

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1693

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize Forest Service flexible partnerships.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2023

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. DAINES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Forest Service Flexible
5 Housing Partnerships Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) housing is a challenge nationwide, especially
9 in areas within or adjacent to forests; and

1 (2) the Forest Service is a critical partner in
2 addressing housing needs for—

3 (A) individuals in areas described in para-
4 graph (1); and

5 (B) Forest Service employees.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR LEASE OF FOREST SERVICE**
7 **SITES.**

8 Section 8623 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
9 2018 (16 U.S.C. 580d note; Public Law 115–334) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(D), by striking “dwell-
12 ing;” and inserting “dwelling or multiunit dwell-
13 ing;”;

14 (2) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii)—

16 (i) in subclause (I), by inserting “such
17 as housing,” after “improvements,”;

18 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (iii) in subclause (III), by striking
21 “or” at the end and inserting “and”; and

22 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(IV) services occurring off of
25 the administrative site—

1 “(aa) that—

2 “(AA) occur on the unit
3 of the National Forest Sys-
4 tem in which the administra-
5 tive site is located; or

6 “(BB) benefit the Na-
7 tional Forest System; and

8 “(bb) that support activities
9 occurring within the unit of the
10 National Forest System in which
11 the administrative site is located;
12 or”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(6) LEASE TERM.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a lease of
16 an administrative site under this section shall
17 be up to 100 years.

18 “(B) RENEWAL.—A lease of an adminis-
19 trative site under this section shall include a
20 provision for renewal of the lease if the use of
21 the administrative site, at the time of renewal,
22 is in accordance with this section.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (i), by striking “2023” each
24 place it appears and inserting “2028”.

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