

“(B) determine whether to include terms, conditions, and reservations under subsection (a)(3); and

“(C) evaluate the alternative of not conveying the administrative site, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

“(e) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary shall reject any offer made for the acquisition of an administrative site under this title if the Secretary determines that the offer is—

“(1) not adequate to cover the market value of the administrative site; or

“(2) not otherwise in the public interest.

“(f) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE.—As appropriate, the Secretary is encouraged to work with the Administrator of the General Services Administration with respect to the conveyance of administrative sites under this title. Before making an administrative site available for conveyance under this title, the Secretary shall consult with local governmental officials of the community in which the administrative site is located and provide public notice of the proposed conveyance.

“SEC. 505. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SITE CONVEYANCES.

“(a) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit in the fund established under Public Law 90-171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act; 16 U.S.C. 484a) all of the proceeds from the conveyance of an administrative site under this title.

“(b) USE.—Amounts deposited under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary, until expended and without further appropriation, to pay any necessary and incidental costs incurred by the Secretary in connection with—

“(1) the acquisition, improvement, maintenance, reconstruction, or construction of a facility or improvement for the National Forest System; and

“(2) the conveyance of administrative sites under this title, including costs described in subsection (c).

“(c) BROKERAGE SERVICES.—The Secretary may use the proceeds from the conveyance of an administrative site under this title to pay reasonable commissions or fees for brokerage services obtained in connection with the conveyance if the Secretary determines that the services are in the public interest. The Secretary shall provide public notice of any brokerage services contract entered into in connection with a conveyance under this title.”

[Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title IV, § 420, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2747, provided that: “Section 503(f) of Public Law 109-54 (16 U.S.C. 580d note) [set out above] shall be applied by substituting ‘September 30, 2020’ for ‘September 30, 2019’.”]

[Pub. L. 115-334, title VIII, § 8504, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4847, which directed amendment of section 503(f) of Pub. L. 109-54, set out above, by substituting “2023” for “2016”, could not be executed because of the intervening amendment by Pub. L. 115-141.]

CONVEYANCE OF EXCESS FOREST SERVICE STRUCTURES

Pub. L. 107-63, title III, § 329, Nov. 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 471, as amended by Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title III, § 325, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 275; Pub. L. 108-108, title III, § 322, Nov. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 108-447, div. E, title III, § 322, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3098, which gave the Secretary of Agriculture temporary and limited authority to convey excess structures located on National Forest System lands and to use the proceeds from those conveyances for certain maintenance and rehabilitation activities, was repealed, effective Sept. 30, 2006, by Pub. L. 109-54, title V, § 503(g), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 561, which also provided that the Secretary could complete any conveyance initiated before the effective date of the repeal.

DEFINITION OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

Pub. L. 115-334, title VIII, § 8601, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4847, provided that: “In this subtitle [subtitle F (§§ 8601-8644) of title VIII of Pub. L. 115-334, enacting section 6591e of this title and sections 7655c and 7655d of

Title 7, Agriculture, amending sections 521d, 521e, 2113a, 3851a, and 7303 of this title and section 8113 of Title 7, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 1132 and 1642 of this title, section 7655c of Title 7, and section 1772 of Title 43, Public Lands], the term ‘National Forest System’ has the meaning given the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)).”

§ 580e. Services furnished persons attending Forest Service demonstrations and users of national forest resources and recreational facilities; rate of charges; disposition of moneys

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to furnish persons attending Forest Service demonstrations, and users of national forest resources and recreational facilities, with meals, lodging, bedding, fuel, and other services, where such facilities are not otherwise available, at rates approximating but not less than the actual or estimated cost thereof and to deposit all moneys received therefor to the credit of the appropriation from which the cost thereof is paid, or a similar appropriation current at the time the moneys are received: *Provided*, That such receipts obtained in excess of \$10,000 in any one fiscal year shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 8, 64 Stat. 84.)

§ 580f. Telephones for official use in private residences

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1348 of title 31, appropriations for the protection and management of the national forests and other lands administered by the Forest Service shall be available to pay for telephone service installed in residences of employees and of persons cooperating with the Forest Service who reside within or near such lands when such installation is determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be needed in protecting such lands: *Provided*, That in addition to the monthly local service charge, the Government may pay only such tolls or other charges as are required strictly for the public business.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 10, 64 Stat. 85; Pub. L. 85-464, § 6, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 217.)

