

## **S. 1797: Colorado Forest Management Improvement Act of 2007**

Authorizes the Secretaries to designate as Healthy Forest Partnership Zones certain federal lands and non-federal lands adjacent to those lands that are at risk of uncharacteristically severe damage to at-risk communities or community water supply facilities from a wildland fire or an outbreak of insects or disease and require at least one management activity to reduce that risk.

Allows the Secretaries to enter into contracts or other agreements with partnering entities to implement hazardous fuel reduction or other projects on federal land to complement similar projects on bordering or adjacent non-federal land.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) provide grant assistance to the Colorado Wood Program and the Forest Restoration Institute, and any other appropriate entities; and (2) collaborate with the Institute to research, develop, and transfer broader landscape treatment strategies and ways to integrate best science with community needs.

### **SEC. 201. RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.**

(b) Assessments and Cooperation- The Secretary concerned, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forester and other applicable State agencies, shall--

- (1) assess priorities in the State for use of stewardship contracts to initiate revitalization of the forest product industry; and
- (2) otherwise cooperate with the Colorado State Forest Service and the forest products industry in the State to assist in the development of new markets for non-traditional forest products and marketing of such products.

(c) Financial Assistance for Stewardship Projects and Small Businesses- The Secretary concerned shall--

- (1) consider use of authority under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.), stewardship contracts, and other long-term contracts to ensure a sustained supply of raw wood materials in the State;
- (2) provide financial assistance for the upfront costs of long-term stewardship projects in areas in which timber values do not provide for recovery costs; and
- (3) provide grants and low-cost loans to eligible small business concerns in the forest product industry in the State for the costs of start-up activities, converting equipment, and modifying facilities to enable the small business concerns to use wood from forests in the State.

### **SEC. 204. STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS IN COLORADO.**

Section 347(c) of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (16 U.S.C. 2104 note; 112 Stat. 2681-299), is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

\(6) EXTENDED TERM FOR PROJECTS IN COLORADO-

\(A) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding paragraph (2), any agreement or contract under subsection (a) for a project to be carried out in the State of Colorado may have a term of not more than 20 years.

\(B) APPLICABILITY- The Chief of the Forest Service or the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, as applicable, with the consent of the other parties to the agreement or contract, may modify any agreement or contract for a project to be carried out in the State of Colorado entered into before the date of enactment of this paragraph to provide for the maximum term described in subparagraph (A).

\(C) CANCELLATION LIABILITY- Funding, for the purpose of potential cancellation liability in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 17.106-1, shall not be identified nor obligated, in accordance with that Part 17.106-1, at the time of award of a contract under subsection (a) for a project to be carried out in the State of Colorado, notwithstanding the requirements of Part 17.104 of such Regulation.'