

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8790, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. PETTERSEN OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle B of title I add the following:

1 SEC. 117. PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRIORITY REFOREST-
2 ATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS OF DE-
3 PARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Inte-
6 rior, in coordination with the heads of covered Federal
7 agencies, shall establish a program to provide support for
8 priority projects identified under subsection (c)(2), in ac-
9 cordance with this section.

10 (b) SUPPORT.—In carrying out the program under
11 subsection (a), the Secretary may provide support
12 through—

13 (1) cooperative agreements entered into in ac-
14 cordance with processes established by the Sec-
15 retary; and

16 (2) contracts, including contracts established
17 pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
18 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

19 (c) ANNUAL IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY
20 PROJECTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-

1 ment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary
2 of the Interior, in consultation with the heads of covered
3 Federal agencies, shall—

4 (1) identify lands of the United States adminis-
5 tered by, or under the jurisdiction of, the Secretary
6 of the Interior that require reforestation and res-
7 toration due to unplanned disturbances and that are
8 unlikely to experience natural regeneration without
9 assistance; and

10 (2) establish a list of priority projects for refor-
11 estation and restoration for the upcoming year,
12 which may include activities to ensure adequate and
13 appropriate seed and seedling availability to further
14 the objectives of other priority projects.

15 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the program
16 under subsection (a) and the requirements under sub-
17 section (c), the Secretary shall consult or collaborate with,
18 as appropriate, and inform the following:

19 (1) State and local governments.

20 (2) Indian Tribes.

21 (3) Covered institutions of higher education.

22 (4) Federal agencies that administer lands of
23 the United States that adjoin or are proximal to
24 lands that are the subject of priority projects and
25 potential priority projects.

1 (5) Other stakeholders, as determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
5 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the relevant
6 Congressional Committees a report that includes the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) An accounting of all lands identified under
9 subsection (c)(1) for the period covered by the re-
10 port.

11 (2) A list of priority projects identified under
12 subsection (c)(2) for the period covered by the re-
13 port and, with respect to each such priority project,
14 any support issued under the program under sub-
15 section (a) and any progress made towards reforest-
16 ation and restoration.

17 (3) An accounting of each contract and cooper-
18 ative agreement established under the program
19 under subsection (a).

20 (4) A description of the actions taken in accord-
21 ance with subsection (d).

22 (5) Assessments with respect to—

23 (A) gaps in—

24 (i) the implementation of the program
25 under subsection (a); and

1 (ii) the progress made under the pro-
2 gram with respect to priority projects; and

3 (B) opportunities to procure funding nec-
4 essary to address any such gaps.

5 (f) NONDUPLICATION.—In carrying out this section,
6 the Secretary of the Interior shall collaborate with the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Defense to en-
8 sure the nonduplication of activities carried out under sec-
9 tion 205.

10 (g) SUNSET.—The authority provided under this sec-
11 tion shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the
12 date of enactment of this Act.

13 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) COVERED FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term
15 “covered Federal agency” means the National Park
16 Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,
17 the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of
18 Reclamation, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

19 (2) COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
20 CATION.—The term “covered institution of higher
21 education” has the meaning given the term “eligible
22 institutions” in section 301(e)(3)).

23 (3) NATURAL REGENERATION; REFOREST-
24 ATION.—The terms “natural regeneration” and “re-
25 forestation” have the meanings given such terms in

1 section 3(e)(4)(A) of the Forest and Rangeland Re-
2 newable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.
3 1601(3)(4)(A))

4 (4) RESTORATION.—The term “restoration”
5 means activities that facilitate the recovery of an
6 ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or de-
7 stroyed, including the reestablishment of appropriate
8 plant species composition and community structure.

9 (5) UNPLANNED ECOSYSTEM DISTURBANCE.—
10 The term “unplanned ecosystem disturbance” means
11 any unplanned disturbance that disrupts the struc-
12 ture or composition of an ecosystem, including a
13 wildfire, an infestation of insects or disease, and a
14 weather event.

