

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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At the end of subtitle D, add the following new chapter:

1 CHAPTER 4—OTHER MATTER

2 SEC. 3331. STRIKE FORCE.

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
5 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
8 merce of the House of Representatives;

9 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
10 of the House of Representatives;

11 (C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
12 and Transportation of the Senate; and

13 (D) the Committee on Environment and
14 Public Works of the Senate.

15 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
16 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
17 Commerce for Communications and Information.

1 (3) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term
2 “communications facility” includes—

3 (A) any infrastructure, including any
4 transmitting device, tower, or support structure,
5 and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling,
6 power sources, shelters, or cabinets, associated
7 with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wire-
8 less or wireline transmission of writings, signs,
9 signals, data, images, pictures, and sounds of
10 all kinds; and

11 (B) any antenna or apparatus that—

12 (I) is designed for the purpose of
13 emitting radio frequency;

14 (ii) is designed to be operated, or is
15 operating, from a fixed location pursuant
16 to authorization by the Commission or is
17 using duly authorized devices that do not
18 require individual licenses; and

19 (iii) is added to a tower, building, or
20 other structure.

21 (4) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “com-
22 munications use” means the placement and oper-
23 ation of a communications facility.

24 (5) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—
25 The term “communications use authorization”

1 means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or
2 other authorization to locate or modify a commu-
3 nications facility on covered land by the Department
4 concerned for the primary purpose of authorizing
5 the occupancy and use of the covered land for com-
6 munications use.

7 (6) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
8 means land managed by a Federal land management
9 agency.

10 (7) DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.—The term
11 “Department concerned” means the Department of
12 the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

13 (8) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—
14 The term “Federal land management agency”
15 means—

- 16 (A) the Forest Service;
17 (B) the Bureau of Land Management;
18 (C) the National Park Service;
19 (D) the Fish and Wildlife Service; and
20 (E) the Bureau of Reclamation.

21 (9) ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT.—The term “orga-
22 nizational unit” means—

23 (A) with respect to public land adminis-
24 tered by the Secretary of the Interior—

25 (I) a State office;

- 1 (ii) a district office; or
2 (iii) a field office; and
3 (B) within the Forest Service—
4 (I) a regional office;
5 (ii) the headquarters;
6 (iii) a management unit; or
7 (iv) a ranger district office.

8 (10) STRIKE FORCE.—The term “Strike Force”
9 means the interagency strike force established in
10 subsection (b)(1).

11 (b) STRIKE FORCE.—

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assist-
14 ant Secretary shall establish an interagency strike
15 force to increase prioritization by the Department
16 concerned, senior management of the Department
17 concerned, or an organizational unit of reviews for
18 communications use authorizations.

19 (2) DUTIES.—In carrying out the prioritization
20 under paragraph (1), the Strike Force shall—

21 (A) conduct periodic calls between mem-
22 bers of the Strike Force relating to requests for
23 communications use authorizations; and

24 (B) monitor and facilitate accountability of
25 the Department concerned and organizational

1 units to meet objective and reasonable goals for
2 the review of requests for communications use
3 authorizations.

4 (3) MEMBERS.—The Strike Force shall be com-
5 posed of such representatives of Departments con-
6 cerned as the Assistant Secretary considers appro-
7 priate, in addition to—

8 (A) the Assistant Secretary;

9 (B) a representative of the Department
10 concerned;

11 (C) senior management of the Department
12 concerned; and

13 (D) the head of each organizational unit.

14 (4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
15 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
16 Assistant Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
17 committees of Congress a report on the effectiveness
18 of the Strike Force in increasing the prioritization of
19 reviews for communications use authorization re-
20 quests.

