

2018 Farm Bill Forestry Title Section by Section

Sec. 8101: Reauthorizes State Forest Resource Assessments & Strategies through 2023

Sec. 8102: Authorizes \$20 million annual state & private land restoration collaboratives, with requirement for matching funds from nonfederal sources and encourages coordination with CFLRA, use of Stewardship contracts.

Sec. 8201: Repeals recycling research

Sec. 8202: Repeals forestry student grant program

Sec. 8301: Repeals biomass demonstration program from 1990 Climate Change Prevention Act

HFRA Amendments:

Sec. 8401: Promoting cross boundary wildfire mitigation: Authorizes \$20 million in grants to State foresters for cross boundary wildfire mitigation activities.

***Sec. 8402:** Authorizes \$660 million in appropriations through 2023 for Hazardous Fuels Reduction on Federal lands.

Sec. 8403: Repeals biomass commercial utilization grant program.

***Sec. 8404:** Water Source Protection Program: Authorizes Forest Service to enter into agreements with water providers to improve watersheds, consistent with forest plans, using a single NEPA document. Purpose of management activities limited to protecting municipal water supply systems or combatting insect or disease infestations. Requires matching funds from water authorities.

***Sec. 8405:** Watershed Condition Framework: Enacts into law the watershed condition framework approach adopted by the 2012 planning rule.

***Sec. 8406:** Requires reauthorization of HFRA in 2023.

***Sec. 8407:** Extends Farm Bill CE, with the added purpose of hazardous fuels reduction, through 2023; also amends purposes of Healthy Forest Reserve Program (private lands).

Subtitle E: Repeals & Reauthorizations of miscellaneous provisions: Repeals requirement for strategic plan for Forest Inventory & Analysis; reauthorizes National Forest Foundation through 2023, miscellaneous reauthorizations.

Subtitle F: -- Forest management

***Sec. 8611:** Sage Grouse CE: Authorizes secretary to issue a 4,500 acre CE to improve sage grouse & mule deer habitat.

***Sec. 8621:** Amends Small Tracts Act to increase value of eligible parcels from \$150K to \$500K, other minor amendments

***Sec. 8622:** Reauthorizes Forest Service participation in USDA ACES program (provides authority to hire back retirees on short term assignments).

***Sec. 8623:** Reauthorizes authority to lease administrative sites

Good Neighbor Authority Amendments:

***Sec. 8624:** authorizes participation in GNA for counties and Indian tribes; clarifies State authority to retain revenues from GNA timber sales.

Sec. 8625: Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest Land Adjustment

Sec. 8626: Tennessee Wilderness: Adds over 19,000 acres of wilderness on the Cherokee National Forest

Sec. 8627: Kisatchie National Forest Land Conveyance

Sec. 8628: Authorizes Forest Service to purchase NRCS property in Riverside, California.

***Sec. 8629:** Reauthorizes program at \$80 million annually through 2023, allows one-time extension on existing CFLR projects for 10 years.

***Sec. 8630:** Utility Infrastructure Rights-of-way Vegetation Management Pilot Program: Authorizes hazardous fuels reduction within 200 feet of existing

electric lines or natural gas pipelines. Allows Forest Service and utility operator to establish maximum fire suppression costs from operations fires, limiting liability of operator to \$500K, excluding “negligent” fires.

Sec. 8631: Okhissa Lake Rural Economic Development Land Conveyance (land conveyance from NFS lands in Mississippi).

Sec. 8632: Encourages use of remote sensing in FIA program.

Timber Innovation Act:

Sec. 8642: Authorizes research into commercialization of mass timber and tall wood buildings.

Sec. 8643: Authorizes matching grants for wood innovation, with incentives to provide support to sawmills where unemployment exceeds national average by more than 1 percent in prior year.

Sec. 8644: Reauthorizes Community Wood Energy Program, allows grants to “innovative wood product facilities” (structural wood panels), allows competitive grants of up to 35 percent of capital cost, up to \$1 million; prioritizes grants in areas needing forest restoration. Authorizes \$25 million annually through 2023.

Sec. 8702: Resource Advisory Committees: Allows secretary to reduce the number of people required to serve on a Resource Advisory Committee to 9. Allows regional forester to appoint RAC members in Arizona and Montana.

Sec. 8703: Tribal Forestry Demonstration Project: Allows Secretary to enter into contracts with native American tribes to carry out purposes of Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004.

Sec. 8704: Technical Corrections

Sec. 8705: Streamlines consideration of application for communications facilities on NFS lands.

***Sec. 8706**: Requires a report within 6 months of enactment on fuels treatment, acres at risk to fire, total timber sales from Federal land, fire

intensity on treated vs. untreated acres, fire response times, road & trail maintenance and decommissioning needs.

Sec. 8707: West Fork Fire Station land conveyance (Dolores County, CO)

Sec. 8708: Competitive Forestry, Natural Resources, and Environmental Grants Program: Adds forestry purpose to existing USDA research grants program.