

July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 680.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 422.  
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 546.

#### § 579a. Operation of aerial facilities and services

The Forest Service by contract or otherwise may provide for procurement and operation of aerial facilities and services for the protection and management of the national forests and other lands administered by it, including the furnishing, at the airbase, of facilities, equipment, materials and the preparation, mixing and loading into aircraft, with authority to renew any contract for such purpose annually, not more than twice, without additional advertising.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title II, § 205, 58 Stat. 736; Apr. 24, 1950, ch. 97, § 4, 64 Stat. 83; Pub. L. 91-435, Oct. 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 888.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

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

##### AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-435 authorized the Forest Service to extend aerial facilities and services for the protection and management of other lands administered by the Service and to procure, at the airbase, facilities, equipment, materials and the preparation, mixing and loading into aircraft.

1950—Act Apr. 24, 1950, amended section to provide for aerial facilities and services for the protection and management of our national forests.

#### § 579b. Working capital fund; establishment; availability; transfer; capitalization; advance payments credited

There is established a working capital fund which shall be available without fiscal year limitation for expenses necessary, including the purchase or construction of buildings and improvements within the limitations thereon set forth in the appropriations for the Forest Service, for furnishing supply and equipment services in support of programs of the Forest Service. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer to the fund, without reimbursement, and to capitalize in the fund at fair and reasonable values, such receivables, inventories, equipment, and other assets as he may determine, and assume the liabilities in connection with such assets: *Provided*, That the fund shall be credited with advance payments in connection with firm orders and reimbursements from appropriations and funds of the Forest Service, other departmental and Federal agencies, and from other sources, as authorized by law, at rates approximately equal to the cost of furnishing the facilities and service.

(Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, § 13, 70 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 87-869, § 10, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-869 struck out the \$25,000,000 limitation on amount of capitalization in Forest Service working capital fund.

#### § 579c. Availability of funds received from forfeitures, judgments, compromises, or settlements

Any moneys received by the United States with respect to lands under the administration of the Forest Service (1) as a result of the forfeiture of a bond or deposit by a permittee or timber purchaser for failure to complete performance of improvement, protection, or rehabilitation work required under the permit or timber sale contract or (2) as a result of a judgment, compromise, or settlement of any claim, involving present or potential damage to lands or improvements, shall be covered into the Treasury and are hereby appropriated and made available until expended to cover the cost to the United States of any improvement, protection, or rehabilitation work on lands under the administration of the Forest Service rendered necessary by the action which led to the forfeiture, judgment, compromise, or settlement: *Provided*, That any portion of the moneys so received in excess of the amount expended in performing the work necessitated by the action which led to their receipt shall be transferred to miscellaneous receipts.

(Pub. L. 85-464, § 7, June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 217.)

#### § 579c-1. Forest Service interest bearing account

##### (a) Investment authority

Any monies covered into the Treasury under section 579c of this title, including all monies that were previously collected by the United States in a forfeiture, judgment, compromise, or settlement, shall be invested by the Secretary of the Treasury in interest bearing obligations of the United States to the extent the amounts are not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet current withdrawals.

##### (b) Availability of funds

Any interest earned under subsection (a) shall be available in the same manner as the monies covered into the Treasury under section 579c of this title to cover the costs to the United States specified in section 579c of this title.

##### (c) Use of funds

Any portion of the monies received or earned under subsection (a) in excess of the amount expended in performing the work necessitated by the action which led to their receipt may be used to cover the other work specified in section 579c of this title.

##### (d) Effective date

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2023 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title IV, § 441, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4832.)

#### § 579d. Indirect expenditures; future budget justifications

The Forest Service shall implement and adhere to the definitions of indirect expenditures established pursuant to Public Law 105-277 on a nationwide basis without flexibility for modification by any organizational level except the Washington Office, and when changed by the Washington Office, such changes in definition shall be reported in budget requests submitted