

Act of appropriation, to carry out this chapter.

**(2) Administrative expenses**

Of amounts in the Account<sup>1</sup> available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or up to \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

**(d) Acceptance and use of donations**

The Secretary may accept and use donations to carry out this chapter. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 9, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 596; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(h)(1), (2), (3)(B), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076, 2077.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(1), substituted “Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund” for “Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(1), added subsecs. (a) and (b) and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (b) which related to the establishment of and deposits into the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(2), substituted “\$100,000” for “\$80,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-363, § 302(h)(3)(B), substituted “Fund” for “Account”.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(h)(4), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2077, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury may transfer to the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund amounts that were in the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account immediately before the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006].”

**§ 6109. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Account<sup>1</sup> to carry out this chapter for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010 the amount specified for that fiscal year in subsection (b), to remain available until expended, of which not less than 75 percent of the amounts made available for each fiscal year shall be expended for projects carried out outside the United States.

**(b) Authorized amount**

The amount referred to in subsection (a) is—

- (1) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007;
- (2) \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 2008;
- (3) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and
- (4) \$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2010.

**(c) Availability**

Amounts appropriated under this section may remain available until expended.

**(d) Allocation**

Of amounts appropriated under this section for each fiscal year, not less than 75 percent shall be expended for projects carried out outside the United States.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Fund”.

(Pub. L. 106-247, § 10, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 597; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, § 302(i), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2077.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-363 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010 the amount specified for that fiscal year in subsection (b)” for “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005”, and added subsecs. (b) to (d).

**CHAPTER 81—USER FEES UNDER FOREST SYSTEM RECREATION RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

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**§ 6201. Findings**

Congress finds that—

(1) cabins located on forest land have provided a unique recreation experience to a large number of cabin owners, their families, and guests each year since Congress authorized the recreation residence program in 1915; and

(2) the fact that current appraisal procedures have, in certain circumstances, been inconsistently applied in determining fair market values for residential lots demonstrates that problems exist in accurately reflecting market values.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, § 602, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, § 601, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000.’”

**§ 6202. Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the National Forest System recreation residence program is managed to preserve the opportunity for individual and family-oriented recreation; and

(2) to develop and implement a more consistent procedure for determining cabin user fees, taking into consideration the limitations of an authorization and other relevant market factors.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, § 603, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014.)

**§ 6203. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Agency**

The term “agency” means the Forest Service.

**(2) Authorization**

The term “authorization” means a special use permit for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land by a cabin owner under the authority of the program.

**(3) Base cabin user fee**

The term “base cabin user fee” means the fee for an authorization that results from the appraisal of a lot as determined in accordance with sections 6205 and 6206 of this title.

**(4) Cabin**

The term “cabin” means a privately built and owned recreation residence that is authorized for use and occupancy on National Forest System land.

**(5) Cabin owner**

The term “cabin owner” means—

- (A) a person authorized by the agency to use and to occupy a cabin on National Forest System land; and
- (B) an heir or assign of such a person.

**(6) Cabin user fee**

The term “cabin user fee” means a special use fee paid annually by a cabin owner to the Secretary in accordance with this chapter.

**(7) Caretaker cabin**

The term “caretaker cabin” means a caretaker residence occupied in limited cases in which caretaker services are necessary to maintain the security of a tract.

**(8) Current cabin user fee**

The term “current cabin user fee” means the most recent cabin user fee that results from an annual adjustment to the base cabin user fee in accordance with section 6207 of this title.

**(9) Lot**

The term “lot” means a parcel of land in the National Forest System—

- (A) on which a cabin owner is authorized to build, use, occupy, and maintain a cabin and related improvements; and
- (B) that is considered to be in its natural, native state at the time at which a use of the lot described in subparagraph (A) is first permitted by the Secretary.

**(10) Natural, native state**

The term “natural, native state” means the condition of a lot or site, free of any improvements, at the time at which the lot or site is first authorized for recreation residence use by the agency.

**(11) Program**

The term “program” means the recreation residence program established under the authority of section 497 of this title.

**(12) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

**(13) Tract**

The term “tract” means an established location within a National Forest containing 1 or

more cabins authorized in accordance with the program.

**(14) Tract association**

The term “tract association” means a cabin owner association in which all cabin owners within a tract are eligible for membership.

**(15) Typical lot**

The term “typical lot” means a cabin lot, or a group of cabin lots, in a tract that is selected for use in an appraisal as being representative of, and that has similar value characteristics as, other lots or groups of lots within the tract.

(Pub. L. 106–291, title VI, § 604, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1014.)

**§ 6204. Administration of recreation residence program**

The Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the basis and procedure for calculating cabin user fees results in a fee for an authorization that reflects, in accordance with this chapter—

- (1) the market value of a lot; and
- (2) regional and local economic influences.

(Pub. L. 106–291, title VI, § 605, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1015.)

**§ 6205. Appraisals****(a) Requirements for conducting appraisals**

In implementing and conducting an appraisal process for determining cabin user fees, the Secretary shall—

- (1) complete an inventory of improvements that were paid for by—
  - (A) the agency;
  - (B) third parties; or
  - (C) cabin owners (or predecessors of cabin owners),

during the completion of which the Secretary shall presume that a cabin owner, or a predecessor of the owner, has paid for the capital costs of any utility, access, or facility serving the lot being appraised, unless the Forest Service produces evidence that the agency or a third party has paid for the capital costs;

- (2) establish an appraisal process to determine the market value of the fee simple estate of a typical lot or lots considered to be in a natural, native state, subject to subsection (b)(4)(A) of this section;

(3) enter into a contract with an appropriate professional appraisal organization to manage the development of specific appraisal guidelines in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, subject to public comment and congressional review;

(4) require that an appraisal be performed by a State-certified general real estate appraiser, selected by the Secretary and licensed to practice in the State in which the lot is located;

(5) provide the appraiser with appraisal guidelines developed in accordance with this chapter;

(6) notwithstanding any other provision of law, require the appraiser to coordinate the appraisal closely with affected parties by seek-