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# H. R. 2295

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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

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## 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 “Forest Access Imme-  
5       diate Relief Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF FOREST SERVICE RECREATIONAL**  
2 **FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) TERMINATION.—On and after the effective date  
4 of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture may not im-  
5 pose or collect any fee under the authority of the Rec-  
6 reational Fee Demonstration Program authorized by sec-  
7 tion 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related  
8 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in sec-  
9 tion 101(c) of Public Law 104–134; 16 U.S.C. 460l–6a  
10 note). Amounts collected before that date shall continue  
11 to be used by the Secretary in the manner provided in  
12 that section.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 315 of the  
14 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appro-  
15 priations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of  
16 Public Law 104–134; 16 U.S.C. 460l–6a note), is amend-  
17 ed as follows:

18 (1) In subsection (a), by striking “and the Sec-  
19 retary of Agriculture (acting through the Forest  
20 Service) shall each” and inserting “shall”.

21 (2) In subsection (b), by striking “appropriate  
22 Secretary” and inserting “Secretary”.

23 (3) In subsection (e), by striking “and the Sec-  
24 retary of Agriculture”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
2 ments made by this section shall take effect October 1,  
3 1999.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FOREST SERVICE PAYMENT OF**  
5 **ENGINEERING SUPPORT FOR TIMBER SALES.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—  
7 Funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the  
8 Forest Service in appropriation Acts may not be used to  
9 provide engineering support for the timber sales program  
10 for National Forest System lands, including engineering  
11 support to plan, oversee design, and administer road work  
12 funded by timber purchasers.

13 (b) PAYMENT BY TIMBER PURCHASERS.—In ap-  
14 praising timber and setting a minimum bid for trees, por-  
15 tions of trees, or forest products located on National For-  
16 est System lands proposed for sale under section 14 of  
17 the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C.  
18 472a) or any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agri-  
19 culture shall include an additional charge in an amount  
20 sufficient to cover the annual costs incurred by the Forest  
21 Service to provide engineering support for the timber sales  
22 program.

23 (c) USE OF PAYMENTS.—Amounts collected from  
24 timber purchasers as required by subsection (b) shall be  
25 available to the Secretary of Agriculture, without further

1 appropriation, to pay costs incurred by the Forest Service  
2 to provide engineering support for the timber sales pro-  
3 gram. All excess amounts collected under such subsection  
4 shall be used on National Forest System lands in the man-  
5 ner authorized by section 315(c)(3) of the Department of  
6 the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
7 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of Public Law 104–  
8 134; 16 U.S.C. 460l–6a note), in order to offset at least  
9 partially the loss of revenues to the Forest Service as a  
10 result of the termination of Forest Service participation  
11 in the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program by sec-  
12 tion 2.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section take effect Oc-  
14 tober 1, 1999.

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