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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Civilian  
5 Conservation Corps Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Title I of the Workforce Inno-  
3 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111 et seq.) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subtitle E (29 U.S.C. 3241  
6 et seq.) as subtitle F; and

7 (2) by inserting after subtitle D the following:

8 **“Subtitle E—Civilian Conservation**  
9 **Corps**

10 **“SEC. 176. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.—The term  
13 ‘member organizations’ means the boards, entities,  
14 and agencies that agree to an agreement described  
15 in subsection (d).

16 “(2) QUALIFIED ENTITY.—The term ‘qualified  
17 entity’ means an entity carrying out a program  
18 using qualified youth or conservation corps criteria.

19 “(3) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION  
20 CORPS CRITERIA.—The term ‘qualified youth or con-  
21 servation corps criteria’ means the model and stand-  
22 ards for a program described in section 203(11) of  
23 the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C.  
24 1722(11)).

25 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
26 lish and carry out a Civilian Conservation Corps program.

1 The program shall be carried out using qualified youth  
2 or conservation corps criteria and through Civilian Con-  
3 servation Corps projects.

4 “(c) GRANTS.—In carrying out the Civilian Conserva-  
5 tion Corps program, the Secretary shall make grants to  
6 eligible State boards and local boards, acting in partner-  
7 ship with member organizations, to carry out Civilian Con-  
8 servation Corps projects.

9 “(d) ELIGIBLE BOARDS.—To be eligible to receive a  
10 grant under this section, a State board or local board shall  
11 have entered into an agreement with 1 or more qualified  
12 entities and, at the option of the board involved, 1 or more  
13 applicable State or local agencies, to carry out a Civilian  
14 Conservation Corps project. The agreement shall specify  
15 the roles of the State board or local board, of each quali-  
16 fied entity, and of any other applicable State or local agen-  
17 cy involved, in carrying out the Civilian Conservation  
18 Corps project.

19 “(e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
20 under this section for a Civilian Conservation Corps  
21 project, the State board or local board shall submit an  
22 application to the Secretary, at such time and in such  
23 manner as the Secretary may require, that contains—

1           “(1) a description of the project, including how  
2 the projects relates to goals described in subsection  
3 (h);

4           “(2) a copy of the agreement described in sub-  
5 section (d);

6           “(3) the scope of work and budget for the  
7 project;

8           “(4) the number of enrollees needed to carry  
9 out the project;

10           “(5) a description of the manner in which the  
11 member organizations shall recruit, screen, and se-  
12 lect enrollees;

13           “(6) a description of the manner in which the  
14 qualified entities will provide, through the project—

15               “(A) education, work experience, and  
16 work-based learning; and

17               “(B) training, such as basic skills training,  
18 the development of job-specific occupational  
19 skills, or other training activities, designed to  
20 lead to the attainment of an industry-recog-  
21 nized credential, including a description of the  
22 training that leads to the credential;

23           “(7) a description of the stipend, allowance, or  
24 other benefits an enrollee in the project will receive;

1           “(8) a description of the supportive services  
2 that an enrollee in the project will receive; and

3           “(9) information specifying how the member or-  
4 ganizations will collect such information on the  
5 project and enrollees as the Secretary may require,  
6 and submit a report containing that information to  
7 the Secretary.

8           “(f) PRIORITY.—

9           “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

10           “(A) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.—The  
11 term ‘disadvantaged community’ means a com-  
12 munity (including a city, town, county, or rea-  
13 sonably isolated and divisible segment of a larg-  
14 er municipality) with an annual median house-  
15 hold income that is less than 100 percent of the  
16 statewide annual median household income for  
17 the State in which the community is located,  
18 according to the most recent decennial census.

19           “(B) HIGH-POVERTY COMMUNITY.—The  
20 term ‘high-poverty community’ means any cen-  
21 sus block group in an urban area in which not  
22 less than 30 percent of the population lives  
23 below the poverty line (as defined in section  
24 673 of the Community Services Block Grant  
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 9902)).

1           “(2) GRANTS.—In making grants under this  
2 section, the Secretary of Labor shall give priority to  
3 funding projects that—

4                   “(A) maximize quantifiable environmental  
5 benefits for the least cost; and

6                   “(B) are carried out in high-poverty com-  
7 munities or disadvantaged communities.

8           “(g) FISCAL AGENT.—The State board or local board  
9 shall act as the fiscal agent for the grant and shall dis-  
10 tribute funds for the Civilian Conservation Corps project  
11 to the member organizations involved.

12           “(h) ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—Qualified entities  
13 may use funds distributed for each Civilian Conservation  
14 Corps project, with goals relating to conservation, outdoor  
15 recreation, or other environmental matters, for—

16                   “(1) education, work experience, and workforce  
17 investment activities outlined in section 129(c)(2) re-  
18 lated to conservation, outdoor recreation, and other  
19 environmental industries;

20                   “(2) other education and training activities that  
21 focus on career development in such industries;

22                   “(3) activities leading to development and com-  
23 pletion of the project;

24                   “(4) activities for data collection, management,  
25 and reporting;

1           “(5) other activities designed to lead to success-  
2           ful completion of the project and workforce develop-  
3           ment outcomes; and

4           “(6) any administrative activities supporting  
5           the project.

