

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of Part I of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

1 SEC. 8409. KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST RESTORATION.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any requirement
3 for a Presidential emergency, disaster declaration, or any
4 other prerequisite for the use of the authority described
5 in this subsection, the Secretary is authorized to use emer-
6 gency acquisition flexibilities under part 18 of title 48,
7 Code of Federal Regulations (and any successor regula-
8 tions), in contracting for the following services within the
9 covered area:

10 (1) Forest management or restoration activities
11 carried out in response to the White Sage Fire.

12 (2) Rebuilding, planning, development, and de-
13 sign of structures affected by the White Sage Fire.

14 (3) Improvements to the grounds and struc-
15 tures.

16 (4) Recovery efforts.

17 (b) PROCESS FOR OTHER SERVICES.—Unless other-
18 wise provided by law or regulation, the authority granted

1 under subsection (a) does not apply to contracts for serv-
2 ices other than those described in paragraphs (1) through
3 (4) of subsection (a).

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the Sec-
5 retary begins to use the authorization under subsection
6 (a), and every 180 days thereafter until the date that is
7 180 days after the date described in subsection (e), the
8 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture
9 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
10 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a re-
11 port on all expenditures related to the recovery efforts for
12 the White Sage Fire, including the following:

- 13 (1) The expected cost of recovery efforts.
- 14 (2) Cost expenditures.
- 15 (3) Cost overruns.
- 16 (4) Identification of contractors performing the
17 work associated with the recovery from the White
18 Sage Fire.
- 19 (5) Any affiliations or conflicts of interest be-
20 tween the contractor and the contracting office at
21 the Kaibab National Forest or the Forest Service.
- 22 (6) Any waste fraud and abuse detected during
23 the recovery efforts.
- 24 (7) Any contracts that came in under expected
25 expenses.

1 (8) An estimated time of completion for all
2 projects and full recovery efforts related to the
3 White Sage Fire.

4 (9) If an extension is needed to this authority
5 to complete projects associated with the White Sage
6 Fire.

7 (d) EXTENSION.—If, after the date of the enactment
8 of this section, a new wildfire ignites within the covered
9 area and impacts recovery efforts related to the White
10 Sage Fire, the Secretary may request a 12-month exten-
11 sion of the authority granted under subsection (a), subject
12 to congressional approval.

13 (e) EXPIRATION.—The authority granted under sub-
14 section (a) shall expire on the date that is the earlier of
15 the following:

16 (1) 5 years after the date of the enactment of
17 this section.

18 (2) Recovery efforts within the covered area are
19 complete.

20 (f) COVERED AREA DEFINED.—The term “covered
21 area” means the areas within Kaibab National Forest im-
22 pacted by the White Sage Fire.

