

(2) provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers and partners to carry out trail maintenance in each region of the Forest Service;

(3) address the barriers to increased volunteerism and partnerships in trail maintenance identified by volunteers, partners, and others;

(4) prioritize increased volunteerism and partnerships in trail maintenance in those regions with the most severe trail maintenance needs, and where trail maintenance backlogs are jeopardizing access to National Forest lands; and

(5) aim to increase trail maintenance by volunteers and partners by 100 percent by the date that is 5 years after November 28, 2016.

(c) Additional requirement

As a component of the strategy, the Secretary shall study opportunities to improve trail maintenance by addressing opportunities to use fire crews in trail maintenance activities in a manner that does not jeopardize firefighting capabilities, public safety, or resource protection. Upon a determination that trail maintenance would be advanced by use of fire crews in trail maintenance, the Secretary shall incorporate these proposals into the strategy, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

(d) Volunteer liability

(1) Omitted

(2) Additional requirement

Not later than 2 years after November 28, 2016, the Secretary shall adopt regulations implementing this section. These regulations shall ensure that the financial risk from claims or liability associated with volunteers undertaking trail maintenance is shared by all administrative units.

(e) Consultation

The Secretary shall develop the strategy in consultation with volunteer and partner trail maintenance organizations, a broad array of outdoor recreation stakeholders, and other relevant stakeholders.

(f) Volunteer and partnership coordination

The Secretary shall require each administrative unit to develop a volunteer and partner coordination implementation plan for the strategy which clearly defines roles and responsibilities for the administrative unit and district staff, and includes strategies to ensure sufficient coordination, assistance, and support for volunteers and partners to improve trail maintenance.

(g) Report

(1) Contents

The Secretary shall prepare a report on—

(A) the effectiveness of the strategy in addressing the trail maintenance backlog;

(B) the increase in volunteerism and partnership efforts on trail maintenance as a result of the strategy;

(C) the miles of National Forest System trails maintained by volunteers and partners, and the approximate value of the volunteer and partnership efforts;

(D) the status of the stewardship credits for outfitters and guides pilot program described in section 583k-5 of this title that includes the number of participating sites, total amount of the credits offered, estimated value of trail maintenance performed, and suggestions for revising the program; and

(E) recommendations for further increasing volunteerism and partnerships in trail maintenance.

(2) Submission

Not later than 3 years after November 28, 2016, the Secretary shall submit the report required by paragraph (1) to—

(A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 4, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 991.)

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CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 4 of Pub. L. 114-245. Subsec. (d)(1) of section 4 of Pub. L. 114-245 amended former section 558c of this title.

§ 583k-3. Priority trail maintenance program

(a) Selection

In accordance with subsections (b) and (c), not later than 6 months after November 28, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture shall select no fewer than 9 and no more than 15 priority areas for increased trail maintenance accomplishments.

(b) Criteria

Priority areas shall include a well-defined region on National Forest System land where the lack of trail maintenance has—

(1) reduced access to public land;

(2) led to an increase, or risk of increase, in harm to natural resources;

(3) jeopardized public safety;

(4) resulted in trails being impassible by the intended managed users; or

(5) increased future deferred trail maintenance costs.

(c) Requirements

In selecting priority areas, the Secretary shall—

(1) consider any public input on priority areas received within 3 months of November 28, 2016;

(2) consider the range of trail users (including motorized and non-motorized trail users); and

(3) include at least one priority area in each region of the United States Forest Service.

(d) Increased trail maintenance

(1) In general

Within 6 months of the selection of priority areas under subsection (a), and in accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary shall develop an approach to substantially increase trail

maintenance accomplishments within each priority area.

(2) Contents

In developing the approach under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) consider any public input on trail maintenance priorities and needs within any priority area;

(B) consider the costs and benefits of increased trail maintenance within each priority area; and

(C) incorporate partners and volunteers in the trail maintenance.

(3) Required trail maintenance

Utilizing the approach developed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall substantially increase trail maintenance within each priority area.

(e) Coordination

The regional volunteer and partnership coordinators may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing and implementing volunteer and partnership projects to increase trail maintenance within priority areas.

