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Proclamation 7241—National Forest Products Week, 1999

October 15, 1999

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

From our earliest days as a Nation, America's forests have played a vital role in fostering our country's economic strength and enhancing the quality of our lives. American Indians and European settlers alike found in our forests the fuel and material for shelter to sustain their families and communities. From those same forests came timber for our fleets of sailing ships and the ties for our railroads that span the continent. Whether working in lumber mills or paper mills, for furniture manufacturers or the building industry, generations of Americans have earned their livelihood from the bounty of our forests.

Forests bring more, however, to our lives than economic prosperity. They provide invaluable habitat for a variety of plants and animals, help to keep our air and water clean, and promote soil stability. They also renew our spirits by offering us a place to experience the beauty, peace, and diversity of the natural world.

As our Nation has grown and developed, so too have our demands on our forests. We can be grateful that, despite decades of exploitation, forests still comprise as much as one-third of our country's land area today. Thanks to innovative management techniques, individual and corporate commitment to recycling, and close cooperation between Federal, State, and private land owners, we are succeeding in sustaining the health and productivity of these precious natural resources. Through continued wise stewardship, we can ensure that future generations of Americans will have the same opportunities to share the beauty and bounty of our forests as we enjoy today.

To recognize the importance of our forests in ensuring the long-term welfare of our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 86–753 (36 U.S.C. 123), has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as "National Forest Products Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 17 through October 23, 1999, as National Forest Products Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on October 19.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 9

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, from Chicago, IL.

October 10

In the afternoon, the President went to Camp David, MD.

October 12

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President met with King Abdullah of Jordan.

October 13

In the morning, the President traveled to George Washington National Forest, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jennifer L. Hernandez as a member of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

October 14

The President announced his intention to appoint Kumiki Gibson as a member of the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

October 15

In the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Kjell Bondevik of Norway.

The President announced his intention to nominate Herschelle S. Challenor to be a member of the National Security Education Board.

The President announced the nomination of Charles L. Kolbe to the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and high winds on September 14–23.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Irene on October 14, and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted October 14

Charles L. Kolbe,
of Iowa, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of 3 years (new position).

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released October 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Released October 13

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, and Agriculture Secretary Daniel Glickman on the trade agenda

Transcript of remarks to the pool by Council on Environmental Quality Chairman George Frampton on protection of forest "roadless" areas

Released October 14

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the First Family has secured substitute financing for the purchase of their Chappaqua, NY, home

Released October 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso

Acts Approved by the President

Approved October 9

H.R. 2084 / Public Law 106–69
Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000

S. 1606 / Public Law 106–70
To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted

Approved October 12

S. 249 / Public Law 106–71
Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act