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# S. 4370

To amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2024

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and  
referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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improve that Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Tribal Forest Protec-  
5 tion Act Amendments Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT OF 2004 AMEND-**  
7 **MENTS.**

8 Section 2 of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004  
9 (25 U.S.C. 3115a) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end and in-  
2 serting “or”;

3 (B) by striking “(A) is held” and inserting  
4 “(A) (i) is held”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(ii) is in the State of Alaska and held by  
7 an Alaska Native Corporation pursuant to the  
8 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
9 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
12 “OR RESTORE” after “PROTECT”;

13 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “to pro-  
14 tect Indian forest land or rangeland” and all  
15 that follows through “Indian forest land or  
16 rangeland)” and inserting “to protect or restore  
17 Indian forest land or rangeland, or to carry out  
18 a project to protect or restore Federal land”;  
19 and

20 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “that  
21 is—” and all that follows through the period at  
22 the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “or  
23 Indian forest land or rangeland.”;

24 (3) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
2 “FOR FEDERAL LAND” after “CRITERIA”;

3 (B) by striking “an Indian tribe,” in the  
4 matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that fol-  
5 lows through “Indian tribe—” in the matter  
6 preceding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2)  
7 and inserting the following: “Federal land, are  
8 whether—

9 “(1) the Federal land has a special geographic,  
10 historical, or cultural significance to the Indian tribe  
11 and—”;

12 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so designated)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14 clause (i) and inserting the following:

15 “(i) Indian forest land or rangeland;  
16 or”; and

17 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
18 “or watershed” after “land”;

19 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
20 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

21 (E) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),  
22 by striking “subject” and inserting “Federal”;  
23 and

1 (F) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),  
2 by striking “Forest Service or Bureau of Land  
3 Management” and inserting “Federal”;

4 (4) in subsection (g), by striking “date of en-  
5 actment of this Act” and inserting “date of enact-  
6 ment of the Tribal Forest Protection Act Amend-  
7 ments Act of 2024”; and

8 (5) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
11 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.”.

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