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To sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **TITLE I—NATIONAL FOREST**
4 **JOBS AND RESTORATION**

5 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “National Forest Jobs
7 and Restoration Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 102. PURPOSES.**

2 The purposes of this title are to establish an initia-
3 tive—

4 (1) to preserve and create local jobs in rural
5 communities that are located in or near National
6 Forest System land;

7 (2) to sustain the local infrastructure and com-
8 munity capacity that is necessary for the appropriate
9 management and restoration of National Forest Sys-
10 tem land;

11 (3) to promote cooperation and collaboration in
12 the management of National Forest System land;

13 (4) to restore or improve the ecological struc-
14 ture, composition, and function and the natural
15 processes of priority watersheds within National
16 Forest System land;

17 (5) to carry out collaborative projects to restore
18 watersheds and reduce the risk of
19 uncharacteristically severe wildfire to communities,
20 watersheds, and natural resources through a collabo-
21 rative process of planning, prioritizing, and imple-
22 menting hazardous fuel reduction projects; and

23 (6) to collect further information using the
24 projects carried out under this title in an effort to
25 better understand the manner in which to streamline

1 and implement improved forest restoration and man-
2 agement activities.

3 **SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this title:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE ROAD DENSITY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “appropriate
7 road density” means—

8 (i) the maximum density of roads or
9 trails designated for legal motorized use,
10 as identified under section 104(f)(3)(B); or

11 (ii) beginning on the date that is 5
12 years after the completion of an authorized
13 forest and watershed restoration project
14 carried out under this title—

15 (I) a maximum of 1.5 linear
16 miles per square mile, averaged over
17 the project landscape; or

18 (II) a greater density, to be es-
19 tablished by the Secretary, if the Sec-
20 retary determines through site-specific
21 analysis that the greater density—

22 (aa) is an appropriate den-
23 sity;

24 (bb) complies with the land
25 management plan; and

1 (cc) does not exceed the
2 road density determined to be ap-
3 propriate under interagency griz-
4 zly bear management agree-
5 ments.

6 (2) AUTHORIZED FOREST AND WATERSHED
7 RESTORATION PROJECT.—The term “authorized for-
8 est and watershed restoration project” means a col-
9 lection of activities within a watershed area that are
10 carried out—

11 (A) to meet the goals and objective of this
12 title; and

13 (B) in accordance with sections 104
14 through 106 of the Healthy Forests Restoration
15 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6512 through 6516),
16 except that the project shall also include appro-
17 priate measures and methods—

18 (i) to maintain or decommission roads
19 and trails;

20 (ii) to remove hazard trees;

21 (iii) to remove commercial and non-
22 commercial trees;

23 (iv) to restore or improve fish and
24 wildlife habitat; or

1 (v) to restore or improve the ecologi-
2 cal structure, composition, and function
3 and the natural processes of National For-
4 est System land.

5 (3) DECOMMISSION.—The term “decommis-
6 sion” means—

7 (A) to reestablish vegetation on a road or
8 trail in a manner that impedes the use of mo-
9 torized vehicles and measurably restores natural
10 drainage and watershed function; and

11 (B) to recontour, cut, and fill slopes in a
12 manner that—

13 (i) removes the preexisting road or
14 trail; and

15 (ii) restores natural drainage, water-
16 shed function, or other ecological processes
17 that are disrupted or adversely impacted
18 by the road or trail.

19 (4) INITIATIVE.—The term “Initiative” means
20 the National Forest Jobs and Restoration Initiative
21 established by section 104(a).

22 (5) MECHANICAL TREATMENT.—The term “me-
23 chanical treatment” means an activity that uses a
24 tool that the Secretary determines to be appropriate

1 to remove from the forest fiber that could be used
2 for a commercial purpose.

3 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
5 Chief of the Forest Service.