6           “(i) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION CORPS.—

7           In carrying out projects under this section, the Secretary  
8           shall—

9           “(1) consult with the National Association of  
10          Service and Conservation Corps—

11           “(A) to establish standards used to iden-  
12           tify appropriate types of Civilian Conservation  
13           Corps projects, and activities to be provided  
14           and workforce development outcomes sought,  
15           through those projects; and

16           “(B) to establish specific performance ac-  
17           countability measures for evaluating Civilian  
18           Conservation Corps projects; and

19           “(2) enter into a contract or cooperative agree-  
20           ment with the National Association of Service and  
21           Conservation Corps to develop recommendations for  
22           the standards and measures described in paragraph  
23           (1).

24           “(j) FEDERAL COORDINATION.—The Secretary of  
25           Labor shall monitor and track, through an online platform

1 that is usable by personnel across Federal agencies, the  
2 expenditure of the amounts made available to carry out  
3 this section.”.

4 (b) FUNDING.—The following amounts are appro-  
5 priated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise  
6 appropriated, to the Secretary of Labor for the Civilian  
7 Conservation Corps program established under subtitle E  
8 of title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
9 Act, \$9,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September  
10 30, 2020, to remain available through September 30,  
11 2022.

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYSTEMS.—Section  
14 121(b)(1)(C)(ii)(II) of the Workforce Innovation and  
15 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151(b)(1)(C)(ii)(II)) is  
16 amended by striking “subtitles C through E” and  
17 inserting “subtitles C, D, and F”.

18 (2) TRANSITION.—Section 503(b) of the Work-  
19 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
20 3343(b)) is amended by inserting before the period  
21 at the end the following: “(as in effect on the day  
22 before the date of enactment of the Workforce Inno-  
23 vation and Opportunity Act)”.



1 (d) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
 2 section 1(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
 3 Act is amended—

4 (1) by striking the item relating to the subtitle  
 5 heading for subtitle E of title I and inserting the fol-  
 6 lowing:

“Subtitle F—Administration”;

7 and

8 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
 9 tion 172 the following:

“Subtitle E—Civilian Conservation Corps

“Sec. 176. Civilian Conservation Corps program.”.

10 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOR-**  
 11 **EST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF LAND**  
 12 **MANAGEMENT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The following amounts are appro-  
 14 priated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise  
 15 appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30,  
 16 2020, and for other purposes:

17 (1) FOREST SERVICE SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-  
 18 PRIATIONS.—For an additional amount for the For-  
 19 est Service, \$3,500,000,000 for “National Forest  
 20 System”, to remain available through September 30,  
 21 2023, which shall be used for hazardous fuels man-  
 22 agement activities, subject to the conditions de-  
 23 scribed in subsection (b).

1           (2) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SUPPLE-  
2           MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.—For an additional  
3           amount for the Bureau of Land Management,  
4           \$2,000,000,000 for “Management of Lands and Re-  
5           sources”, to remain available until September 30,  
6           2021, which shall be used for hazardous fuels man-  
7           agement activities, subject to the conditions de-  
8           scribed in subsection (b).

9           (b) CONDITIONS.—In using amounts made available  
10          under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), the Sec-  
11          retary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the For-  
12          est Service, or the Secretary of the Interior, acting  
13          through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management,  
14          respectively (referred to in this section as the “Secretary  
15          concerned”)—

16                 (1) shall prioritize hazardous fuels reduction  
17          projects using those amounts for projects—

18                         (A) for which any applicable processes  
19                         under the National Environmental Policy Act of  
20                         1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) have been com-  
21                         pleted or are in the process of being completed;

22                         (B) that are noncommercial;

23                         (C) that focus on small diameter trees,  
24                         thinning, strategic fuel breaks, and fire use to  
25                         modify fire behavior, as measured by the pro-

1           jected reduction of uncharacteristically severe  
2           wildfire effects for the forest type (such as ad-  
3           verse soil impacts, tree mortality, or other im-  
4           pacts);

5           (D) that maximize the retention of large  
6           trees, as appropriate for the forest type, to the  
7           extent that the trees promote fire-resilient  
8           stands;

9           (E) that do not include the establishment  
10          of permanent roads;

11          (F) that include a commitment of funding  
12          to decommission all temporary roads con-  
13          structed to carry out the project;

14          (G) that are located in fire regime I, fire  
15          regime II, or fire regime III (as those terms are  
16          defined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests  
17          Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));  
18          and

19          (H) that are located in forests that exhibit  
20          the greatest vulnerability to mortality and cata-  
21          strophic wildfire; and

22          (2) shall not harvest vegetation using mechan-  
23          ical treatment—

24                  (A) from old growth stands, unless the old  
25                  growth stand is part of a science-based ecologi-

1 cal restoration project authorized by the Sec-  
2 retary concerned that meets applicable protec-  
3 tion and old growth enhancement objectives, as  
4 determined by the Secretary concerned;

5 (B) within an inventoried roadless area;

6 (C) within a component of the National  
7 Wilderness Preservation System;

8 (D) within a wilderness study area in  
9 which restoration would impair the suitability of  
10 the area to be designated as a component of the  
11 National Wilderness Preservation System, as  
12 determined by the Secretary concerned; or

13 (E) within a research natural area, as des-  
14 igned by the Forest Service.

