

(Pub. L. 106-247, §10, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 597; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(i), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2077.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-363 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010 the amount specified for that fiscal year in subsection (b)” for “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005”, and added subsecs. (b) to (d).

CHAPTER 81—USER FEES UNDER FOREST SYSTEM RECREATION RESIDENCE PROGRAM

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§ 6201. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) cabins located on forest land have provided a unique recreation experience to a large number of cabin owners, their families, and guests each year since Congress authorized the recreation residence program in 1915; and

(2) the fact that current appraisal procedures have, in certain circumstances, been inconsistently applied in determining fair market values for residential lots demonstrates that problems exist in accurately reflecting market values.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §602, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §601, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000’.”

§ 6202. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the National Forest System recreation residence program is managed to preserve the opportunity for individual and family-oriented recreation; and

(2) to develop and implement a more consistent procedure for determining cabin user fees, taking into consideration the limitations of an authorization and other relevant market factors.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §603, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014.)

§ 6203. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Agency

The term “agency” means the Forest Service.

(2) Authorization

The term “authorization” means a special use permit for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land by a cabin owner under the authority of the program.

(3) Base cabin user fee

The term “base cabin user fee” means the fee for an authorization that results from the appraisal of a lot as determined in accordance with sections 6205 and 6206 of this title.

(4) Cabin

The term “cabin” means a privately built and owned recreation residence that is authorized for use and occupancy on National Forest System land.

(5) Cabin owner

The term “cabin owner” means—

(A) a person authorized by the agency to use and to occupy a cabin on National Forest System land; and

(B) an heir or assign of such a person.

(6) Cabin user fee

The term “cabin user fee” means a special use fee paid annually by a cabin owner to the Secretary in accordance with this chapter.

(7) Caretaker cabin

The term “caretaker cabin” means a caretaker residence occupied in limited cases in which caretaker services are necessary to maintain the security of a tract.

(8) Current cabin user fee

The term “current cabin user fee” means the most recent cabin user fee that results from an annual adjustment to the base cabin user fee in accordance with section 6207 of this title.

(9) Lot

The term “lot” means a parcel of land in the National Forest System—

(A) on which a cabin owner is authorized to build, use, occupy, and maintain a cabin and related improvements; and

(B) that is considered to be in its natural, native state at the time at which a use of the lot described in subparagraph (A) is first permitted by the Secretary.

(10) Natural, native state

The term “natural, native state” means the condition of a lot or site, free of any improvements, at the time at which the lot or site is first authorized for recreation residence use by the agency.

(11) Program

The term “program” means the recreation residence program established under the authority of section 497 of this title.

(12) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(13) Tract

The term “tract” means an established location within a National Forest containing 1 or