

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To ensure that the Forest Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KELLY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Forests Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
9 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
10 the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-

1 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
2 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 (3) SERVICE.—The term “Service” means the
6 Forest Service.

7 **SEC. 3. FOREST SERVICE STAFFING AND PERSONNEL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

10 (1) increase staffing necessary to sustain the
11 health, diversity, and productivity of National Forest
12 System land to meet the needs of present and future
13 generations; and

14 (2) rehire any individuals the employment of
15 which within the Service was terminated during the
16 21-day period ending on February 25, 2025.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
19 essary to carry out this section.

20 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF AUTHORIZED FOREST SERVICE**
21 **PROJECTS.**

22 The Secretary shall have the authority to continue
23 to carry out any Service project for which funds are au-
24 thorized or appropriated under—

- 1 (1) the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
- 2 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.);
- 3 (2) the Great American Outdoors Act (Public
- 4 Law 116–152; 134 Stat. 682);
- 5 (3) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- 6 (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429); or
- 7 (4) Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as
- 8 the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) (136 Stat.
- 9 1818).