

**§ 501a. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section, acts June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 956; June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 547, related to the evaluation of receipts for sections 500 and 501 of this title. See sections 500 and 501 of this title.

**§ 502. Rental of property for Forest Service; forage, care, and housing of animals; storage of vehicles and other equipment; pack stock; loss, damage, or destruction of horses, vehicles, and other equipment**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe:

(a) To hire or rent property from employees of the Forest Service for the use of that Service whenever the public interest will be promoted thereby.

(b) To provide forage, care, and housing for animals, and storage for vehicles and other equipment obtained by the Forest Service for the use of that service from employees.

(c) To contract with public and private agencies, corporations, firms, associations, or individuals to train, provide forage, care, and housing for, and to work pack stock owned and held in reserve by the Forest Service for fire emergency purposes and as all or part of the consideration therefor to permit such contractors to use the stock for their own purposes during the periods of nonuse by the Forest Service.

(d) To reimburse owners for loss, damage, or destruction of horses, vehicles, and other equipment obtained by the Forest Service for the use of that service from employees or other private owners: *Provided*, That payments or reimbursements herein authorized may be made from the applicable appropriations for the Forest Service: *And provided further*, That except for fire fighting emergencies no reimbursement herein authorized shall be made in an amount in excess of \$50 to persons who were employees of the Forest Service prior to the time the equipment was obtained or \$2,500 in any other case, unless the equipment was made available under a written agreement, contract, or lease.

(Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 145, §1 (part), 37 Stat. 843; Jan. 31, 1931, ch. 76, 46 Stat. 1052; Pub. L. 85-464, §1, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 89-270, Oct. 19, 1965, 79 Stat. 991; Pub. L. 97-375, title I, §103(b), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1819.)

## AMENDMENTS

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-375 struck out provision that the Secretary transmit to Congress a statement of rentals under the authority of this paragraph as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-270 required the transmittal of statement of rentals during the fiscal year to congressional committees and omitted restriction against use of hired or rented property by the employee from whom hired or rented and \$3,000 limitation on aggregate amount of payment in any one year to permanent employees, exclusive of fire emergency obligations.

1958—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 85-464 added subsec. (c), redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d) and authorized reimbursement in an amount not in excess of \$2,500 in any case where the person is not an employee of the Forest Service at the time the equipment is obtained.

1931—Act Jan. 31, 1931, substituted "The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, under such regulations as he

may prescribe" for prior provision which authorized Secretary to reimburse owners of private property lost or damaged while being used for necessary official business.

Subsecs. (a) to (c). Act Jan. 31, 1931, added subsecs. (a) to (c).

**§ 503. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-767, §2[1], Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 919**

Section, act July 11, 1916, ch. 241, §8, 39 Stat. 358, related to appropriations for roads and trails, and cooperative agreements by the Secretary of Agriculture and States.

**§ 503a. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section, acts May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 569; Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1220, which related to purpose for which appropriations for carrying out the provisions of section 503 of this title were available, was omitted in view of repeal of section 503 of this title.

**§ 504. Purchases of tree seeds, cones, forage plant seed, and nursery stock for national forests**

The provisions of section 6101 of title 41 shall not apply to any purchase by the Forest Service of forest-tree seed or cones or of forage plant seed when the amount involved does not exceed \$10,000, nor to any purchase of forest-tree nursery stock when the amount involved does not exceed \$500, whenever, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, such method is in the public interest.

(June 30, 1914, ch. 131, 38 Stat. 429; Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, §2, 64 Stat. 83.)

## CODIFICATION

In text, "section 6101 of title 41" substituted for "section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5)," on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

## AMENDMENTS

1950—Act Apr. 24, 1950, increased open market purchase limitation from \$500 to \$10,000 on forest-tree seed or cones or forage plant seed.

**§ 504a. Sale of forest-tree seed and nursery stock to States and political subdivisions; disposition of moneys; exchanges; limitation**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, subject to such conditions as he may prescribe, to sell forest-tree seed and nursery stock to States and political subdivisions thereof and to public agencies of other countries, at rates not less than the actual or estimated cost to the United States of procuring or producing such seed or nursery stock, moneys received from the sale thereof to be credited to the appropriation or appropriations of the Forest Service currently available for the procurement or production of seed or nursery stock at the time such moneys are deposited: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture may exchange with such public agencies forest-tree seed and nursery stock for forest-tree seed or nursery stock of the same or different species upon a determination that such exchange is in the interest of the United States and that the value of the property given in exchange does not exceed the value of the property received: *Provided further*, That no