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**S. 954**

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**AN ACT**

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 cation Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)) if the alloca-  
2 tion is below \$200,000.” before “The Secretary is author-  
3 ized” in the second sentence.

4 (b) PARTICIPATION.—Section 8 of Public Law 87–  
5 788 (commonly known as the “McIntire-Stennis Coopera-  
6 tive Forestry Act”) (16 U.S.C. 582a–7) is amended by  
7 inserting “the Federated States of Micronesia, American  
8 Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the District of Co-  
9 lumbia,” before “and Guam”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 this section take effect on October 1, 2013.

12 **SEC. 8302. REVISION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FOREST IN-**  
13 **VENTORY AND ANALYSIS.**

14 (a) REVISION REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
16 Agriculture shall revise the strategic plan for forest inven-  
17 tory and analysis initially prepared pursuant to section  
18 3(e) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources  
19 Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to address the  
20 requirements imposed by subsection (b).

21 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN.—In  
22 revising the strategic plan, the Secretary of Agriculture  
23 shall describe in detail the organization, procedures, and  
24 funding needed to achieve each of the following:

1           (1) Complete the transition to a fully  
2           annualized forest inventory program and include in-  
3           ventory and analysis of interior Alaska.

4           (2) Implement an annualized inventory of trees  
5           in urban settings, including the status and trends of  
6           trees and forests, and assessments of their eco-  
7           system services, values, health, and risk to pests and  
8           diseases.

9           (3) Report information on renewable biomass  
10          supplies and carbon stocks at the local, State, re-  
11          gional, and national level, including by ownership  
12          type.

13          (4) Engage State foresters and other users of  
14          information from the forest inventory and analysis  
15          in reevaluating the list of core data variables col-  
16          lected on forest inventory and analysis plots with an  
17          emphasis on demonstrated need.

18          (5) Improve the timeliness of the timber prod-  
19          uct output program and accessibility of the  
20          annualized information on that database.

21          (6) Foster greater cooperation among the forest  
22          inventory and analysis program, research station  
23          leaders, and State foresters and other users of infor-  
24          mation from the forest inventory and analysis.

1           (7) Availability of and access to non-Federal re-  
2           sources to improve information analysis and infor-  
3           mation management.

4           (8) Collaborate with the Natural Resources  
5           Conservation Service, National Aeronautics and  
6           Space Administration, National Oceanic and Atmos-  
7           pheric Administration, and United States Geological  
8           Survey to integrate remote sensing, spatial analysis  
9           techniques, and other new technologies in the forest  
10          inventory and analysis program.

11          (9) Understand and report on changes in land  
12          cover and use.

13          (10) Expand existing programs to promote sus-  
14          tainable forest stewardship through increased under-  
15          standing, in partnership with other Federal agencies,  
16          of the over 10 million family forest owners, their de-  
17          mographics, and the barriers to forest stewardship.

18          (11) Implement procedures to improve the sta-  
19          tistical precision of estimates at the sub-State level.

20          (c) SUBMISSION OF REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN.—

21          The Secretary of Agriculture shall submit the revised stra-  
22          tegic plan to the Committee on Agriculture of the House  
23          of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-  
24          trition, and Forestry of the Senate.