

ordination implementation plan for the strategy which clearly defines roles and responsibilities for the administrative unit and district staff, and includes strategies to ensure sufficient coordination, assistance, and support for volunteers and partners to improve trail maintenance.

(g) Report

(1) Contents

The Secretary shall prepare a report on—

(A) the effectiveness of the strategy in addressing the trail maintenance backlog;

(B) the increase in volunteerism and partnership efforts on trail maintenance as a result of the strategy;

(C) the miles of National Forest System trails maintained by volunteers and partners, and the approximate value of the volunteer and partnership efforts;

(D) the status of the stewardship credits for outfitters and guides pilot program described in section 583k-5 of this title that includes the number of participating sites, total amount of the credits offered, estimated value of trail maintenance performed, and suggestions for revising the program; and

(E) recommendations for further increasing volunteerism and partnerships in trail maintenance.

(2) Submission

Not later than 3 years after November 28, 2016, the Secretary shall submit the report required by paragraph (1) to—

(A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 4, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 991.)

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§ 583k-3. Priority trail maintenance program

(a) Selection

In accordance with subsections (b) and (c), not later than 6 months after November 28, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture shall select no fewer than 9 and no more than 15 priority areas for increased trail maintenance accomplishments.

(b) Criteria

Priority areas shall include a well-defined region on National Forest System land where the lack of trail maintenance has—

- (1) reduced access to public land;
- (2) led to an increase, or risk of increase, in harm to natural resources;
- (3) jeopardized public safety;
- (4) resulted in trails being impassible by the intended managed users; or
- (5) increased future deferred trail maintenance costs.

(c) Requirements

In selecting priority areas, the Secretary shall—

(1) consider any public input on priority areas received within 3 months of November 28, 2016;

(2) consider the range of trail users (including motorized and non-motorized trail users); and

(3) include at least one priority area in each region of the United States Forest Service.

(d) Increased trail maintenance

(1) In general

Within 6 months of the selection of priority areas under subsection (a), and in accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary shall develop an approach to substantially increase trail maintenance accomplishments within each priority area.

(2) Contents

In developing the approach under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) consider any public input on trail maintenance priorities and needs within any priority area;

(B) consider the costs and benefits of increased trail maintenance within each priority area; and

(C) incorporate partners and volunteers in the trail maintenance.

(3) Required trail maintenance

Utilizing the approach developed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall substantially increase trail maintenance within each priority area.

(e) Coordination

The regional volunteer and partnership coordinators may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing and implementing volunteer and partnership projects to increase trail maintenance within priority areas.

(f) Revision

The Secretary shall periodically review the priority areas to determine whether revisions are necessary and may revise the priority areas, including the selection of new priority areas or removal of existing priority areas, at his sole discretion.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 5, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 993.)

§ 583k-4. Cooperative agreements

(a) In general

The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with any State, tribal, local governmental, and private entity to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Contents

Cooperative agreements authorized under this section may—

- (1) improve trail maintenance in a priority area;
- (2) implement the strategy; or
- (3) advance trail maintenance in a manner deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 6, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 994.)

§ 583k-5. Stewardship credits for outfitters and guides

(a) Pilot program

Within 1 year after November 28, 2016, in accordance with this section, the Secretary shall