

§ 753(b)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1131; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title III, § 345(c)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-204.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-113 substituted “natural resources” for “forestry” and substituted “National Forest System land resources” for “national forest resources” in two places.

1996—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-127, § 753(b)(1)(A), struck out “, as defined in section 2008(b)(2) of this title,” before “during any”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-127, § 753(b)(1)(B), added subsec. (g).

### § 6614. Action plan implementation

#### (a) In general

Action plans shall be implemented, insofar as practicable, to upgrade existing industries to use natural resources more efficiently and to expand the economic base of rural communities so as to alleviate or reduce their dependence on National Forest System land resources.

#### (b) Assistance

To implement action plans, the Secretary may make grants and enter into cooperative agreements and contracts to provide necessary technical and related assistance. Such grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts may be with the affected rural community, State and local governments, universities, corporations, and other persons.

#### (c) Limitation

The Federal contribution to the overall implementation of an action plan shall not exceed 80 percent of the total cost of the plan, including administrative and other costs. In calculating the Federal contribution, the Secretary shall take into account the fair market value of equipment, personnel, and services provided.

#### (d) Available authority

The Secretary may use the Secretary’s authority under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) and other Federal, State, and local governmental authorities in implementing action plans.

#### (e) Consistency with forest plans

The implementation of action plans shall be consistent with land and resource management plans.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2376, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4048; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title III, § 345(d)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-204.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 95-313, July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 365, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 41 (§ 2101 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2101 of Title 16 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-113 substituted “natural resources” for “forest resources” and “National Forest System land resources” for “national forest resources”.

### § 6615. Training and education

#### (a) Programs

In furtherance of an action plan, the Secretary may use the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and other appropriate agencies of the Department of Agriculture to develop and conduct education programs that assist businesses, elected or appointed officials, and individuals in rural communities to deal with the effects of a transition from being economically disadvantaged to economic diversification. These programs may include—

(1) community economic analysis and strategic planning;

(2) methods for improving and retooling enterprises now dependent on National Forest System land resources;

(3) methods for expanding enterprises and creating new economic opportunities by emphasizing economic opportunities in other industries or services not dependent on National Forest System land resources; and

(4) assistance in the evaluation, counseling, and enhancement of vocational skills, training in basic and remedial literacy skills, assistance in job seeking skills, and training in starting or operating a business enterprise.

#### (b) Existing educational and training programs

Insofar as practicable, the Secretary shall use existing Federal, State, and private education resources in carrying out these programs.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2377, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4048; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title III, § 345(e)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-204; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7511(c)(26), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1270; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7511(c)(26), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031.)

#### 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, § 7511(c)(26), substituted “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Extension Service” in introductory provisions.

1999—Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 106-113, which directed substitution of “National Forest System land resources” for “national forest resources” in pars. (3) and (4), was executed by making the substitution in pars. (2) and (3) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### 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, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 7511(c)(26) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

### § 6616. Loans to economically disadvantaged rural communities

#### (a) In general

The Secretary, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall establish, may