

as “Cooperative work, Forest Service,” see section 1321 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

**§ 572a. Deposits from timber purchasers to defray cost of scaling services**

The Forest Service may accept money from timber purchasers for deposit into the Treasury in the trust account, “Forest Service cooperative fund”, which moneys are made available for scaling services requested by purchasers in addition to those required by the Forest Service, and for refunds of amounts deposited in excess of the cost of such work.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title II, §210, 58 Stat. 737.)

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CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as a part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

**§ 573. Repealed. Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, §17(a), 64 Stat. 87**

Section, act May 27, 1930, ch. 337, §1, 46 Stat. 387, related to water supply and sanitary systems.

**§ 574. Damages caused private property in protection, administration, and improvement of national forests; reimbursement**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to reimburse owners of private property for damage or destruction thereof caused by employees of the United States in connection with the protection, administration, or improvement of the national forests, payment to be made from any funds appropriated for the protection, administration, and improvement of the national forests: *Provided*, That no payment in excess of \$2,500 shall be made on any such claim.

(May 27, 1930, ch. 337, §2, 46 Stat. 387; Pub. L. 87-869, §8, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157.)

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AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-869 increased from \$500 to \$2,500 the authorization for reimbursement of owners of private property for damages caused in protection, administration, and improvement of national forests.

**§ 575. Search for lost persons, and transportation of sick, injured, or dead persons, within national forests; authorization to incur expense**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized in cases of emergency to incur such expenses as may be necessary in searching for persons lost in the national forests and in transporting persons seriously ill, injured, or who die within the national forests to the nearest place where the sick or injured person, or the body, may be transferred to interested parties or local authorities.

(May 27, 1930, ch. 337, §3, 46 Stat. 387.)

**§ 576. Reforestation; establishment of forest tree nurseries; tree planting; seed sowing and forest improvement work**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish forest tree nurseries and do all other

things needful in preparation for planting on national forests on the scale possible under the appropriations authorized by section 576a of this title: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict the authority of the said Secretary under other authority of law.

(June 9, 1930, ch. 416, §1, 46 Stat. 527.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE

The act of June 9, 1930, ch. 416, 46 Stat. 527, as amended, which is classified to sections 576 to 576b of this title, is popularly known as the “Knutson-Vandenberg Act”.

**§ 576a. Authorization of appropriation for reforestation**

There is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year after year ending June 30, 1934, not to exceed \$400,000, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and operate nurseries, to collect or to purchase tree seed or young trees, to plant trees, and to do all other things necessary for reforestation by planting or seeding national forests and for the additional protection, care, and improvement of the resulting plantations or young growth.

(June 9, 1930, ch. 416, §2, 46 Stat. 527.)

**§ 576b. Purchasers of national-forest timber; deposits of money in addition to payments for timber; use of deposits; seedlings and young trees for burned-over areas in national parks**

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his or her judgment such action will be in the public interest, require any purchaser of national-forest timber to make deposits of money in addition to the payments for the timber, to cover the cost to the United States of (1) planting (including the production or purchase of young trees), (2) sowing with tree seeds (including the collection or purchase of such seeds), (3) cutting, destroying, or otherwise removing undesirable trees or other growth, on the national-forest land cut over by the purchaser, in order to improve the future stand of timber, (4) protecting and improving the future productivity of the renewable resources of the forest land on such sale area, including sale area improvement operations, maintenance and construction, reforestation and wildlife habitat management, or (5) watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, control of insects, disease and noxious weeds, community protection activities, and the maintenance of forest roads, within the Forest Service region in which the timber sale occurred: *Provided*, That such activities may be performed through the use of contracts, forest product sales, and cooperative agreements. Such deposits shall be covered into the Treasury and shall constitute a special fund, which is appropriated and made available until expended, to cover the cost to the United States of such tree planting, seed sowing, and forest improvement work, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, upon application of the Secretary of the Interior, to furnish seedlings and/or young trees for replanting of burned-over areas in any national park.

