

Amendment offered by Rep. Dan Newhouse

Amendment description

The amendment would reauthorize the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. NEWHOUSE OF WASHINGTON

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 84___ . TIMBER PRODUCTION EXPANSION GUARAN-**
2 **TEED LOAN PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
5 ty” means an individual or entity that owns or oper-
6 ates a sawmill or other wood-processing facility lo-
7 cated in a rural area (as defined in section 343(a)
8 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
9 Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))) of the United States.

10 (2) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—The term “eli-
11 gible Federal land” means any unit of Federal land,
12 including Indian forest land or rangeland, that has
13 been identified by the Secretary, in coordination
14 with the Secretary of the Interior, as high or very
15 high priority for ecological restoration involving
16 vegetation removal under subsection (b).

17 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
18 the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan
19 Program of the Department of Agriculture.

1 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE FEDERAL
2 LAND.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, and not less frequently than once every 5 years
4 thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-
5 retary of the Interior, shall—

6 (1) review Federal land under the jurisdiction
7 of the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior; and

8 (2) identify units of Federal land that, as deter-
9 mined by the Secretaries, are high or very high pri-
10 ority for ecological restoration involving vegetation
11 removal.

12 (c) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
14 tion with the Secretary of the Interior, shall provide
15 loan guarantees under the Program to eligible enti-
16 ties seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or
17 improve a sawmill or other wood-processing facility
18 located within a 250-mile radius of, a unit of eligible
19 Federal land, if the presence of a sawmill or other
20 wood-processing facility would, or does, substantially
21 decrease the cost of conducting ecological restoration
22 projects involving vegetation removal on the eligible
23 Federal land, as determined by the Secretary, in co-
24 ordination with the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) CONDITIONS.—A loan guarantee under the
2 Program shall be provided in accordance with such
3 conditions as the Secretary determines to be nec-
4 essary.

5 (3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may
6 provide a total of not more than \$220,000,000 in
7 loan guarantees under the Program.