15 (c) REPORTS.—The Secretary concerned shall com-  
16 plete and submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
17 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural  
18 Resources of the House of Representatives an annual re-  
19 port describing the number of acres of land on which  
20 projects carried out using amounts made available under  
21 paragraph (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) effec-  
22 tively mitigated wildfire risk.

23 **SEC. 4. REFORESTATION.**

24 (a) REFORESTATION TRUST FUND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of Public Law  
2 96–451 (16 U.S.C. 1606a) is amended—

3           (A) in subsection (b)—

4                 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
5 “Subject to” and all that follows through  
6 “the Secretary” and inserting “The Sec-  
7 retary”;

8                 (ii) by striking paragraph (2); and

9                 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
10 paragraph (2);

11          (B) in subsection (d)—

12                 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
13 (1)—

14                         (I) by striking the subsection  
15 designation and all that follows  
16 through “The Secretary” and insert-  
17 ing the following:

18           “(d) REFORESTATION BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary”; and

19                         (II) by striking “for”;

20                 (ii) in paragraph (1)—

21                         (I) by inserting “for” before “re-  
22 forestation”; and

23                         (II) by striking “and” at the end;

1 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
2 paragraph (4);

3 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (1)  
4 the following:

5 “(2) to the Chief of the Forest Service to refor-  
6 est National Forest System land determined to be in  
7 need of active reforestation based on field surveys  
8 assessing regeneration potential, in accordance with  
9 subsection (f), by planting—

10 “(A) to the maximum extent practicable,  
11 75,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
12 2021 and 2022;

13 “(B) to the maximum extent practicable,  
14 100,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
15 2023 and 2024;

16 “(C) to the maximum extent practicable,  
17 150,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
18 2025 and 2026; and

19 “(D) to the maximum extent practicable,  
20 200,000,000 trees in calendar year 2027 and  
21 each calendar year thereafter;

22 “(3) to carry out the Reforest America Grant  
23 Program established under section 6 of the Coopera-  
24 tive Forestry Assistance Act of 1978; and”;

1 (v) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignig-  
2 nated), by inserting “for” before “prop-  
3 erly”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) REFORESTATION BY SECRETARY OF THE INTE-  
6 RIOR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall obligate such  
7 sums from the Trust Fund as are necessary to reforest,  
8 in accordance with subsection (f)—

9 “(1) by planting on land determined to be in  
10 need of active reforestation based on field surveys  
11 assessing regeneration potential and managed by the  
12 Bureau of Land Management—

13 “(A) to the maximum extent practicable,  
14 25,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
15 2021 and 2022;

16 “(B) to the maximum extent practicable,  
17 50,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
18 2023 and 2024;

19 “(C) to the maximum extent practicable,  
20 75,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
21 2025 and 2026; and

22 “(D) to the maximum extent practicable,  
23 100,000,000 trees in calendar year 2027 and  
24 each calendar year thereafter; and

1           “(2) by planting on land that is in need of ac-  
2           tive reforestation and is managed by the Bureau of  
3           Indian Affairs—

4                   “(A) to the maximum extent practicable,  
5                   12,500,000 trees in each of calendar years  
6                   2021 and 2022;

7                   “(B) to the maximum extent practicable,  
8                   25,000,000 trees in each of calendar years  
9                   2023 and 2024;

10                   “(C) to the maximum extent practicable,  
11                   37,500,000 trees in each of calendar years  
12                   2025 and 2026; and

13                   “(D) to the maximum extent practicable,  
14                   50,000,000 trees in calendar year 2027 and  
15                   each calendar year thereafter.

16           “(f) REFORESTATION.—

17                   “(1) DEFINITION OF CONNECTIVITY.—In this  
18                   subsection, the term ‘connectivity’ means the degree  
19                   to which the landscape facilitates native species  
20                   movement.

21                   “(2) REFORESTATION.—

22                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Reforestation under  
23                   subsections (d)(2) and (e) shall consist of eco-  
24                   logically based site preparation, tree planting,



1 and subsequent management using practices  
2 that—

3 “(i) are informed by climate change  
4 science and the importance of spatial pat-  
5 tern;

6 “(ii) enhance forest health, resilience,  
7 and biodiversity; and

8 “(iii) reduce vulnerability to future  
9 forest mortality and catastrophic wildfire.

10 “(B) POST-WILDFIRE REFORESTATION.—

11 In the case of reforestation under subsections  
12 (d)(2) and (e), sums available in the Trust  
13 Fund shall not be used for post-wildfire salvage  
14 logging.

15 “(3) PRIORITY.—In carrying out reforestation  
16 under subsections (d)(2) and (e), the Chief of the  
17 Forest Service and the Secretary of the Interior, as  
18 applicable, shall give priority to planting—

19 “(A) on land that was subject to a mor-  
20 tality event caused by a high intensity wildfire,  
21 pest infestation, invasive species, or drought or  
22 other extreme weather;

23 “(B) that will restore and maintain resil-  
24 ient landscapes;

1           “(C) on land on which the planting pro-  
2           vides increased habitat connectivity for wildlife;  
3           and

4           “(D) that will provide the largest potential  
5           long-term increase in carbon sequestration.

