

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 309

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to establish a demonstra-
5 tion program to facilitate landscape restoration programs
6 within those units of the National Park System estab-
7 lished by statute to preserve and interpret resources asso-
8 ciated with American military history.

9 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

10 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
11 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”), act-
12 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
13 shall carry out a demonstration program that provides
14 that receipts from timber sales shall be retained for ex-
15 penditure within units of the National Park System from
16 which the timber is removed as part of an approved plan
17 for the restoration or protection of park resources or val-
18 ues.

19 (b) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall permit
20 each of the 24 National Battlefields, National Battlefield
21 Parks, National Military Parks, and National Battlefield
22 Sites in existence on the date of the enactment of this
23 Act to participate in the demonstration program author-
24 ized by subsection (a) if the unit has in place, before the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, a general management

1 plan, cultural landscape plan, or other resources manage-
2 ment plan approved pursuant to the National Environ-
3 mental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), that
4 identifies specific timber for removal for purposes of cul-
5 tural or historic landscape restoration or fuel load reduc-
6 tion.

7 (c) USE OF RECEIPTS.—Each unit selected to partici-
8 pate in the demonstration program authorized under sub-
9 section (a) shall retain receipts from the sale or disposal
10 of timber removed from that unit. Such receipts shall be
11 available for expenditure without further appropriation or
12 fiscal year limitation for the following purposes only:

- 13 (1) Landscape restoration within the unit.
- 14 (2) Interpretive services within the unit.
- 15 (3) Eradication of disease, insects, or invasive
16 species within the unit.
- 17 (4) Fuel load reduction within the unit.

18 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

19 Two years after the date of enactment of this Act,
20 the Secretary shall submit a report to the House Natural
21 Resources Committee and the Senate Committee on En-
22 ergy and Natural Resources that contains the results of
23 the demonstration program authorized under this Act, in-
24 cluding—

- 1 (1) a detailed accounting of the receipts gen-
2 erated in each unit by the demonstration program;
3 (2) the expenditure by each unit of those re-
4 ceipts; and
5 (3) any resource or other impacts, positive or
6 negative, on each participating unit.

7 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

8 The authority granted to the Secretary in section 2
9 shall expire 4 years after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives April 17, 2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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