

Bennet 1st degree # 3

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for the use by the Forest Service of funds from community partners.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1462

To improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by
Mr. Bennet to the amendment (No.
_____) proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **TITLE V—USE OF FUNDS FROM**
3 **COOPERATIVE FUNDS AGREE-**
4 **MENTS**

5 **SEC. 501. USE OF FUNDS FROM COOPERATIVE FUNDS**
6 **AGREEMENTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COOPERATIVE FUNDS AGREEMENT.—The
2 term “cooperative funds agreement” means an
3 agreement under—

4 (A) the Act of June 30, 1914 (commonly
5 known as the “Cooperative Funds Act”) (16
6 U.S.C. 498); or

7 (B) section 1 of the Act of March 3, 1925
8 (16 U.S.C. 572).

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the For-
11 est Service.

12 (b) TREATMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), notwithstanding any other provision of
15 law, regulation, or agency decision, the Secretary
16 shall fulfill the obligations of the Federal Govern-
17 ment with respect to each cooperative funds agree-
18 ment in effect on or after the date of enactment of
19 this Act.

20 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may waive
21 the applicability of paragraph (1) to a cooperative
22 funds agreement if—

23 (A) the Secretary determines that 1 or
24 more parties to the cooperative funds agree-
25 ment have not fulfilled the obligations of the

1 parties under the cooperative funds agreement;
2 or

3 (B) fulfilling the obligations of the Federal
4 Government with respect to the cooperative
5 funds agreement would violate section 1341 of
6 title 31, United States Code.

7 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

8 (1) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A Federal em-
9 ployee (including seasonal, permanent seasonal, and
10 temporary employees) hired using funds provided
11 under a cooperative funds agreement shall not, for
12 the duration of the cooperative funds agreement, be
13 subject to—

14 (A) any limitation on hiring (commonly re-
15 ferred to as a “hiring freeze”);

16 (B) any reduction in force; or

17 (C) any deferred resignation or voluntary
18 early retirement program.

19 (2) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—The non-Federal
20 funds provided to the Secretary pursuant to a coop-
21 erative funds agreement shall not be subject to any
22 limitation on spending.