6           “(g) MANDATORY FUNDING.—To carry out para-  
7           graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (d) and subsection (e),  
8           the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the gen-  
9           eral fund of the Treasury into the Trust Fund  
10          \$3,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year  
11          thereafter, to remain available until expended.”.

12          (2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days  
13          after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14          retary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Inte-  
15          rior shall issue regulations necessary to carry out  
16          the amendments made by this section.

17          (b) REFOREST AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM.—The Co-  
18          operative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 is amended by  
19          inserting after section 5 (16 U.S.C. 2103a) the following:

20          **“SEC. 6. REFOREST AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM.**

21          “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22                  “(1) COMMUNITY OF COLOR.—The term ‘com-  
23                  munity of color’ means, in a State, a census block  
24                  group in an urban area for which the aggregate per-  
25                  centage of residents who identify as Black, African-

1 American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Latino,  
2 other non-White race, or linguistically isolated is—

3 “(A) not less than 50 percent; or

4 “(B) is significantly higher than the State  
5 average.

6 “(2) ELIGIBLE COST.—The term ‘eligible cost’  
7 means, with respect to a project of an eligible entity  
8 under the Program—

9 “(A) the cost of implementing a reforest-  
10 ation project, including by—

11 “(i) planning and designing the refor-  
12 estation activity, including considering rel-  
13 evant science;

14 “(ii) establishing tree nurseries;

15 “(iii) purchasing trees; and

16 “(iv) ecologically based site prepara-  
17 tion, including the labor and cost associ-  
18 ated with the use of machinery;

19 “(B) the cost of maintaining and moni-  
20 toring planted trees for a period of up to 3  
21 years to ensure successful establishment of the  
22 trees;

23 “(C) with respect to reforestation in an  
24 urban area under subsection (e) in a low in-  
25 come community that has an existing tree can-

1           opy cover of not more than 20 percent, not  
 2           more than 50 percent of the cost of the mainte-  
 3           nance of any nearby tree canopy; and

4                   “(D) any other relevant cost, as deter-  
 5                   mined by the Secretary.

6           “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
 7           tity’ means—

8                   “(A) a State agency;

9                   “(B) a local governmental entity;

10                  “(C) an Indian Tribe; and

11                  “(D) a nonprofit organization.

12           “(4) ELIGIBLE LAND.—

13                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible  
 14                   land’ means—

15                           “(i) land owned in fee simple by an el-  
 16                           igible entity—

17                                   “(I)(aa) for which, at the time of  
 18                                   application to the Program under sub-  
 19                                   section (c), the forest stocking level of  
 20                                   the land is less than 25 percent of re-  
 21                                   gional norms for forest properties  
 22                                   with comparable tree species and soil  
 23                                   characteristics; and

24                                   “(bb) that is in need of active re-  
 25                                   forestation due to events such as—

1                   “(AA) high intensity wild-  
2 fire;

3                   “(BB) pest infestation;

4                   “(CC) invasive species; and

5                   “(DD) drought and other  
6 extreme weather; or

7                   “(II) that was formerly forest  
8 land and has been abandoned or in-  
9 completely reclaimed from mining,  
10 commercial development, clearing for  
11 agriculture, or other nonforest use;  
12 and

13                  “(ii) with respect to reforestation in  
14 an urban area under subsection (e), land  
15 in that urban area that is owned in fee  
16 simple by an eligible entity.

17                  “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘eligible land’  
18 does not include land on which the eligible enti-  
19 ty conducted a timber harvest—

20                   “(i) not later than 5 years before the  
21 date on which the eligible entity submits  
22 an application under subsection (c); and

23                   “(ii) that resulted in a forest stocking  
24 level described in subparagraph  
25 (A)(i)(I)(aa).

1           “(5) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
2 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-  
3 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
4 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5           “(6) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The  
6 term ‘local governmental entity’ means any munic-  
7 ipal government or county government with jurisdic-  
8 tion over local land use decisions.

9           “(7) LOW INCOME COMMUNITY.—The term ‘low  
10 income community’ means any census block group in  
11 an urban area in which not less than 30 percent of  
12 the population lives below the poverty line (as de-  
13 fined in section 673 of the Community Services  
14 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902)).

15           “(8) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term  
16 ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization  
17 that—

18           “(A) is described in section 170(h)(3) of  
19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

20           “(B) operates in accordance with 1 or  
21 more of the purposes described in section  
22 170(h)(4)(A) of that Code.

23           “(9) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means  
24 the Reforest America Grant Program established  
25 under subsection (b)(1).

1           “(10) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’  
2 means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through  
3 the Chief of the Forest Service.

4           “(11) URBAN AREA.—The term ‘urban area’  
5 means an area identified by the Bureau of the Cen-  
6 sus as an ‘urban area’ in the most recent census.