6 (7) STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT.—The term
7 “stewardship contract” means a contract that—

8 (A) is authorized under section 332 of the
9 Department of the Interior and Related Agen-
10 cies Appropriations Act, 2002 (16 U.S.C. 2104
11 note; Public Law 107–63);

12 (B) is entered into by 2 or more parties—

13 (i) to carry out vegetation treatment,
14 including mechanical treatment, using the
15 commercial timber harvest of vegetation—

16 (I) to reduce fire and insect
17 risks;

18 (II) to restore impaired water-
19 sheds;

20 (III) to enhance fish and wildlife
21 habitats; or

22 (IV) to reduce road densities;

23 and

24 (ii) under which, a party shall—

1 (I) offset the value of goods (in-
2 cluding timber for services);

3 (II) retain and reinvest receipts
4 resulting from an authorized forest
5 and watershed restoration project that
6 is—

7 (aa) the subject of the con-
8 tract in the same or a different
9 authorized forest and watershed
10 restoration project; and

11 (bb) located in a steward-
12 ship area;

13 (III) designate timber for cutting
14 by description or prescription; and

15 (IV) enter into a multiyear con-
16 tract that shall, to the maximum ex-
17 tent practicable, extend for a period of
18 10 years; and

19 (C) uses best value contracting with a local
20 preference.

21 (8) WATERSHED AREA.—The term “watershed
22 area” means 1 or more subwatersheds (also known
23 as 6th code hydrologic units).

1 **SEC. 104. NATIONAL FOREST JOBS AND RESTORATION INI-**
2 **TIATIVE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIATIVE.—Not later than
4 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary shall establish a National Forest Jobs and Restora-
6 tion Initiative to select up to **【_____】** National For-
7 ests or Forest Service Districts in which to carry out au-
8 thorized forest and watershed restoration projects on Na-
9 tional Forest System land in furtherance of the purposes
10 of this title.

11 (b) SELECTION OF FORESTS.—In carrying out the
12 Initiative, the Secretary shall select, at a minimum—

13 (1) in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National For-
14 est in the State of Montana, the approximately
15 1,900,000 acres of land designated as “Suitable for
16 Timber Production and Timber Harvest Is Allowed”
17 as depicted on the map entitled “Beaverhead-
18 Deerlodge National Forest, Revised Forest Plan,
19 Modeled Timber Harvest Classification” and dated
20 December 10, 2008;

21 (2) in the Seeley Lake Ranger District in the
22 State of Montana, the parcels of land that are—

23 (A) selected by the Secretary;

24 (B) consistent with the forest plan;

25 (C) suitable for timber production; or

1 (D) eligible for timber harvest activities;

2 and

3 (3) in the Three Rivers Ranger District in the

4 State of Montana, the parcels of land that are—

5 (A) selected by the Secretary;

6 (B) consistent with the forest plan;

7 (C) suitable for timber production; or

8 (D) eligible for timber harvest activities.

9 (c) PURPOSES.—The Initiative shall use stewardship
10 forestry practices, including commercial timber harvest, to
11 carry out activities relating to forest, wildlife habitat, and
12 watershed restoration and community protection.

13 (d) TERMINATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—An authorized forest and
15 watershed restoration project carried out under sub-
16 section (a) shall terminate on the date that is 15
17 years after the date the National Forest or Forest
18 Service District is selected by the Secretary for par-
19 ticipation in the Initiative.

20 (2) EFFECT ON CONTRACTS.—A valid contract
21 entered into by the Secretary to carry out the pur-
22 poses of this title shall not be affected if the author-
23 ity of the Secretary is terminated under this title.

24 (e) EXECUTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—All components of an au-
2 thORIZED forest and watershed restoration project
3 carried out under this title may be executed under
4 the long-term stewardship contracting authority of
5 the Secretary in accordance with sections 104
6 through 106 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act
7 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6514 through 6516).

8 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND PROCE-
9 DURES.—Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the
10 Secretary from preparing and implementing an au-
11 thORIZED forest and watershed restoration project (or
12 components of an authorized forest and watershed
13 project) using any manner of environmental docu-
14 mentation and procedures, if the manner of docu-
15 mentation and procedure more promptly implements
16 and meets the purposes of this title.

