timber sales.—**

(A) **In general.—** Subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a(d) and (g)) shall not apply to services performed under a good neighbor agreement.

(B) **Approval of silviculture prescriptions and marking guides.—** The Secretary shall provide or approve all silviculture prescriptions and marking guides to be applied on Federal land in all timber sale projects conducted under this section.

(C) **Treatment of revenue.—**

(i) **In general.—** Funds received from the sale of timber by a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county under a good neighbor agreement shall be retained and used by the Governor, Indian Tribe, or county, as applicable—

(I) to carry out authorized restoration services ~~on~~ under the good neighbor agreement; and

(II) if there are funds remaining after carrying out ~~clause (i)~~ *subclause (I)*, to carry out—

(aa) authorized restoration services under other good neighbor agreements; or

(bb) authorized recreation services under ~~the Good Neighbor Authority for Recreation Act~~ *section 351 of the EXPLORE Act (16 U.S.C. 8571)*.

(ii) **Termination of effectiveness.—** The authority provided under this subparagraph terminates effective October 1, 2028.

(3) **Retention of nepa responsibilities.—** Any decision required to be made under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to any authorized restoration services to be provided under this section on Federal land shall not be delegated to a ~~Governor~~ *Governor, Indian tribe,* or county.

(4)[5] **Receipts.—** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any payment made by a county to the Secretary under a project conducted under a good neighbor agreement shall not be considered to be monies received from National Forest System, Bureau of Land Management, National Park System, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service land, as applicable.

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2. EXPLORE Act

[This law has not been amended]

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TITLE III—SIMPLIFYING OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR RECREATION

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SUBTITLE D—Recreation Not Red Tape

Sec. 351. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY FOR RECREATION.

(a) **Definitions.—** In this section:

(1) **Authorized recreation services.—** The term "authorized recreation services" means similar and complementary recreation enhancement or improvement services carried out—

(A) on Federal land, non-Federal land, or land owned by an Indian Tribe; and

(B) by either the Secretary or a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county, as applicable, pursuant to a good neighbor agreement.

(2) **County.—** The term "county" means—

(A) the appropriate executive official of an affected county; or

(B) in any case in which multiple counties are affected, the appropriate executive official of a compact of the affected counties.

(3) **Federal land.—** The term "Federal land" means land that is—

(A) owned and administered by the United States as a part of—

(i) the National Forest System; or

(ii) the National Park System; or

(B) public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)).

(4) **Recreation enhancement or improvement services.—** The term "recreation enhancement or improvement services" means—

(A) establishing, repairing, restoring, improving, relocating, constructing, or reconstructing new or existing—

(i) trails or trailheads;

(ii) campgrounds and camping areas;

(iii) cabins;

(iv) picnic areas or other day use areas;

(v) shooting ranges;

(vi) restroom or shower facilities;

(vii) paved or permanent roads or parking areas that serve existing recreation facilities or areas;

(viii) fishing piers, wildlife viewing platforms, docks, or other constructed features at a recreation site;

(ix) boat landings;

(x) hunting or fishing sites;

(xi) infrastructure within ski areas; or

(xii) visitor centers or other interpretative sites; and

(B) activities that create, improve, or restore access to existing recreation facilities or areas.

(5) **Good neighbor agreement.—** The term "good neighbor agreement" means a cooperative agreement or contract (including a sole source contract) entered into between the Secretary and a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county, as applicable, to carry out authorized recreation services under this title.

(6) **Governor.—** The term "Governor" means the Governor or any other appropriate executive official of an affected State or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(7) **Secretary concerned.—** The term "Secretary concerned" means—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land; and

(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to National Park System land and public lands.

(b) **Good Neighbor Agreements for Recreation.—**

(1) **In general.—** The Secretary concerned may enter into a good neighbor agreement with a Governor, Indian Tribe, or ~~county~~ *county—*

(A) to carry out authorized recreation services in accordance with this title; and

(B) for a term not to exceed 20 years.

~~to carry out authorized recreation services in accordance with this title.~~

(2) **Public availability.—** The Secretary concerned shall make each good neighbor agreement available to the public.

(3) **Financial and technical assistance.—**

(A) **In general.—** The Secretary concerned may provide financial or technical assistance to a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county carrying out authorized recreation services.

(B) **Additional treatments of revenue.—** Section 8206(b)(2)(C) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(b)(2)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

"(C) **Treatment of revenue.—**

"(i) **In general.—** Funds received from the sale of timber by a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county under a good neighbor agreement shall be retained and used by the Governor, Indian Tribe, or county, as applicable—

"(I) to carry out authorized restoration services on under the good neighbor agreement; and

"(II) if there are funds remaining after carrying out clause (i), to carry out—

"(aa) authorized restoration services under other good neighbor agreements; or

"(bb) authorized recreation services under the Good Neighbor Authority for Recreation Act.

"(ii) **Termination of effectiveness.—** The authority provided under this subparagraph terminates effective October 1, 2028.

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(4) **Retention of nepa responsibilities.—** Any decision required to be made under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to any authorized recreation services to be provided under this section on Federal land shall not be delegated to a Governor, Indian Tribe, or county.

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