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H. R. 1202

To restart jobs in the timber industry by providing for the protection of the Mexican Spotted Owl in sanctuaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PEARCE (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. TIMBER ACTIVITY.**

4 (a) PERMITS REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any
5 other law, rule, or regulation (other than subsection (b)),
6 the Secretary of Agriculture shall permit any person who

1 applies to carry out a timber activity on National Forest
2 System land to carry out such activity.

3 (b) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARCUTTING.—

4 If an application to carry out a timber activity on National
5 Forest System land proposes the use of clearcutting, the
6 Secretary shall not permit such activity unless the use of
7 clearcutting complies with the Renewable Resource Pro-
8 gram guidelines required by section 6(g)(3)(F) of the For-
9 est and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of
10 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604(g)(3)(F)).

11 (c) SPOTTED OWL SANCTUARIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
13 and implement a program to preserve the Mexican
14 Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) in a sanc-
15 tuary.

16 (2) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—To carry out
17 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use funds from
18 the Chief's Reserve Fund in the Office of the Chief
19 of the Forest Service.

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