17 (f) RAPID WATERSHED ASSESSMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before carrying out an au-
19 thORIZED forest and watershed restoration project,
20 the Secretary shall conduct a rapid watershed as-
21 sessment of the watershed area within which an au-
22 thORIZED forest and watershed restoration project is
23 proposed to be located.

24 (2) TREATMENT OF WATERSHED ASSESSMENT
25 UNDER FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.—A water-

1 shed assessment carried out under paragraph (1)
2 shall be a non-decisional document under the Na-
3 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
4 4321 et seq.).

5 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Each rapid watershed as-
6 sessment carried out under paragraph (1) shall—

7 (A) identify land within the watershed area
8 that is a priority for—

9 (i) watershed restoration;

10 (ii) mechanical treatment and other
11 treatment for hazard fuels reduction, eco-
12 logical restoration, or other purposes;

13 (iii) insect or disease control or miti-
14 gation;

15 (iv) fish or wildlife habitat improve-
16 ment;

17 (v) reducing road density; or

18 (vi) achieving other land management
19 goals;

20 (B) identify the appropriate road density
21 for land within the watershed area, which shall
22 not exceed the road density determined to be
23 appropriate under interagency grizzly bear
24 management agreements;

1 (C) evaluate authorized forest and water-
2 shed restoration projects that would be appro-
3 priate to carry out within the watershed area;
4 and

5 (D) prioritize authorized forest and water-
6 shed restoration projects within the watershed
7 area.

8 (g) ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each National Forest or
10 Forest Service District selected under subsection (a),
11 the Secretary shall, after consultation with any ap-
12 plicable local collaborative group, develop and carry
13 out an annual program of work for carrying out au-
14 thorized forest and watershed management projects
15 in 1 or more watershed areas within the National
16 Forest or Forest Service District.

17 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In developing an annual
18 program of work under paragraph (1), the Secretary
19 shall—

20 (A) consider the results of each rapid wa-
21 tershed assessment conducted for the National
22 Forest or Forest Service District; and

23 (B) prioritize areas requested by local col-
24 laborative groups—

1 (i) in which road densities exceed the
2 appropriate road density;

3 (ii) in which fish and wildlife habitat
4 have been impaired by past management
5 activities;

6 (iii) that are within wildland-urban
7 interface areas; and

8 (iv) to the extent practicable, that
9 would be implemented using a stewardship
10 contract.

11 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—An annual program of
13 work developed under paragraph (1) shall in-
14 clude forest and watershed restoration projects
15 that would—

16 (i) preserve and create local jobs in
17 rural communities that are located in or
18 near the National Forest or Forest Service
19 District;

20 (ii) help sustain the local infrastruc-
21 ture and community capacity that is nec-
22 essary for the appropriate management
23 and restoration of the National Forest or
24 Forest Service District;

1 (iii) promote cooperation and collabo-
2 ration in the management of the National
3 Forest or Forest Service District;

4 (iv) help to restore or improve the ec-
5 ological structure, composition, and func-
6 tion and the natural processes of the wa-
7 tershed area;

8 (v) reduce the risk of
9 uncharacteristically severe wildfire to com-
10 munities, watersheds, and natural re-
11 sources;

12 (vi) treat the acres identified in the
13 watershed assessment; or

14 (vii) achieve the appropriate road den-
15 sity within the watershed area.

16 (B) EXCEPTION.—The achievement of the
17 appropriate road density under subparagraph
18 (A)(vii) within the Seeley Lake Ranger District
19 of the Lolo National Forest—

20 (i) shall—

21 (I) be determined by the stand-
22 ards in the forest plan; and

23 (II) prioritize the decommis-
24 sioning of any roads that adversely af-

1 feet water quality or fish and wildlife
2 habitat; and
3 (ii) may include a combination of de-
4 commissioning roads and permanent clo-
5 sure using physical barriers of roadways
6 year-round.

