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To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a plan for ensuring timely review of communications use authorizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Adminis-
5 trative Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING TIMELY REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS**2 **USE AUTHORIZATIONS.**

3 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—

4 (1) STUDY.—The Secretaries concerned shall
5 each conduct, with respect to the relevant covered
6 department, a study to determine—7 (A) if there are programmatic or adminis-
8 trative barriers to the timely review of requests
9 for communications use authorizations;10 (B) if there are revisions to rules or regu-
11 lations that could be implemented to improve
12 efficiency with respect to reviewing requests for
13 communications use authorizations; and14 (C) if there are processes for prioritizing
15 the review of requests for communications use
16 authorizations.17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries
19 concerned shall jointly submit to the appropriate
20 congressional committees a report that—21 (A) describes the results of the studies
22 conducted under paragraph (1), including any
23 barriers, revisions, or processes identified under
24 subparagraphs (A) through (C) of such para-
25 graph; and

1 (B) includes a plan for providing, with re-
2 spect to the organizational units of the relevant
3 covered departments, the staffing necessary to
4 ensure timely review of communications use au-
5 thorizations.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives;

12 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
13 of the House of Representatives:

14 (C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation of the Senate; and

16 (D) the Committee on Environment and
17 Public Works of the Senate

5 (A) provided by the Secretary of the Inter-
6 rior or the Secretary of Agriculture;

7 (B) to locate or modify a communications
8 facility on covered land; and

9 (C) for the primary purpose of authorizing
10 the occupancy and use of such covered land for
11 communications use.

14 (A) public lands; and

15 (B) National Forest System land.

16 (6) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
17 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
18 that term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
19 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
20 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

(7) ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT.—The term “organizational unit” means—

3 (ii) a regional office of the Bureau of
4 Land Management;

7 (iv) a field office of the Bureau of
8 Land Management; and

9 (B) with respect to the Department of Ag-

10 Agriculture—

11 (i) a regional office of the Forest
12 Service;

13 (ii) a management unit of the Forest
14 Service; or

15 (iii) a ranger district office of the For-
16 est Service.

21 (9) RELEVANT COVERED DEPARTMENT.—The
22 term “relevant covered department” means—

23 (A) with respect to the Secretary of the In-
24 terior, the Department of the Interior; and

(B) with respect to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Department of Agriculture.

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