7           “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
9 lish a program, to be known as the ‘Reforest Amer-  
10 ica Grant Program’, under which the Secretary shall  
11 award grants to eligible entities to conduct projects  
12 to reforest eligible land in accordance with this sec-  
13 tion.

14           “(2) REFORESTATION.—In carrying out the  
15 Program, the Secretary shall, to the maximum ex-  
16 tent practicable, award sufficient grants each year to  
17 plant—

18           “(A) 50,000,000 trees in each of calendar  
19 years 2021 and 2022;

20           “(B) 100,000,000 trees in each of calendar  
21 years 2023 and 2024;

22           “(C) 150,000,000 trees in each of calendar  
23 years 2025 and 2026; and

24           “(D) 250,000,000 trees in calendar year  
25 2027 and each calendar year thereafter.

1 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that  
3 seeks to receive a grant under the Program shall  
4 submit an application at such time, in such form,  
5 and containing such information as the Secretary  
6 may require, including the information described in  
7 paragraph (2), to—

8 “(A) the State forester or equivalent offi-  
9 cial of the State in which the eligible entity is  
10 located; or

11 “(B) in the case of an eligible entity that  
12 is an Indian Tribe, an official of the governing  
13 body of the Indian Tribe.

14 “(2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted  
15 under paragraph (1) shall include—

16 “(A) the reason that the forest stocking  
17 level of the land is less than 25 percent of re-  
18 gional norms for forest properties with com-  
19 parable tree species and soil characteristics, if  
20 applicable;

21 “(B) the natural, economic, and environ-  
22 mental benefits of returning the eligible land to  
23 forested condition;

24 “(C) an estimate of the annual carbon se-  
25 questration that will be achieved by the re-



1 planted forests, using processes determined by  
2 the Secretary;

3 “(D) a reforestation plan that includes—

4 “(i) a list of expected eligible costs;

5 “(ii) a description of the site prepara-  
6 tion and the tree species to be planted;

7 “(iii) a description of the manner in  
8 which the design of the project is informed  
9 by climate change science and will enhance  
10 forest health, resilience, and biodiversity;

11 “(iv) an explanation of the manner in  
12 which the land will be maintained for 36  
13 months after planting to ensure successful  
14 establishment; and

15 “(v) an explanation of the manner in  
16 which the land will be managed later than  
17 36 months after planting, including wheth-  
18 er that management shall include a timber  
19 harvest;

20 “(E) in the case of an application for an  
21 urban reforestation project under subsection  
22 (e)—

23 “(i) a description of the manner in  
24 which the tree planting shall address dis-

1                   parities in local environmental quality,  
2                   such as lower tree canopy cover; and

3                   “(ii) a description of the anticipated  
4                   community and stakeholder engagement in  
5                   the project; and

6                   “(F) any other relevant information re-  
7                   quired by the Secretary.

8                   “(3) APPLICATIONS TO SECRETARY.—Each offi-  
9                   cial that receives an application under paragraph (1)  
10                  shall submit the application to the Secretary with a  
11                  description of the application and any other relevant  
12                  information that the Secretary may require.

13                  “(d) PRIORITY.—

14                  “(1) DEFINITION OF CONNECTIVITY.—In this  
15                  subsection, the term ‘connectivity’ means the degree  
16                  to which the landscape facilitates native species  
17                  movement.

18                  “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the  
19                  Program, the Secretary shall give priority—

20                  “(A) to projects that provide the largest  
21                  potential increase in carbon sequestration per  
22                  dollar;

23                  “(B) to projects that provide increased  
24                  habitat connectivity for wildlife;

1           “(C) to projects under which an eligible  
2           entity will enter into a contract or cooperative  
3           agreement with 1 or more qualified youth or  
4           conservation corps (as the term is defined in  
5           section 203 of Public Law 91–378 (commonly  
6           known as the ‘Youth Conservation Corps Act of  
7           1970’) (16 U.S.C. 1722)); and

8           “(D) in the case of urban reforestation  
9           projects under subsection (e), to projects that—

10           “(i) are located in a community of  
11           color or a low-income community;

12           “(ii) are located in a neighborhood  
13           with poor local environmental quality, in-  
14           cluding lower tree canopy cover and higher  
15           maximum daytime summer temperatures;

16           “(iii) are located in a neighborhood  
17           with high amounts of senior citizens or  
18           children;

19           “(iv) are located immediately adjacent  
20           to large numbers of residents;

21           “(v) will collaboratively engage neigh-  
22           bors and community members that will be  
23           closely affected by the tree planting in as  
24           many aspects of project development and  
25           implementation as possible; and

1                   “(vi) will employ a substantial per-  
2                   centage of the workforce locally, with a  
3                   focus on engaging unemployed and under-  
4                   employed persons in communities of color  
5                   and low-income communities.

6                   “(e) URBAN REFORESTATION.—

7                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-  
8                   gram, the Secretary shall award sufficient grants  
9                   each year to projects carried out in urban areas to  
10                  plant, to the maximum extent practicable—

11                  “(A) 5,000,000 trees in each of calendar  
12                  years 2021 through 2023;

13                  “(B) 10,000,000 trees in each of calendar  
14                  years 2024 through 2027; and

15                  “(C) 15,000,000 trees in calendar year  
16                  2028 and each calendar year thereafter.

