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 Pub. L. 103-332, title II, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2524.  
 Pub. L. 103-138, title II, Nov. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 1404.  
 Pub. L. 102-381, title II, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1402.  
 Pub. L. 102-154, title II, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1019.  
 Pub. L. 101-512, title II, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1944.

**§ 555. Forest headquarters, ranger stations, dwellings, or other needed sites**

Where no suitable Government land is available for national forest headquarters, ranger stations, dwellings, or for other sites required for the effective conduct of the authorized activities of the Forest Service, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to purchase such lands out of the appropriation applicable to the purpose for which the land is to be used, and to accept donations of land for any national forest or experimental purpose: *Provided*, That such lands may be acquired subject to such reservations and outstanding interests as the Secretary determines will not interfere with the purpose for which acquired: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended in any one fiscal year pursuant to this authority.

(Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 457, § 5, 43 Stat. 1133; Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 13, 64 Stat. 86; Pub. L. 85-464, § 9, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 218.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1958—Pub. L. 85-464 substituted “\$50,000” for “\$25,000”.

1950—Act Apr. 24, 1950, applied section to dwellings or other needed sites and inserted provisos.

**§ 555a. Exchange of lands**

Where lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service have been acquired and are being administered under laws which contain no provision for their exchange, the Secretary of Agriculture may convey such lands and in exchange therefor may accept on behalf of the United States title to any lands which in his opinion are suitable for use in connection with activities of the Forest Service. The value of the lands so conveyed by the Secretary of Agriculture shall not exceed the value of the lands accepted by him.

(Pub. L. 87-869, § 1, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157.)

**§ 555b. Street improvements; availability of Forest Service funds**

Funds available to the Forest Service shall be available for expenses of, or payment of assessment for, construction of sidewalks, curbs, or street paving along the boundary of Government-owned residential or otherwise improved lots.

(Pub. L. 87-869, § 9, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157.)

**§ 556. Appropriations for Forest Service; use for transportation or traveling expenses; preparation or publication of newspaper or magazine articles**

No part of any funds appropriated for the Forest Service shall be used to pay the transportation or traveling expenses of any forest officer or agent except he be traveling on business directly connected with the Forest Service and in furtherance of the works, aims, and objects specified and authorized by law; nor shall any such funds be paid or used for the purpose of paying for, in whole or in part, the preparation or publication of any newspaper or magazine article, but this shall not prevent the giving out to all persons, without discrimination, including newspapers and magazine writers and publishers, of any facts or official information of value to the public: *Provided*, That this prohibition shall not apply to scientific or technical articles prepared for or published in scientific publications.

(May 11, 1922, ch. 185, 42 Stat. 521; Pub. L. 85-464, § 8, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 218.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1958—Pub. L. 85-464 made prohibition inapplicable to scientific or technical articles prepared for or published in scientific publications.

**§ 556a. Omitted****Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Section, acts June 16, 1955, ch. 147, title II, § 203, 69 Stat. 156; June 13, 1956, ch. 380, title II, § 202, 70 Stat. 270, which related to expenditures for options to purchase lands from appropriations made for the Forest Service, was superseded by section 2268a of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 556b. Use of appropriations for expenses of transporting automobiles of employees between points in Alaska**

Funds available to the Forest Service may be used, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture for expenses of transporting automobiles of employees of that Service between points in Alaska in connection with transfers of official stations of such employees to meet the needs of the Service.

(Pub. L. 85-464, § 3, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 217.)

**§ 556c. Reimbursement of employees for property losses resulting from fires, floods, or other casualties**

Funds available to the Forest Service may be used in amounts not exceeding \$100 in any single claim, for reimbursing employees of the Forest Service for loss of or damage to clothing and other personal effects resulting from fires, floods, or other casualties at or near the place in which such property is temporarily stored during services of the employees in connection with such casualties.

(Pub. L. 85-464, § 2, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 217.)

**§ 556d. Advances of public moneys to Forest Service for fighting forest fires in emergency cases**

Advances of money under any appropriation for the Forest Service may be made to the Forest Service and by authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to chiefs of field parties for fighting forest fires in emergency cases and detailed accounts arising under such advances shall be rendered through and by the Department of Agriculture to the Government Accountability Office.

(May 23, 1908, ch. 192, 35 Stat. 259; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, §304, 42 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §231(v), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

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CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as a part of the Agricultural Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1909, act May 23, 1908.

Section was formerly classified to section 534 of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, §1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-310 struck out provisions which required chiefs of field parties to give bonds.

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Government Accountability Office” substituted in text for “General Accounting Office” pursuant to section 8(b) of Pub. L. 108-271, set out as a note under section 702 of Title 31, Money and Finance, which redesignated the General Accounting Office and any references thereto as the Government Accountability Office. Previously, “General Accounting Office” substituted in text for “Treasury Department” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred all powers and duties conferred upon Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other officers of the Treasury to General Accounting Office. See section 701 et seq. of Title 31.

**§ 556e. Emergency appropriations for rehabilitation and wildfire suppression**

Beginning in fiscal year 1993, and in each year thereafter, only amounts for emergency rehabilitation and wildfire suppression activities that are in excess of the average of such costs for the previous ten years shall be considered “emergency requirements” pursuant to section 901(b)(2)(D)<sup>1</sup> of title 2, and such amounts shall on and after November 13, 1991, be so designated.

(Pub. L. 102-154, title II, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1015.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 901 of title 2, referred to in text, was amended, and as so amended, section 901(b)(2)(D) no longer refers to “emergency requirements”. However, “emergency requirements” are referred to elsewhere in section 901.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**§ 556f. Expenses of student interns**

On and after October 5, 1992, funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service may be used to pay transportation, lodging, and subsistence expenses of student interns, defined as employees who assist scientific, professional, or technical employees and who are bona fide students of accredited colleges or universities who are pursuing courses related to the field in which employed.

(Pub. L. 102-381, title II, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1403.)

**§ 556g. Reimbursement of employee license costs and certification fees**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 1993 and thereafter, appropriations or funds available to the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, may be used to reimburse employees for the cost of State licenses and certification fees pursuant to their employment and that are necessary to comply with State or Federal laws, regulations, or requirements.

(Pub. L. 102-381, title III, §317, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1417.)

**§ 556h. Recognition of private contributors to Forest Service programs**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after October 21, 1998, any appropriations or funds available to the Forest Service may be used to disseminate program information to private and public individuals and organizations through the use of nonmonetary items of nominal value and to provide nonmonetary awards of nominal value and to incur necessary expenses for the nonmonetary recognition of private individuals and organizations that make contributions to Forest Service programs.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title II], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-272.)

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- Pub. L. 101-512, title II, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1942.
- Pub. L. 101-121, title II, Oct. 23, 1989, 103 Stat. 726.

**§ 556i. Transfer of funds made available to Forest Service**

None of the funds made available to the Forest Service in this Act or any other Act with respect to any fiscal year shall be subject to transfer under the provisions of section 2257 of title 7, section 7772 of title 7, or section 8316(b) of title 7.

(Pub. L. 118-42, div. E, title III, Mar. 9, 2024, 138 Stat. 270.)