

**AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO  
H.R. 1957  
OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH OF VIRGINIA**

Add after section 3 the following:

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT ON NATIONAL FOREST VOLUN-**  
2 **TEERS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
4 through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall conduct a  
5 study on, with respect to each National Forest—

6 (1) during the 10-year period preceding the  
7 date of the enactment of this section, the amount of  
8 volunteer hours served at each such National Forest;

9 (2) the deferred maintenance backlog of each  
10 such National Forest;

11 (3) whether volunteers could carry out any  
12 projects under each such deferred maintenance back-  
13 log; and

14 (4) any barriers to increasing volunteer partici-  
15 pation.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
17 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agri-  
18 culture shall submit a report to Congress that includes the  
19 results of the study required under subsection (a).

1 (c) VOLUNTEER DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
2 “volunteer”—

3 (1) means an individual who volunteers at a  
4 National Forest, including through an agreement be-  
5 tween a local government and the Secretary of Agri-  
6 culture; and

7 (2) does not include, with respect to activities  
8 carried out on National Forest System land—

9 (A) an individual who is compensated with  
10 respect to such activities; or

11 (B) an individual who carries out such ac-  
12 tivities pursuant to participation in—

13 (i) the Youth Conservation Corps es-  
14 tablished under title I of Public Law 91-  
15 378 (16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

16 (ii) the Public Lands Corps estab-  
17 lished under title II of Public law 91-378  
18 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.);

19 (iii) a Job Corps program established  
20 under subtitle C of title I of the Workforce  
21 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29  
22 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.); or

23 (iv) AmeriCorps.