17                  “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Secretary shall  
18                  award a grant to an eligible entity under the Pro-  
19                  gram to conduct a reforestation project in an urban  
20                  area in an amount equal to not more than 90 per-  
21                  cent of the cost of reforesting the eligible land, as  
22                  determined by the Secretary.

23                  “(3) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condi-  
24                  tion of receiving a grant described in paragraph (2),  
25                  an eligible entity shall provide, in cash or through

1 in-kind contributions from non-Federal sources,  
2 matching funds in an amount equal to not less than  
3 10 percent of the cost of reforesting the eligible  
4 land, as determined by the Secretary.

5 “(f) PROHIBITED CONVERSION TO NONFOREST  
6 USE.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)  
8 and (3), an eligible entity that receives a grant  
9 under the Program shall not sell or convert land  
10 that was reforested under the Program to nonforest  
11 use.

12 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—An eligible  
13 entity that receives a grant under this Program and  
14 sells or converts land that was reforested under the  
15 Program to nonforest use shall pay to the Federal  
16 Government an amount equal to the greater of—

17 “(A) the amount of the grant; and

18 “(B) the current appraised value of timber  
19 stocks on that land.

20 “(3) LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible entity  
21 that receives a grant under this Program and sells  
22 or converts land that was reforested under the Pro-  
23 gram to nonforest use shall not be eligible for addi-  
24 tional grants under the Program.

25 “(g) COSTS.—

1           “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—Unless otherwise pro-  
2           vided under this section, the Secretary shall award  
3           a grant to an eligible entity under the Program in  
4           an amount equal to not more than 75 percent of the  
5           cost of reforesting the eligible land, as determined by  
6           the Secretary.

7           “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Unless other-  
8           wise provided under this section, as a condition of  
9           receiving a grant under the Program, an eligible en-  
10          tity shall provide, in cash or through in-kind con-  
11          tributions from non-Federal sources, matching funds  
12          in an amount equal to not less than 25 percent of  
13          the cost of reforesting the eligible land, as deter-  
14          mined by the Secretary.

15          “(h) PLANTING SURVIVAL.—An eligible entity that  
16          receives a grant under the Program shall—

17                 “(1) not later than 36 months after planting  
18                 has been completed using the grant funds, submit to  
19                 the responsible State or Tribal official, as applicable,  
20                 a monitoring report that describes project implemen-  
21                 tation, including the survival rate of all plantings  
22                 made under the grant; and

23                 “(2) if the survival rate reported in the moni-  
24                 toring report under paragraph (1) is, after 36  
25                 months, less than the required minimum survival

1 rate for the geographic area in which the planting  
2 is located, as determined by a State forester or  
3 equivalent State or Tribal official, as applicable, re-  
4 plant tree seedlings in a quantity equivalent to half  
5 of the original planting, using comparable means to  
6 the original planting.

7 “(i) PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT.—Any con-  
8 tractor or subcontractor entering into a service contract  
9 in connection with a project under the Program shall—

10 “(1) be treated as a Federal contractor or sub-  
11 contractor for purposes of chapter 67 of title 41,  
12 United States Code (commonly known as the  
13 ‘McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act of 1965’);  
14 and

15 “(2) pay each class of employee employed by  
16 the contractor or subcontractor wages and fringe  
17 benefits at rates in accordance with prevailing rates  
18 for the class in the locality, or, where a collective-  
19 bargaining agreement covers the employee, in ac-  
20 cordance with the rates provided for in the agree-  
21 ment, including prospective wage increases provided  
22 for in the agreement.

23 “(j) REPORT.—The Secretary shall annually submit  
24 to the relevant committees of Congress a report that de-  
25 scribes the activities of the Program, including the total

1 amount of carbon sequestered by replanted forests during  
2 the year covered by the report.

3 “(k) FUNDING.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the Refor-  
5 estation Trust Fund established under section 303  
6 of Public Law 96–451 (16 U.S.C. 1606a), the Sec-  
7 retary shall use such sums as are necessary to carry  
8 out the Program.

9 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND TECHNICAL  
10 ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds used under paragraph  
11 (1), the Secretary shall allocate not more than 10  
12 percent for each fiscal year to State foresters or  
13 equivalent officials, including equivalent officials of  
14 Indian Tribes, for administrative costs and technical  
15 assistance under the Program.”.

16 **SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 The following amounts are appropriated, out of any  
18 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for  
19 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other  
20 purposes:

21 (1) STATE FIRE ASSISTANCE.—For an addi-  
22 tional amount for the Forest Service, \$100,000,000  
23 for “State and Private Forestry”, to remain avail-  
24 able through September 30, 2023, which shall be



1 used for State fire assistance (National Fire Capac-  
2 ity).

3 (2) COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RES-  
4 TORATION FUND.—For an additional amount for the  
5 Forest Service, \$150,000,000 for “National Forest  
6 System”, to remain available through September 30,  
7 2023, which shall be deposited in the Collaborative  
8 Forest Landscape Restoration Fund for ecological  
9 restoration treatments, as authorized by section  
10 4003(f) of the Omnibus Public Land Management  
11 Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(f)).

