

Security Act of 1985” for “Agricultural Conservation Program established under section 590p(b) of this title”.

1991—Subsec. (c)(3)(C). Pub. L. 102-237 inserted “(16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.)” after “1978” and made technical amendment to reference to section 590p(b) of this title to correct corresponding provision of original Act.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 2106b of this title.

§ 2106b. Use of money collected from States for fire suppression assistance

Any money collected from the States for fire suppression assistance rendered by the Forest Service on non-Federal lands not in the vicinity of National Forest System lands shall on and after October 21, 1998, be used to reimburse the applicable appropriation and shall remain available until expended as the Secretary may direct in conducting activities authorized by 16 U.S.C. 2101 note, 2101-2110, 1606, and 2111.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(e) [title II], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-273.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, and also as part of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, and not as part of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 105-83, title II, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1577.
 Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(d) [title II], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-181, 3009-208.
 Pub. L. 104-134, title I, § 101(c) [title II], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-156, 1321-185; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104-140, § 1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327.
 Pub. L. 103-332, title II, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2524.
 Pub. L. 103-138, title II, Nov. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 1403.
 Pub. L. 102-381, title II, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1402.
 Pub. L. 102-154, title II, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1018.
 Pub. L. 101-512, title II, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1943.
 Pub. L. 101-121, title II, Oct. 23, 1989, 103 Stat. 727.
 Pub. L. 100-446, title II, Sept. 27, 1988, 102 Stat. 1810.

§ 2106c. Enhanced community fire protection

(a) Cooperative management related to wildfire threats

The Secretary may cooperate with State foresters and equivalent State officials in the management of lands in the United States for the following purposes:

- (1) Aid in wildfire prevention and control.
- (2) Protect communities from wildfire threats.
- (3) Enhance the growth and maintenance of trees and forests that promote overall forest health.
- (4) Ensure the continued production of all forest resources, including timber, outdoor recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat, and clean water, through conservation of forest cover on watersheds, shelterbelts, and windbreaks.

(b) Community and Private Land Fire Assistance Program

(1) Establishment; purpose

The Secretary shall establish a Community and Private Land Fire Assistance program (in

this subsection referred to as the “Program”)—

(A) to focus the Federal role in promoting optimal firefighting efficiency at the Federal, State, and local levels;

(B) to augment Federal projects that establish landscape level protection from wildfires;

(C) to expand outreach and education programs to homeowners and communities about fire prevention; and

(D) to establish space around homes and property of private landowners that is defensible against wildfires.

(2) Administration and implementation

The Program shall be administered by the Forest Service and implemented through State foresters or equivalent State officials.

(3) Components

In coordination with existing authorities under this chapter, the Secretary, in consultation with the State forester or equivalent State official, may undertake on non-Federal lands—

- (A) fuel hazard mitigation and prevention;
- (B) invasive species management;
- (C) multiresource wildfire planning;
- (D) community protection planning;
- (E) community and landowner education enterprises, including the program known as FIREWISE;
- (F) market development and expansion;
- (G) improved wood utilization; and
- (H) special restoration projects.

(4) Consent required

Program activities undertaken by the Secretary on non-Federal lands shall be undertaken only with the consent of the owner of the lands.

(5) Considerations

The Secretary shall use persons in the local community wherever possible to carry out projects under the Program.

(c) Consultation

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the heads of other Federal agencies, as necessary.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section—

- (1) \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007; and
- (2) such sums as are necessary for fiscal years thereafter.

(Pub. L. 95-313, § 10A, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VIII, § 8003(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 473.)

FINDINGS FOR ENHANCED COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

Pub. L. 107-171, title VIII, § 8003(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 473, provided that: “Congress finds the following:

- “(1) The severity and intensity of wildland fires has increased dramatically over the past few decades as a result of past fire and land management policies.