

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 12607. FILLING FOREST SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
2 **VACANCIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, act-  
4 ing through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall, using  
5 amounts made available under subsection (c), fill vacan-  
6 cies for Forest Service law enforcement officers and recre-  
7 ation management staff in National Forests.

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

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

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

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

17 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to other funds  
2           that may be available to the Forest Service for the  
3           purposes specified in subsection (a), there is author-  
4           ized to be appropriated to carry out this section such  
5           sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021 and  
6           each fiscal year thereafter.

7           (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
8           amounts available under paragraph (1) for each fis-  
9           cal year, not more than 3 percent may be used for  
10          administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this  
11          section.

