

deposits from a contractor covering the costs of removal of timber or other forest products under—

- (1) section 490 of this title; and
- (2) section 498 of this title.

**(g) Performance and payment guarantees**

**(1) In general**

The Chief and the Director may require performance and payment bonds under sections 28.103-2 and 28.103-3 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, in an amount that the contracting officer considers sufficient to protect the investment in receipts by the Federal Government generated by the contractor from the estimated value of the forest products to be removed under a contract under subsection (b).

**(2) Excess offset value**

If the offset value of the forest products exceeds the value of the resource improvement treatments, the Chief and the Director may—

- (A) collect any residual receipts under the Act of June 9, 1930 (commonly known as the “Knutson-Vanderberg<sup>2</sup> Act”) (16 U.S.C. 576 et seq.); and
- (B) apply the excess to other authorized stewardship projects.

**(h) Monitoring and evaluation**

**(1) In general**

The Chief and the Director shall establish a multiparty monitoring and evaluation process that accesses the stewardship contracting projects conducted under this section.

**(2) Participants**

Other than the Chief and Director, participants in the process described in paragraph (1) may include—

- (A) any cooperating governmental agencies, including tribal governments; and
- (B) any other interested groups or individuals.

**(i) Reporting**

Not later than 1 year after February 7, 2014, and annually thereafter, the Chief and the Director shall report to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives on—

- (1) the status of development, execution, and administration of agreements or contracts under subsection (b);
- (2) the specific accomplishments that have resulted; and
- (3) the role of local communities in the development of agreements or contract plans.

(Pub. L. 108-148, title VI, §604, as added Pub. L. 113-79, title VIII, §8205(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 918; amended Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title IV, §422, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 499.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Materials Act of 1947, referred to in subsec. (d)(5), is act July 31, 1947, ch. 406, 61 Stat. 681, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§601 et seq.) of chapter 15 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining. Section 602(a) of Title 30 is section 2(a) of the Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of Title 30 and Tables.

The Act of June 9, 1930, referred to in subsecs. (e)(3)(B) and (g)(2)(A), is act June 9, 1930, ch. 416, 66 Stat. 527, popularly known as the Knutson-Vandenberg Act, which is classified generally to sections 576, 576a, and 576b of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 576 of this title and Tables.

Section 490 of this title, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), was in the original “the Act of August 11, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 490)”, and was translated as referring to the undesignated provisions appearing in act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, 39 Stat. 462, as amended, which are classified to section 490 of this title.

Section 498 of this title, referred to in subsec. (f)(2), was in the original “the Act of June 30, 1914 (16 U.S.C. 498)”, and was translated as referring to the undesignated provisions appearing in act June 30, 1914, ch. 131, 38 Stat. 430, as amended, which are classified to section 498 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 115-31, §422(1), inserted at end “Notwithstanding the Materials Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 602(a)), the Director may enter into an agreement or contract under subsection (b).”

Subsec. (d)(7). Pub. L. 115-31, §422(2), struck out “and the Director” after “the Chief” in introductory provisions.

**CHAPTER 85—MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION**

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**§ 6601. Findings and purposes**

**(a) Findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) marine turtle populations have declined to the point that the long-term survival of the loggerhead, green, hawksbill, Kemp’s ridley, olive ridley, and leatherback turtle in the wild is in serious jeopardy;

(2) 6 of the 7 recognized species of marine turtles are listed as threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and all 7 species have been included in Appendix I of CITES;

(3) because marine turtles are long-lived, late-maturing, and highly migratory, marine turtles are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of human exploitation and habitat loss;

(4) illegal international trade seriously threatens wild populations of some marine turtle species, particularly the hawksbill turtle;

(5) the challenges facing marine turtles are immense, and the resources available have not been sufficient to cope with the continued loss of nesting habitats caused by human activities and the consequent diminution of marine turtle populations;

(6) because marine turtles are flagship species for the ecosystems in which marine turtles are found, sustaining healthy populations of marine turtles provides benefits to many other species of wildlife, including many other threatened or endangered species;

(7) marine turtles are important components of the ecosystems that they inhabit, and stud-