12 (3) NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
13 SERVICE.—For an additional amount for the Nat-  
14 ural Resources Conservation Service,  
15 \$5,500,000,000 for “Conservation Operations”, to  
16 remain available through September 30, 2023, which  
17 shall be used to fund alternative funding arrange-  
18 ments under section 1271C(d) of the Food Security  
19 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871c(d)), the eligible part-  
20 ner (as defined in section 1271A of that Act (16  
21 U.S.C. 3871a)) with respect to which demonstrates  
22 quantifiable and cost-efficient sediment and nutrient  
23 reductions, and near-term job creation, subject to  
24 the conditions that—

25 (A) the amounts shall be used—

1 (i) to fund high-impact resiliency  
2 projects to restore watersheds, the eligible  
3 partner (as so defined) with respect to  
4 which demonstrates—

5 (I) quantifiable reductions to  
6 nonpoint source pollution; or

7 (II) quantified water savings that  
8 functionally benefit native fish and  
9 wildlife species; and

10 (ii) to provide \$200,000,000 in tech-  
11 nical assessment funding to eligible part-  
12 ners (as so defined) to analyze and quan-  
13 tify the sediment and nutrient benefits in  
14 advance of projects carried out using those  
15 amounts, on a State-by-State and water-  
16 shed-by-watershed basis, by December 31,  
17 2022; and

18 (B) with respect to a project funded using  
19 amounts made available under this paragraph—

20 (i) the project shall be approved on an  
21 expedited basis;

22 (ii) the project shall receive 100 per-  
23 cent Federal financial assistance, with eli-  
24 gible partners (as so defined) managing

1 the projects receiving a 20 percent admin-  
2 istrative rate; and

3 (iii) of the amount provided for the  
4 project, not more than 15 percent shall be  
5 used by the Secretary of Agriculture to  
6 provide technical assistance and measure  
7 project results.

8 (4) BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.—For an addi-  
9 tional amount for the Bureau of Reclamation,  
10 \$4,500,000,000 for “Water and Related Resources”,  
11 to remain available through September 30, 2023,  
12 which shall be used to carry out the WaterSMART  
13 program authorized by subtitle F of title IX of the  
14 Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42  
15 U.S.C. 10361 et seq.)—

16 (A) subject to the conditions that—

17 (i) projects funded using those  
18 amounts shall have—

19 (I) quantifiable and high-effi-  
20 ciency improvements to regional  
21 drought resiliency; or

22 (II) quantifiable increases in  
23 streamflows that functionally benefit  
24 native fish and wildlife species; and

1 (ii) the amount of a grant provided  
2 using those amounts shall be not more  
3 than \$50,000,000; and

4 (B) of which \$100,000,000 shall be pro-  
5 vided in technical assessment funding to recipi-  
6 ents of amounts under that program to analyze  
7 and quantify the sediment and nutrient benefits  
8 of projects carried out using those amounts, on  
9 a State-by-State basis, by December 31, 2022.

10 (5) UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERV-  
11 ICE.—For an additional amount for the United  
12 States Fish and Wildlife Service, \$300,000,000 for  
13 “Resource Management”, to remain available until  
14 September 30, 2021, of which—

15 (A) \$150,000,000 shall be used for the  
16 partners for fish and wildlife program; and

17 (B) \$150,000,000 shall be used for migra-  
18 tory bird management under the North Amer-  
19 ican waterfowl joint ventures program.

20 (6) BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.—For an ad-  
21 ditional amount for the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
22 \$45,000,000 for “Operation of Indian Programs”, of  
23 which—

24 (A) \$20,000,000 shall be used for forestry,  
25 subject to the condition that such amount shall

1 be divided equally between Tribal priority allo-  
2 cation and forest projects;

3 (B) \$20,000,000 shall be made available to  
4 Indian Tribes on a competitive basis to build  
5 capacity for participation in large landscape-  
6 scale forest health treatments; and

7 (C) \$5,000,000 shall be used for a work-  
8 force development initiative to recruit and re-  
9 tain forestry professionals on Indian land.

10 (7) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
11 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.—For an addi-  
12 tional amount for the Department of Homeland Se-  
13 curity for “Disaster Relief Fund”, \$100,000,000 for  
14 the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Commu-  
15 nities program under section 203 of the Robert T.  
16 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), to remain available until Sep-  
18 tember 30, 2031, for the purposes of increasing  
19 wildfire resiliency.

20 (8) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SUPPLE-  
21 MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.—For an additional  
22 amount for the Department of Commerce for “Oper-  
23 ations, Research, and Facilities”, \$2,000,000,000  
24 for the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund  
25 established under section 904 of the National

1 Oceans and Coastal Security Act (16 U.S.C. 7503)  
2 to award grants under section 906 of that Act (16  
3 U.S.C. 7505), to remain available until September  
4 30, 2031, for the purposes of creating jobs, restoring  
5 wetlands, dunes, reefs, marshes, kelp forests,  
6 mangroves, and other living shorelines to reduce  
7 flood risks, create habitat, and restart tourism.

