

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 719

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 2025”.

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 2025”; 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 2026 through 2031.”.

Passed the Senate December 11, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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