7 (h) AUTHORIZED FOREST AND WATERSHED RES-
8 TORATION PROJECTS.—An authorized forest and water-
9 shed restoration project carried out under this section
10 shall—

11 (1) produce commercial and non-commercial
12 wood products;

13 (2) achieve the forest and watershed restoration
14 objectives described in a watershed assessment
15 under subsection (f);

16 (3) carry out activities to reduce the risk and
17 severity of uncharacteristic wildland fire and insect
18 infestations;

19 (4) manage vegetation through timber harvest
20 activities to ensure that timber harvest activities are
21 limited to the areas selected under subsection (a)(1);

22 (5) use prescribed burning and other silvicultural
23 techniques to mimic mixed-severity, natural
24 fires, if appropriate to the forest type that is the

1 subject of the prescribed burning or other silvicultural
2 tural technique;

3 (6) if commercial timber harvest is used to im-
4 plement vegetation management in a forest and wa-
5 tershed restoration project, design the commercial
6 timber harvest—

7 (A) to reduce the long-term risk and sever-
8 ity of fire and insect infestations;

9 (B) to maintain and restore healthy sus-
10 tainable forests;

11 (C) to generate revenue to reinvest in fish
12 and wildlife habitat maintenance and restora-
13 tion; and

14 (D) to aid in maintaining the infrastruc-
15 ture of wood products manufacturing facilities
16 that provide economic stability to communities
17 located in close proximity to the project area;

18 (7) not construct any permanent road unless
19 the road is necessary to replace an existing road
20 that—

21 (A) is necessary for meeting demonstrated
22 forest management purposes; but

23 (B) causes undue harm to soil, water, or
24 wildlife;

1 (8) decommission any temporary road con-
2 structed to carry out the authorized forest and wa-
3 tershed restoration project by the conclusion of the
4 authorized forest and watershed restoration project;
5 and

6 (9) be carried out in accordance with the inland
7 native fish strategy relating to the conservation and
8 management of riparian habitat.

9 (i) PRIORITY SELECTION.—In selecting areas on
10 which to conduct rapid watershed assessments and carry
11 out authorized forest and watershed restoration projects
12 under subsections (f) and (h), the Secretary, in coordina-
13 tion with applicable advisory committees or local collabo-
14 rative groups, shall give priority to areas—

15 (1) in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National For-
16 est—

17 (A) in which the road density exceeds 1.5
18 miles per square mile;

19 (B) in which the habitat connectivity is
20 compromised as a result of past timber harvest
21 patterns;

22 (C) that contain forests that are at high
23 risk from insect epidemics or high-severity
24 wildfires, as determined by the Secretary; or

1 (D) that the Secretary determines are
2 within an identified wildland-urban interface
3 area and are at risk of fire that threatens pub-
4 lic infrastructure or private property; and
5 (2) in the Three Rivers Ranger District, in
6 which—

7 (A) portions of an authorized forest and
8 watershed restoration project contain a road
9 density that exceeds the objectives of grizzly
10 bear management units;

11 (B) a reduction in road density would ben-
12 efit affected wildlife;

13 (C) streams have been designated and list-
14 ed as impaired in accordance with section
15 303(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control
16 Act (33 U.S.C. 1313(d)); and

17 (D) the Secretary determines that an iden-
18 tified wildland-urban interface area exists and
19 is at risk of fire that threatens public infra-
20 structure or private property.

21 (j) COLLABORATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not se-
23 lect a National Forest or Forest Service District
24 under subsection (a) unless 1 or more collaborative
25 groups that supports the achievement of the pur-

1 poses of this title in the applicable National Forest
2 or Forest Service District is identified by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 (2) COMPOSITION OF COLLABORATIVE
5 GROUP.—A collaborative group described in para-
6 graph (1) shall include multiple interested persons
7 representing diverse interests in forest and water-
8 shed management in the applicable National Forest
9 or Forest Service District.

