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# S. 2560

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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## AN ACT

To allow the collection and payment of funds following the completion of cooperative work involving the protection, management, and improvement of the National Forest System, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. COOPERATIVE WORK FOR PROTECTION, MAN-**  
2 **AGEMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL**  
3 **FOREST SYSTEM.**

4 The penultimate paragraph of the matter under the  
5 heading “FOREST SERVICE.” of the first section of the  
6 Act of June 30, 1914 (38 Stat. 430, chapter 131; 16  
7 U.S.C. 498), is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “, management,” after “the  
9 protection”;

10 (2) by striking “national forests,” and inserting  
11 “National Forest System,”;

12 (3) by inserting “management,” after “protec-  
13 tion,” both places it appears; and

14 (4) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
15 tences: “Payment for work undertaken pursuant to  
16 this paragraph may be made from any appropriation  
17 of the Forest Service that is available for similar  
18 work if a written agreement so provides and reim-  
19 bursement will be provided by a cooperator in the  
20 same fiscal year as the expenditure by the Forest  
21 Service. A reimbursement received from a cooperator  
22 that covers the proportionate share of the cooperator  
23 of the cost of the work shall be deposited to the  
24 credit of the appropriation of the Forest Service  
25 from which the payment was initially made or, if the  
26 appropriation is no longer available, to the credit of

1 an appropriation of the Forest Service that is avail-  
2 able for similar work. The Secretary of Agriculture  
3 shall establish written rules that establish criteria to  
4 be used to determine whether the acceptance of con-  
5 tributions of money under this paragraph would ad-  
6 versely affect the ability of an officer or employee of  
7 the United States Department of Agriculture to  
8 carry out a duty or program of the officer or em-  
9 ployee in a fair and objective manner or would com-  
10 promise, or appear to compromise, the integrity of  
11 the program, officer, or employee. The Secretary of  
12 Agriculture shall establish written rules that protect  
13 the interests of the Forest Service in cooperative  
14 work agreements.”.

Passed the Senate October 8 (legislative day, Sep-  
tember 12), 1994.

Attest:

MARTHA S. POPE,  
*Secretary.*