(f) Revision

The Secretary shall periodically review the priority areas to determine whether revisions are necessary and may revise the priority areas, including the selection of new priority areas or removal of existing priority areas, at his sole discretion.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 5, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 993.)

§ 583k-4. Cooperative agreements

(a) In general

The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with any State, tribal, local governmental, and private entity to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Contents

Cooperative agreements authorized under this section may—

(1) improve trail maintenance in a priority area;

(2) implement the strategy; or

(3) advance trail maintenance in a manner deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 6, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 994.)

§ 583k-5. Stewardship credits for outfitters and guides

(a) Pilot program

Within 1 year after November 28, 2016, in accordance with this section, the Secretary shall establish a pilot program on not less than 20 administrative units to offset all or part of the land use fee for an outfitting and guiding permit by the cost of the work performed by the permit holder to construct, improve, or maintain National Forest System trails, trailheads, or developed sites that support public use under terms established by the Secretary.

(b) Additional requirements

In establishing the pilot program authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) select administrative units where the pilot program will improve trail maintenance; and

(2) establish appropriate terms and conditions, including meeting National Quality Standards for Trails and the Trail Management Objectives identified for the trail.

(Pub. L. 114-245, § 7, Nov. 28, 2016, 130 Stat. 994.)

CHAPTER 3A—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF THROUGH PERFORMANCE OF USEFUL PUBLIC WORK

SUBCHAPTER I—CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

§§ 584 to 584q. Omitted

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CODIFICATION

Section 584, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 1, 50 Stat. 319; Aug. 7, 1939, ch. 553, § 1, 53 Stat. 1253, related to establishment of Corps.

Section 584a, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 2, 50 Stat. 319, related to appointment, compensation, and authority of Director.

Section 584b, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 3, 50 Stat. 319, related to work projects authorized.

Section 584c, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 4, 50 Stat. 320, related to transfer of personnel, property, etc., from Emergency Conservation Work and operation of camp exchange.

Section 584d, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 5, 50 Stat. 320; June 13, 1940, ch. 348, 54 Stat. 383, related to appointment of civilian personnel with powers of notaries public.

Section 584e, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 6, 50 Stat. 320, related to service of other officers with Corps.

Section 584f, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 7, 50 Stat. 320, related to number of enrollees.

Section 584f-1, acts July 1, 1941, ch. 269, title I, § 1, 55 Stat. 473; Aug. 25, 1941, ch. 409, title IV, § 1, 55 Stat. 683, related to annual expenditures per enrollee.

Section 584g, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 8, 50 Stat. 320; May 12, 1938, ch. 200, §§ 1, 2, 52 Stat. 349; Oct. 21, 1940, ch. 906, 54 Stat. 1206, related to qualifications of enrollees, term of enrollment, educational leaves, and certificates of merit.

Section 584g-1, act June 26, 1940, ch. 432, § 38, 54 Stat. 625, related to training of enrollees in noncombatant subjects.

Section 584h, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 9, 50 Stat. 320; June 25, 1938, ch. 701, 52 Stat. 1198, related to compensation of enrollees and use of pay.

Section 584h-1, acts July 1, 1937, ch. 425, § 1, 50 Stat. 470; May 23, 1938, ch. 259, § 1, 52 Stat. 414; Mar. 16, 1939, ch. 11, § 1, 53 Stat. 529; June 26, 1940, ch. 428, title II, 54 Stat. 581, related to compensation of enrollee blood donors.

Section 584i, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 10, 50 Stat. 321, related to subsistence, etc., furnished to enrollees, disability and death benefits.

Section 584j, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 11, 50 Stat. 321; Oct. 10, 1940, ch. 851, § 4, 54 Stat. 1112, related to financial administration.

Section 584k, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 12, 50 Stat. 321, related to use of services and facilities of other governmental agencies.

Section 584l, acts June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 13, 50 Stat. 321; Aug. 7, 1939, ch. 553, § 2, 53 Stat. 1253, related to use of services and facilities of state agencies and departments.

Section 584m, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 14, 50 Stat. 321, related to expenditures for subsistence, transportation, etc., of enrollees.

Section 584n, act June 28, 1937, ch. 383, § 15, 50 Stat. 321, related to disposal of surplus property.