

§ 3105. Forest management deduction**(a) Withholding of deduction**

Pursuant to the authority of section 413 of this title, the Secretary shall withhold a reasonable deduction from the gross proceeds of sales of forest products harvested from Indian forest land under a timber sale contract, permit, or other harvest sale document, which has been approved by the Secretary, to cover in whole or part the cost of managing and protecting such Indian forest land.

(b) Amount of deduction

Deductions made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed the lesser amount of—

- (1) 10 percent of gross proceeds, or
- (2) the percentage of gross proceeds collected on November 28, 1990, as forest management deductions by the Secretary on such sales of Indian forest products,

unless the appropriate Indian tribe consents to an increase in the deductions.

(c) Use of deduction

The full amount of any deduction collected by the Secretary shall be expended according to an approved expenditure plan, approved by the Secretary and the appropriate Indian tribe, for the performance of forest land management activities on the reservation from which such deductions are collected and shall be made available to the tribe, upon its request, by contract or agreement for the performance of such activities.

(d) Limitations

(1) Forest management deductions withheld pursuant to this section shall not be available to—

- (A) cover the costs that are paid from funds appropriated specifically for fire suppression or pest control, or
- (B) otherwise offset Federal appropriations for meeting the Federal trust responsibility for management of Indian forest lands.

(2) No other forest management deductions derived from Indian forest lands shall be collected to be covered into the general funds of the United States Treasury.

(Pub. L. 101-630, title III, §306, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4536.)

§ 3106. Forest trespass**(a) Civil penalties; regulations**

Not later than 18 months from November 28, 1990, the Secretary shall issue regulations that—

- (1) establish civil penalties for the commission of forest trespass which provide for—
 - (A) collection of the value of the products illegally removed plus a penalty of double their value,
 - (B) collection of the costs associated with damage to the Indian forest land caused by the act of trespass, and
 - (C) collection of the costs associated with enforcement of the regulations, including field examination and survey, damage appraisal, investigation assistance and reports,

witness expenses, demand letters, court costs, and attorney fees;

(2) designate responsibility with the Department of the Interior for the detection and investigation of forest trespass; and

(3) set forth responsibilities and procedures for the assessment and collection of civil penalties.

(b) Treatment of proceeds

The proceeds of civil penalties collected under this section shall be treated as proceeds from the sale of forest products from the Indian forest lands upon which such trespass occurred.

(c) Concurrent jurisdiction

Indian tribes which adopt the regulations promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall have concurrent civil jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section and the regulation promulgated thereunder. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies of the Federal Government shall, at the request of the tribe, defer to tribal prosecutions of forest trespass cases. Tribal court judgments regarding forest trespass shall be entitled to full faith and credit in Federal and State courts to the same extent as a Federal court judgment obtained under this section.

(Pub. L. 101-630, title III, §307, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4537.)

§ 3107. Direct payment of forest products receipts**(a) Regulations**

Notwithstanding any other law, the Secretary shall, within 1 year from November 28, 1990, promulgate regulations providing for the payment of the receipts from the sale of Indian forest products as provided in this section.

(b) Payment into a bank depository

Upon the request of an Indian tribe, the Secretary shall provide that the purchaser of the forest products of such tribe, which are harvested under a timber sale contract, permit or other harvest sale document which has been approved by the Secretary, shall make prompt direct payments of the gross proceeds of sales of such forest products, less any amounts segregated as forest management deductions pursuant to section 3105 of this title, into a bank depository account designated by such Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 101-630, title III, §308, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4537.)

§ 3108. Secretarial recognition of tribal laws

Subject to the Secretary's responsibilities as reflected in sections 3101(2) and 3102(1) of this title and unless otherwise prohibited by Federal statutory law, the Secretary shall comply with tribal laws pertaining to Indian forest lands, including laws regulating the environment or historic or cultural preservation, and shall cooperate with the enforcement of such laws on Indian forest lands. Such cooperation shall include—

- (1) assistance in the enforcement of such laws;
- (2) provision of notice of such laws to persons or entities undertaking activities on Indian forest lands; and