

Luján 1st Degree, #2

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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out certain ecosystem restoration activities.

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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. LUJÁN to the
amendment (No. _____) proposed by

Viz:

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

2 **SEC. 120A. CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS TO**

3 **CARRY OUT CERTAIN ECOSYSTEM RESTORA-**

4 **TION ACTIVITIES.**

5 Section 40804 of the Infrastructure Investment and

6 Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592a) is amended by adding at the

7 end the following:

1 “(g) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—To
2 carry out the ecosystem restoration activities described in
3 subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
4 through the Chief of the Forest Service, may enter into
5 contracts, grants, or agreements, as appropriate, with
6 State agencies, Indian Tribes, institutions of higher edu-
7 cation (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), and multistate
9 coalitions—

10 “(1) for the collection and maintenance of na-
11 tive plant materials, including material from man-
12 aged seed orchards; and

13 “(2) for the production of native plant mate-
14 rials for revegetation.”.

15 **SEC. 120B. REFORESTATION OF LAND DESTROYED BY HER-**

16 **MIT'S PEAK/CALF CANYON FIRE.**

17 Section 104(d)(4) of the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon
18 Fire Assistance Act (division G of Public Law 117-180;
19 136 Stat. 2172) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(D) REFORESTATION.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
23 paragraph (1)(B), subject to clause (ii), a
24 claim that is paid for injury under this Act
25 may include damages resulting from the

1 Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire for other-
2 wise uncompensated resource losses for
3 costs of reasonable efforts, as determined
4 by the Administrator, incurred by the
5 State of New Mexico not later than De-
6 cember 31, 2030, to design and construct
7 a center for the purpose of researching, de-
8 veloping, and generating native seedlings.

9 “(ii) LIMITATION.—The payment of a
10 claim under this Act may not include
11 amounts to design or construct a center
12 described in clause (i) until after all claims
13 by an injured person that are pending on
14 the date of enactment of this subparagraph
15 are paid or otherwise resolved.”.