

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 471**  
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At the end of subtitle B of title I insert the following:

1 **SEC. 120. CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS TO**  
2 **CARRY OUT CERTAIN ECOSYSTEM RESTORA-**  
3 **TION ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—Sec-  
5 tion 40804 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act  
6 (16 U.S.C. 6592a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(9), by inserting “and  
8 projects for the production of seedlings for eco-  
9 system restoration” after “Restoration”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(g) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the ecosystem  
13 restoration activities described in subsection (b)(9),  
14 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
15 Chief of the Forest Service, may enter into con-  
16 tracts, grants, or agreements with eligible entities  
17 for the—

1           “(A) collection and maintenance of native  
2           seeds, including material from managed seed  
3           orchards; and

4           “(B) production of seedlings for revegeta-  
5           tion.

6           “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

7           “(A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligi-  
8           ble entity’ means a State forestry agency, an  
9           Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the In-  
10          dian Self-Determination and Education Assist-  
11          ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), a local govern-  
12          ment, a private or nonprofit entity, and a quali-  
13          fied educational institution (or a consortium of  
14          such institutions).

15          “(B) QUALIFIED EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-  
16          TION.—The term ‘qualified educational institu-  
17          tion’ means—

18               “(i) a land grant college or university,  
19               including an institution eligible to receive  
20               funding under—

21                       “(I) the Act of July 2, 1862;

22                       “(II) the Act of August 30,  
23                       1890, including Tuskegee University;

1 “(III) Public Law 87–788 (com-  
2 monly known as the “McIntire-Sten-  
3 nis Act of 1962”); or

4 “(IV) the Equity in Educational  
5 Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7  
6 U.S.C. 301 note);

7 “(ii) a community college or area ca-  
8 reer and technical education school (as de-  
9 fined in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins  
10 Career and Technical Education Act of  
11 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302)); or

12 “(iii) an institution of higher edu-  
13 cation (as defined in section 102 of the  
14 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
15 1002)).”.

16 (b) COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORA-  
17 TION PROGRAM.—Section 4003(b) of the Omnibus Public  
18 Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(b)), as  
19 amended by section 116, is further amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (3)—

21 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)  
22 through (I) as subparagraphs (H) through (J),  
23 respectively;

24 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)  
25 the following:

1           “(G) collect and maintain native seeds for  
2           revegetation and the production of seedlings;”;  
3           and  
4           (2) in paragraph (7)—

5           (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
6           through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (E),  
7           respectively; and

8           (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
9           the following:

10           “(B) a qualified educational institution (as  
11           defined in subsection (g)(2) of section 40804 of  
12           the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (16  
13           U.S.C. 6592a)) or a consortium of such institu-  
14           tions;”.