10 (3) CONSULTATION.—For each National Forest
11 or Forest Service District selected under subsection
12 (a), the Secretary shall consult with each applicable
13 collaborative group relating to—

14 (A) selection of areas in which to carry out
15 each rapid watershed assessment;

16 (B) issues relating to the disbursement of
17 excess receipts that may result from the com-
18 pletion of an authorized forest and watershed
19 restoration project; and

20 (C) carrying out any authorized forest and
21 watershed management projects through the
22 Initiative.

23 (4) AUTHORIZED FOREST AND WATERSHED
24 RESTORATION PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
2 sultation with each applicable collaborative
3 group may establish, or use an existing, advi-
4 sory committee to assist the Secretary in identi-
5 fying, planning, and conducting each annual
6 program of work for each authorized forest and
7 watershed restoration project.

8 (B) COMPOSITION.—An advisory com-
9 mittee under subparagraph (A) shall be com-
10 prised of representatives from industrial, rec-
11 reational, conservation, and livestock organiza-
12 tions, including local collaborative forest man-
13 agement groups.

14 (C) EXEMPTION.—An advisory committee
15 under subparagraph (A) shall not be subject to
16 the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
17 App.).

18 (5) EXPANSION.—The Secretary shall seek to
19 expand the participation and diversity of interests
20 involved in the implementation of the Initiative in
21 each National Forest or Forest Service District se-
22 lected under subsection (a).

23 (6) AGENCY PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary
24 may—

1 (A) appoint the Seeley Lake District Rang-
2 er of the Lolo National Forest and the Lincoln
3 District Ranger of the Helena National Forest
4 to serve in official capacities on the Board of
5 Directors of the Blackfoot Challenge; and

6 (B) authorize the Seeley Lake District
7 Ranger of the Lolo National Forest and the
8 Lincoln District Ranger of the Helena National
9 Forest to participate in the Blackfoot Commu-
10 nity Projects and the Seeley Lake Coordinated
11 Forest Management Project.

12 (k) IMPLEMENTATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—An environmental analysis
14 to implement an authorized forest and watershed
15 restoration project under this title shall require only
16 1 environmental document.

17 (2) RECORD OF DECISION.—If an environment
18 analysis under paragraph (1) results in a record of
19 decision or a finding of no significant impact for an
20 authorized forest and watershed restoration project,
21 the Secretary shall implement the authorized forest
22 and watershed restoration project.

23 (3) ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—
24 Any environmental analysis carried out after the im-

1 plementation of the authorized forest and watershed
2 restoration project—

3 (A) shall be at the sole discretion of the
4 Secretary; and

5 (B) shall not interrupt the implementation
6 of the forest and watershed restoration project.

7 (l) EFFECT ON OTHER FUNDS.—Amounts expended
8 under this title for a National Forest or Forest Service
9 District selected under subsection (a) shall not reduce the
10 allocations of appropriated funds to the Secretary for use
11 in other regions of the Forest Service or other States.

12 (m) DEADLINE.—All restoration or mechanical treat-
13 ments required under this title shall be completed by the
14 termination of the stewardship contract.

15 **SEC. 105. MECHANICAL TREATMENT.**

16 (a) ACREAGE.—In carrying out authorized forest and
17 watershed restoration projects under section 104, the Sec-
18 retary shall place under contract for the mechanical treat-
19 ment of vegetation—

20 (1) with respect to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge
21 National Forest in the State of Montana—

22 (A) approximately 3,000 acres in the first
23 year after the date of selection of the National
24 Forest;

1 (B) approximately 5,000 acres in the sec-
2 ond year after the date of selection of the Na-
3 tional Forest; and

4 (C) approximately 7,000 acres annually for
5 each of the 9 years thereafter; and

6 (2) with respect to the Kootenai National For-
7 est in the State of Montana—

8 (A) approximately 1,500 acres in the first
9 year after the date of the selection of the Na-
10 tional Forest;

11 (B) approximately 2,000 acres in the sec-
12 ond year after the date of the selection of the
13 National Forest;

14 (C) approximately 3,000 acres annually for
15 each of the 9 years thereafter; and

16 (D) to the maximum extent practicable,
17 the Three Rivers District.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY.—If a conflict exists between this
19 section and other sections of this Act, this section shall
20 control.

