

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4370

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## AN ACT

To amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to  
improve that Act, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Tribal Forest Protec-  
3 tion Act Amendments Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT OF 2004 AMEND-**  
5 **MENTS.**

6       Section 2 of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004  
7 (25 U.S.C. 3115a) is amended—

8           (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2)  
9 and inserting the following:

10           “(2) INDIAN FOREST LAND OR RANGELAND.—

11       The term ‘Indian forest land or rangeland’ means—

12           “(A) land that is held in trust by, or with  
13 a restriction against alienation by, the United  
14 States for an Indian tribe or a member of an  
15 Indian tribe, and—

16           “(i) is Indian forest land (as defined  
17 in section 304 of the National Indian For-  
18 est Resources Management Act (25 U.S.C.  
19 3103));

20           “(ii) has a cover of grasses, brush, or  
21 any similar vegetation; or

22           “(iii) formerly had a forest cover or  
23 vegetative cover that is capable of restora-  
24 tion; and

25           “(B) land that is in the State of Alaska  
26 and held by an Alaska Native Corporation pur-

1           suant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
2           Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).”;

3           (2) in subsection (b)—

4                 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
5                 “OR RESTORE” after “PROTECT”;

6                 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “to pro-  
7                 tect Indian forest land or rangeland” and all  
8                 that follows through “Indian forest land or  
9                 rangeland)” and inserting “to protect or restore  
10                Indian forest land or rangeland, or to carry out  
11                a project to protect or restore Federal land”;  
12                and

13                (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “that  
14                is—” and all that follows through the period at  
15                the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “or  
16                Indian forest land or rangeland.”;

17           (3) in subsection (c)—

18                 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
19                 “FOR FEDERAL LAND” after “CRITERIA”;

20                 (B) by striking “an Indian tribe,” in the  
21                 matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that fol-  
22                 lows through “Indian tribe—” in the matter  
23                 preceding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2)  
24                 and inserting the following: “Federal land, are  
25                 whether—

1 “(1) the Federal land has a special geographic,  
 2 historical, or cultural significance to the Indian tribe  
 3 and—”;

4 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so designated)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 6 clause (i) and inserting the following:

7 “(i) Indian forest land or rangeland;  
 8 or”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
 10 “or watershed” after “land”;

11 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
 12 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

13 (E) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),  
 14 by striking “subject” and inserting “Federal”;  
 15 and

16 (F) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),  
 17 by striking “Forest Service or Bureau of Land  
 18 Management” and inserting “Federal”;

19 (4) in subsection (g), by striking “date of en-  
 20 actment of this Act” and inserting “date of enact-  
 21 ment of the Tribal Forest Protection Act Amend-  
 22 ments Act of 2024”; and

23 (5) by adding at the end the following:

1       “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
3 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.”.

Passed the Senate December 12, 2024.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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