

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3562

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE 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

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## 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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