

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****SIMILAR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title III, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4806.
- Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title III, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 396.
- Pub. L. 116-260, div. G, title III, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1522.
- Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title III, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2729.
- Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title III, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 246.
- Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title III, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 674.
- Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title III, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 482.
- Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title III, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2563.
- Pub. L. 113-235, div. F, title III, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2432.
- Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title III, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 326.
- Pub. L. 112-74, div. E, title III, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1025.
- Pub. L. 111-88, div. A, title III, Oct. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 2944.
- Pub. L. 111-8, div. E, title III, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 733.
- Pub. L. 110-161, div. F, title III, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2133.

**§ 557. Employees of Forest Service; subsistence furnished to; personal equipment; supplies, and medical attention**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to furnish subsistence to employees of the Forest Service, to purchase personal equipment and supplies for them, and to make deductions therefor from moneys appropriated for salary payments or otherwise due such employees. He is also authorized, in his discretion, to provide out of moneys appropriated for the general expenses of the Forest Service medical attention for employees of the Forest Service located at isolated situations, including the moving of such employees to hospitals or other places where medical assistance is available, and in case of death to remove the bodies of deceased employees to the nearest place where they can be prepared for shipment or for burial: *Provided*, That when a transient without permanent residence, or any other person while away from his place of residence, is temporarily employed by the Forest Service and while so employed becomes disabled because of injury or illness not attributable to official work, he may be provided hospitalization and other necessary medical care, subsistence, and lodging for a period of not to exceed fifteen days during such disability, the cost thereof to be payable from any funds available to the Forest Service applicable to the work for which such person is employed.

(Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 457, §§4, 6, 43 Stat. 1133; Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, §15, 64 Stat. 86.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1950—Act Apr. 24, 1950, inserted proviso to provide medical care for temporary employees.

**§ 557a. Field season contracts; authority to make prior to appropriation**

The Secretary of Agriculture is hereafter authorized, in connection with the administration of the national forests, to enter into contracts for the procurement of services, materials, and supplies for the ensuing fiscal year, prior to the passage of an appropriation therefor: *Provided*, That such contracts shall aliquot the cost for such service by fiscal years and shall not be binding on the United States as to that part for the ensuing year unless and until an appropriation applicable to the payment thereof is made: *And provided further*, That all such contracts shall by their terms provide that the obligation of the United States is contingent upon the passage of an applicable appropriation and that no payment thereunder will be made until such appropriation becomes available for expenditure.

(June 30, 1932, ch. 331, 47 Stat. 473.)

**§ 557b. Omitted****Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section, act June 16, 1955, ch. 147, title II, §202, 69 Stat. 156, which related to employment of aliens in the Forest Service, was enacted as part of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1956, and was not repeated in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1957 (approved June 13, 1956, ch. 380, 70 Stat. 257), or subsequent appropriation acts.

**§ 558. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, §8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 642**

Section, act Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 145, §1[part], 37 Stat. 843, related to leaves of absence to employees of Forest Service in Alaska.

**§ 558a. Purpose**

The purpose of this Act is to leverage volunteer engagement to supplement projects that are carried out by the Secretaries to fulfill the missions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and are accomplished with appropriated funds.

(Pub. L. 92-300, §2, as added Pub. L. 118-234, title III, §341, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2913.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 92-300, May 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 147, as amended generally by Pub. L. 118-234, title III, §341, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2913, known as the Volunteers in the National Forests and Public Lands Act, which enacted this section and sections 558b to 558g of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**CODIFICATION**

The Volunteers in the National Forests and Public Lands Act, enacting this section and sections 558b to 558g of this title, was originally enacted as Pub. L. 92-300, May 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 147, known as the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972, which enacted former sections 558a to 558d of this title. Pub. L. 92-300 was amended by Pub. L. 95-289, §1, June 5, 1978, 92 Stat. 289; Pub. L. 101-286, title II, §204(a), May 9, 1990, 104