Amendment to the Rules Committee Print

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Offered by Ms. Schrier of Washington

At the end of subtitle F of title I of division B, add the following:

Sec. 1640. Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program.

Public Law 88–657 (16 U.S.C. 532 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Forest Roads and Trails Act”) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 8. Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program.

“(a) Establishment.—The Secretary shall establish the Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program (referred to in this section as ‘the Program’).

“(b) Administration.—The Program shall be administered by the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

“(c) Activities.—In carrying out the Program, the Secretary shall, taking into account predicted changes in weather and hydrology related to global climate change—
“(1) carry out storm damage risk reduction, including deferred maintenance, repairs, road and trail relocation, and associated activities on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and tunnels and bridges under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service;

“(2) restore waterways and natural migration for fish and other aquatic species by removing, repairing, or replacing culverts or other infrastructure from such waterways; and

“(3) decommission National Forest System roads and unauthorized roads and trails under National Forest System jurisdiction in accordance with subsection (f).

“(d) PRIORITY.—In implementing the Program, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that protect or restore—

“(1) water quality and watershed function;

“(2) a watershed that supplies a public drinking water system;

“(3) the habitat of a threatened, endangered, or sensitive fish or wildlife species, or species of conservation concern; or

“(4) a watershed for which the Secretary has completed a watershed protection and restoration ac-

“(e) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—Except with respect to a project carried out on a watershed for which the Secretary has a cooperative agreement under section 323 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (16 U.S.C. 1011a), each project carried out under this section shall be on a National Forest System road, National Forest System trail, or unauthorized road or trail under National Forest System jurisdiction.

“(f) UNNEEDED NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS.—As soon as practicable after identifying a road as unneeded under subpart A of part 212 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section), the Secretary shall—

“(1) decommission such road; or

“(2) convert such road to a system trail.

“(g) REVIEW; REVISION.—The Secretary shall review, and may revise, an identification made under subpart A of part 212 of title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section).

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030.”