

**(d) Acceptance of contributions**

The Secretary of Agriculture may accept and use contributions of non-Federal funds to make payments under this section.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title V, §504, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1913; Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8205(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1295; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8205(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2057.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, §8205(b), substituted “Permanent easements” for “Easements of not more than 99 years” in heading and “a permanent easement (or an easement described in section 6572(f)(1)(C)(ii) of this title)” for “an easement of not more than 99 years described in section 6572(f)(1)(C) of this title” in introductory provisions.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 6575. Technical assistance****(a) In general**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide landowners with technical assistance to assist the owners in complying with the terms of plans (as included in agreements or easements) under the healthy forests reserve program.

**(b) Technical service providers**

The Secretary of Agriculture may request the services of, and enter into cooperative agreements with, individuals or entities certified as technical service providers under section 3842 of this title, to assist the Secretary in providing technical assistance necessary to develop and implement the healthy forests reserve program.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title V, §505, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1913.)

**§ 6576. Protections and measures****(a) Protections**

In the case of a landowner that enrolls land in the program and whose conservation activities result in a net conservation benefit for listed, candidate, or other species, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available to the landowner safe harbor or similar assurances and protection under—

- (1) section 1536(b)(4) of this title; or
- (2) section 1539(a)(1) of this title.

**(b) Measures**

If protection under subsection (a) requires the taking of measures that are in addition to the measures covered by the applicable restoration plan agreed to under section 6573 of this title, the cost of the additional measures, as well as the cost of any permit, shall be considered part of the restoration plan for purposes of financial assistance under section 6574 of this title.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title V, §506, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1914.)

**§ 6577. Involvement by other agencies and organizations**

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary of Agriculture may consult with—

- (1) nonindustrial private forest landowners;
- (2) other Federal agencies;
- (3) State fish and wildlife agencies;
- (4) State forestry agencies;
- (5) State environmental quality agencies;
- (6) other State conservation agencies; and
- (7) nonprofit conservation organizations.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title V, §507, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1914.)

**§ 6578. Funding****(a) Fiscal years 2009 through 2013<sup>1</sup>**

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available \$9,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012<sup>1</sup> to carry out this subchapter.

**(b) Fiscal years 2014 through 2018**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out this section \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

**(c) Additional source of funds**

In addition to funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (b) for a fiscal year, the Secretary may use such amount of the funds appropriated for that fiscal year to carry out the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590a et seq.) as the Secretary determines necessary to cover the cost of technical assistance, management, and enforcement responsibilities for land enrolled in the healthy forests reserve program pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 6574 of this title.

**(d) Duration of availability**

The funds made available under subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title V, §508, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1914; Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8205(c), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1295; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8205(c), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2057; Pub. L. 113-79, title VIII, §8203(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 915.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, 49 Stat. 163, which is classified generally to chapter 3B (§590a et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 590q of this title and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-79, §8203(b)(1), substituted “Fiscal years 2009 through 2013” for “In general” in heading.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Heading and text do not correspond.