21 **SEC. 106. BIOMASS COMBINED HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM**
22 **PROJECTS.**

23 The Secretary may use funds made available under
24 stewardship contracts and any other unobligated funds re-
25 maining in each fiscal year to pay the Federal share of

1 the cost of installation of combined heat and power bio-
2 mass systems that use materials made available from the
3 authorized forest and watershed restoration projects car-
4 ried out under this title.

5 **SEC. 107. ADMINISTRATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
7 this title, the Secretary shall administer the National For-
8 ests or Forest Service Districts selected for authorized for-
9 est and watershed restoration projects under section
10 104(a) in accordance with any applicable laws (including
11 regulations).

12 (b) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The Secretary may plan
13 and carry out cooperative projects on non-Federal land for
14 the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and
15 wildlife habitat if the projects would assist in achieving
16 the purposes of this title.

17 (c) GRANTS.—The Secretary may provide cost-share
18 grants to plan and implement authorized forest and water-
19 shed restoration projects on non-Federal land if the
20 projects would assist in achieving the purposes of this title.

21 (d) STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—The
22 authority to enter into a stewardship contract established
23 by section 332 of the Department of the Interior and Re-
24 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (16 U.S.C. 2104

1 note; Public Law 107–63) shall be extended as necessary
2 to carry out this title.

3 (e) REVIEW.—The administrative and judicial review
4 provisions of sections 105 and 106 of the Healthy Forests
5 Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6515, 6516) shall
6 apply to any administrative or judicial review of author-
7 ized forest and watershed restoration projects carried out
8 under this section.

9 (f) MEDIATION.—If 1 or more of the parties in an
10 administrative appeal under this title requests mediation,
11 an independent mediator shall be used.

12 **SEC. 108. MONITORING; REPORTING.**

13 (a) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after the date
14 of enactment of this Act and every 3 years thereafter, the
15 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of
16 Congress a report on the implementation of landscape-
17 scale restoration projects under this title.

18 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-
19 section (a) shall, for the entity covered by the report—

20 (1) assess the effectiveness of stewardship con-
21 tracts in meeting vegetative management goals and
22 funding restoration goals;

23 (2) provide information on—

1 (A) the number of authorized forest and
2 watershed restoration projects designed, imple-
3 mented, and completed;

4 (B) the cost effectiveness of each author-
5 ized forest and watershed restoration project,
6 including the costs of planning and environ-
7 mental analysis and the benefits resulting from
8 restoration activities; and

9 (C) the number of acres treated and res-
10 toration projects accomplished;

11 (3) evaluate whether the use of stewardship
12 contracts and the participation of local collaborative
13 groups and other forms of public involvement have
14 reduced the number of administrative appeals and
15 legal challenges or otherwise impacted the outcome
16 of appeals and litigation;

17 (4) make recommendations on legislative or ad-
18 ministrative actions that might better achieve the
19 goals and purposes of the restoration efforts carried
20 out by the Secretary;

21 (5) identify any additional resources or authori-
22 ties that the Secretary determines to be necessary to
23 fully implement the Initiative;

24 (6) evaluate the effectiveness of restoration ac-
25 tivities on ecological health; and

1 (7) consider and implement adaptive manage-
2 ment tools to improve management under this title,
3 including management of the impacts of climate
4 change on the effectiveness of restoration activities.

5 (c) STUDY.—On the completion of 100,000 acres of
6 treatment or 15 years, whichever is sooner, an inde-
7 pendent agency, to be designated by the Secretary, shall—

8 (1) carry out a study on the effectiveness of the
9 mechanical treatments under section 105; and

10 (2) based on the results of the study, make rec-
11 ommendations for reauthorizing this title to the
12 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
13 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 **TITLE II—MONTANA RECRE-**
16 **ATION AND WILDERNESS [TO**
17 **BE SUPPLIED]**