CODIFICATION

“Section 1348 of title 31” substituted in text for “section 7 of the Act of August 23, 1912, as amended (31 U.S.C. 679)” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1958—Pub. L. 85-464 inserted “and other lands administered by the Forest Service” after “forests”, and substituted “residences of employees” for “residences of seasonal employees”, and “such lands” for “the national forests” in two places.

§ 580g. Seeding leased range land; conditions and limitations

Whenever such action is deemed to be in the public interest, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay from any appropriation available for the protection and management of the

national forests all or any part of the cost of leasing, seeding, and protective fencing of public range land (other than national forest land) and privately owned land intermingled with or adjacent to national forest or other land administered by the Forest Service, if the use of the land to be seeded is controlled by the Forest Service under a lease or agreement which in the judgment of the Chief of the Forest Service gives the Forest Service control over the land for a sufficient period to justify such expenditures: *Provided*, That payment may not be made under authority of this section for the seeding of more than one thousand acres in any one private ownership: *Provided further*, That payment may not be made under authority of this section for the seeding of more than twenty-five thousand acres in any one fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the period of any lease under this authority may not exceed twenty years.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 11, 64 Stat. 85.)

§ 580h. Range improvements from appropriated funds

Of the moneys received from grazing fees by the Treasury from each national forest during each fiscal year there shall be available at the end thereof when appropriated by Congress an amount equivalent to 2 cents per animal-month for sheep and goats and 10 cents per animal-month for other kinds of livestock under permit on such national forest during the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins, which appropriated amount shall be available until expended on such national forest, under such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe, for (1) artificial revegetation, including the collection or purchase of necessary seed; (2) construction and maintenance of drift or division fences and stock-watering places, bridges, corals, driveways, or other necessary range improvements; (3) control of range-destroying rodents; or (4) eradication of poisonous plants and noxious weeds, in order to protect or improve the future productivity of the range.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 12, 64 Stat. 85.)

SAVINGS PROVISION

Provisions of Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, not to be construed as affecting the distribution of livestock grazing revenues to local governments under this section, see section 701(j) of Pub. L. 94-579, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 43, Public Lands.

§ 580i. Acquisition of winter range, land, and helicopter landing site

There are authorized to be appropriated—

(a) such sums as may be necessary for the acquisition of parcels of land and interests in land in Sanders County, Montana, needed by the Forest Service to provide winter range for its saddle, pack, and draft animals;

(b) not to exceed \$50,000 for the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the present site of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin; and

(c) not to exceed \$25,000 for the acquisition of one helicopter landing site in southern California.

Land acquired under this section may be subject to such reservations and outstanding interests as the Secretary of Agriculture determines will not interfere with the purpose for which acquired.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 14, 64 Stat. 86.)

§ 580j. Injury benefits for temporary employees

Appropriations of the Forest Service chargeable with salaries and wages shall be available for payment to temporary employees of the Forest Service for loss of time due to injury in official work at rates not in excess of those provided by subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, when the injured person is in need of immediate financial assistance to avoid hardship: *Provided*, That such payment shall not be made for a period in excess of fifteen days and the Secretary of Labor shall be notified promptly of the amount so paid, which amount shall be deducted from the amount, if any, otherwise payable by the Secretary of Labor to the employee on account of the injury, the amount so deducted by the Secretary of Labor to be paid to the Forest Service for deposit to the credit of the Forest Service appropriation from which the expenditure was made: *Provided further*, That when any person assisting in the suppression of forest fires or in other emergency work under the direction of the Forest Service, without compensation from the United States, pursuant to the terms of a contract, agreement, or permit, is injured in such work, the Forest Service may furnish hospitalization and other medical care, subsistence, and lodging for a period of not to exceed fifteen days during such disability, the cost thereof to be payable from the appropriation applicable to the work upon which the injury occurred, except that this proviso shall not apply when such person is within the purview of a State or other compensation act: *Provided further*, That determination by the Forest Service that payment is allowable under this section shall be final as to payments made hereunder, but such determination or payments with respect to employees shall not prevent the Secretary of Labor from denying further payments should the Secretary of Labor determine that compensation is not properly allowable under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5.

(Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 16, 64 Stat. 86.)

CODIFICATION

“Subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5” substituted in text for references to the United States Employees’ Compensation Act, on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

References to Secretary of Labor substituted in text for references to the United States Employees’ Compensation Commission, created by section 28 of act Sept. 7, 1916, ch. 458, 39 Stat. 748, abolished and functions thereof transferred to Federal Security Agency to be performed in such manner and under such rules and regulations as Federal Security Administrator shall prescribe, by section 3 of Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1946. These functions subsequently transferred to Department of Labor, to be administered under direction and