(c)<sup>1</sup> Any portion of the balance at the end of a fiscal year in the special fund established pursuant to this section that the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be in excess of the cost of doing work described in subsection (a) (as well as any portion of the balance in the special fund that the Secretary determined, before October 1, 2004, to be excess of the cost of doing work described in subsection (a), but which has not been transferred by that date) shall be transferred to miscellaneous receipts, National Forest Fund, as a National Forest receipt, but only if the Secretary also determines that—

(1) the excess amounts will not be needed for emergency wildfire suppression during the fiscal year in which the transfer would be made; and

(2) the amount to be transferred to miscellaneous receipts, National Forest Fund, exceeds the outstanding balance of unreimbursed funds transferred from the special fund in prior fiscal years for wildfire suppression.

(June 9, 1930, ch. 416, §3, 46 Stat. 527; Pub. L. 94-588, §18, Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2962; Pub. L. 108-447, div. E, title III, §318, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3096; Pub. L. 109-54, title IV, §412, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 551.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-54 added cl. (5).

2004—Pub. L. 108-447, §318(1), which directed the amendment of this section “by striking ‘The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his’ and inserting ‘(a) The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his or her’”;

“(b) Amounts deposited under subsection (a)””, was partially executed by designating existing text as subsec. (a) and substituting “The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his or her” for “The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his”. However, the provisions relating to subsec. (b) were not inserted, because of missing directory language.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-447, §318(2), substituted “may direct. The Secretary of Agriculture” for “may direct: *Provided*, That any portion of any deposit found to be in excess of the cost of doing said work shall, upon the determination that it is so in excess, be transferred to miscellaneous receipts, forest reserve fund, as a national-forest receipt of the fiscal year in which such transfer is made: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-447, §318(3), added subsec. (c). 1976—Pub. L. 94-588 struck out “or” before “(3)” and substituted “, or (4) protecting and improving the future productivity of the renewable resources of the forest land on such sale area, including sale area improvement operations, maintenance and construction, reforestation and wildlife habitat management” for “: *Provided*, That the total amount so required to be deposited by any purchaser shall not exceed, on an acreage basis, the average cost of planting (including the production or purchase of young trees) other comparable national-forest lands during the previous three years”.

#### § 576c. Supplemental National Forest Reforestation Fund; establishment; duration; authorization of appropriations

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a “Supplemental National Forest Reforestation

Fund”, and transfer to that fund beginning with the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1972, and ending on September 30, 1987, such amounts as may be appropriated therefor. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for such purpose for each of the fiscal years during such period the sum of \$65,000,000.

(Pub. L. 92-421, §1, Sept. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 678; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(9), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “September” for “June”.

#### § 576d. Expenditure of Supplemental National Forest Reforestation Fund moneys; availability of moneys from other sources unaffected

Moneys transferred to the National Forest Reforestation Fund under the provisions of sections 576c to 576e<sup>1</sup> of this title shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture, for expenditure upon appropriation, for the purpose of supplementing programs of tree planting and seeding of national forest lands determined by the Secretary to be in need of reforestation. Such moneys shall be available until expended, and shall be provided without prejudice to appropriations or funds available from other sources for the same purposes, including those available pursuant to section 576b of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-421, §2, Sept. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 678.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 576e of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 96-470, title I, §102(b), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2237.

#### § 576e. Repealed. Pub. L. 96-470, title I, § 102(b), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2237

Section, Pub. L. 92-421, §3, Sept. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 678, required Secretary of Agriculture to provide, within one year after Sept. 18, 1972, a report to Congress setting forth scope of total national forest reforestation needs and a planned program for reforesting such lands, including a description of extent to which funds authorized by sections 576c to 576e of this title were to be applied and to annually thereafter make a report to Congress on use of funds authorized by sections 576c to 576e of this title and progress toward completion of the planned national forest reforestation program.

#### § 577. Public lands in northern Minnesota; withdrawal from entry and appropriation

All public lands of the United States situated north of township 60 north in the Counties of Cook and Lake, State of Minnesota, including the natural shore lines of Lake Superior within such area; all public lands of the United States situated in that part of St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, lying north of a line beginning at the northeast corner of Township 63 north, Range 12 west, 4th P. M., thence westerly along the township line to the southwest corner of Township 64 north, Range 18 west, 4th P. M.,

<sup>1</sup> See 2004 Amendment notes below.

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