8 **SEC. 6. CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**

9 (a) SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR CLIMATE STEW-  
10 ARDSHIP PRACTICES.—Section 1240L(d) of the Food Se-  
11 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–24(d)) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “RO-  
14 TATIONS AND ADVANCED GRAZING MANAGEMENT”  
15 and inserting “ROTATIONS, ADVANCED GRAZING  
16 MANAGEMENT, AND CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP PRAC-  
17 TICES”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1)—

19 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
20 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-  
21 tively; and

22 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
23 the following:

1                   “(B) CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP PRACTICE.—

2                   The term ‘climate stewardship practice’ means  
3                   any of the following practices:

4                   “(i) Alley cropping.

5                   “(ii) Biochar incorporation.

6                   “(iii) Conservation cover.

7                   “(iv) Conservation crop rotation.

8                   “(v) Contour buffer strips.

9                   “(vi) Contour farming.

10                  “(vii) Cover crops.

11                  “(viii) Critical area planting.

12                  “(ix) Cross wind trap strips.

13                  “(x) Field borders.

14                  “(xi) Filter strips.

15                  “(xii) Forage and biomass planting,  
16                  including the use of native prairie seed  
17                  mixtures.

18                  “(xiii) Forest stand improvements.

19                  “(xiv) Grassed waterways.

20                  “(xv) Hedgerow planting.

21                  “(xvi) Herbaceous wind barriers.

22                  “(xvii) Multistory cropping.

23                  “(xviii) Nutrient management, includ-  
24                  ing nitrogen stewardship activities.

25                  “(xix) Prescribed grazing.

1 “(xx) Range planting.

2 “(xxi) Residue and tillage manage-  
3 ment with no till.

4 “(xxii) Residue and tillage manage-  
5 ment with reduced till.

6 “(xxiii) Riparian forest buffers.

7 “(xxiv) Riparian herbaceous buffers.

8 “(xxv) Silvopasture establishment.

9 “(xxvi) Stripcropping.

10 “(xxvii) Tree and shrub establish-  
11 ment, including planting for a high rate of  
12 carbon sequestration.

13 “(xxviii) Upland wildlife habitat.

14 “(xxix) Vegetative barriers.

15 “(xxx) Wetland restoration.

16 “(xxxii) Windbreak renovation.

17 “(xxxiii) Windbreaks and shelterbelts.

18 “(xxxiiii) Woody residue treatment.

19 “(xxxv) Any other vegetative or man-  
20 agement conservation activity that signifi-  
21 cantly—

22 “(I) reduces greenhouse gas  
23 emissions;

24 “(II) increases carbon sequestra-  
25 tion; or



1                   “(III) enhances resilience to in-  
2                   creased weather volatility.”;

3           (3) in paragraph (2)—

4                   (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”  
5                   at the end;

6                   (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
7                   period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

9                   “(C) conservation activities relating to cli-  
10                  mate stewardship practices.”; and

11           (4) in paragraph (3), by striking “rotations or  
12           advanced grazing management” and inserting “rota-  
13           tions, advanced grazing management, or conserva-  
14           tion activities relating to climate stewardship prac-  
15           tices”.

16           (b) PAYMENT LIMITATIONS.—Section 1240L(f) of  
17           the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–24(f))  
18           is amended by striking “fiscal years 2019 through 2023”  
19           and inserting “the period of fiscal years 2019 through  
20           2023, the period of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, or  
21           the period of fiscal years 2029 through 2033”.

22           (c) FUNDING.—Section 1241 of the Food Security  
23           Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

24                   (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
2 by striking “2023” and inserting “2030”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

4 (i) in clause (ii), by striking  
5 “\$725,000,000” and inserting  
6 “\$1,725,000,000”;

7 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking  
8 “\$750,000,000” and inserting  
9 “\$2,750,000,000”;

10 (iii) in clause (iv)—

11 (I) by striking “\$800,000,000”  
12 and inserting “\$3,800,000,000”; and

13 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

14 (iv) in clause (v)—

15 (I) by striking “\$1,000,000,000”  
16 and inserting “\$5,000,000,000”; and

17 (II) by striking the period at the  
18 end and inserting a semicolon; and

19 (v) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(vi) \$6,000,000,000 for fiscal year  
21 2024; and

22 “(vii) \$7,000,000,000 for each of fis-  
23 cal years 2025 through 2030.”;

24 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2023” and  
25 inserting “2030”; and

1           (3) by adding at the end the following:

2           “(k) FUNDING FOR CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP PRAC-  
3 TICES.—Of the funds made available under subsection  
4 (a)(3)(B), the Secretary shall set aside the following  
5 amounts to be used exclusively to enroll in the conserva-  
6 tion stewardship program contracts comprised predomi-  
7 nantly of conservation activities relating to climate stew-  
8 ardsHIP practices (as defined in section 1240L(d)(1)) or  
9 bundles of practices comprised predominantly of conserva-  
10 tion activities relating to climate stewardship practices (as  
11 so defined):

12           “(1) \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

13           “(2) \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

14           “(3) \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

15           “(4) \$4,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

16           “(5) \$5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
17 2024 through 2030.”.

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