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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 12607. FILLING FOREST SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT VACANCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall, using amounts made available under subsection (c), fill vacancies for Forest Service law enforcement officers and recreation management staff in National Forests.

(b) PRIORITY.—In seeking to fill vacancies under subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize filling vacancies in National Forests that—

(1) are at high or very high risk of catastrophic wildfires;

(2) are located in or near the wildland-urban interface; and

(3) have experienced an increase in visitation over the past decade.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to other funds that may be available to the Forest Service for the purposes specified in subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**—Of the amounts available under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year, not more than 3 percent may be used for administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this section.