

AMENDMENT TO SUBTITLE L
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3____. STRIKE FORCE.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term
18 “communications facility” includes—

19 (A) any infrastructure, including any
20 transmitting device, tower, or support structure,

1 and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling,
2 power sources, shelters, or cabinets, associated
3 with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wire-
4 less or wireline transmission of writings, signs,
5 signals, data, images, pictures, and sounds of
6 all kinds; and

7 (B) any antenna or apparatus that—

8 (I) is designed for the purpose of
9 emitting radio frequency;

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

15 (iii) is added to a tower, building, or
16 other structure.

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

20 (5) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—
21 The term “communications use authorization”
22 means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or
23 other authorization to locate or modify a commu-
24 nications facility on covered land by the Department
25 concerned for the primary purpose of authorizing

1 the occupancy and use of the covered land for com-
2 munications use.

3 (6) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
4 means land managed by a Federal land management
5 agency.

6 (7) DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.—The term
7 “Department concerned” means the Department of
8 the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

9 (8) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—
10 The term “Federal land management agency”
11 means—

- 12 (A) the Forest Service;
- 13 (B) the Bureau of Land Management;
- 14 (C) the National Park Service;
- 15 (D) the Fish and Wildlife Service; and
- 16 (E) the Bureau of Reclamation.

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

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

- 21 (I) a State office;
- 22 (ii) a district office; or
- 23 (iii) a field office; and

24 (B) within the Forest Service—

- 25 (I) a regional office;

- 1 (ii) the headquarters;
- 2 (iii) a management unit; or
- 3 (iv) a ranger district office.

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

7 (b) STRIKE FORCE.—

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

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

17 (A) conduct periodic calls between mem-
18 bers of the Strike Force relating to requests for
19 communications use authorizations; and

20 (B) monitor and facilitate accountability of
21 the Department concerned and organizational
22 units to meet objective and reasonable goals for
23 the review of requests for communications use
24 authorizations.

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

5 (A) the Assistant Secretary;

6 (B) a representative of the Department
7 concerned;

8 (C) senior management of the Department
9 concerned; and

10 (D) the head of each organizational unit.

11 (4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
12 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 Assistant Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
14 committees of Congress a report on the effectiveness
15 of the Strike Force in increasing the prioritization of
16 reviews for communications use authorization re-
17 quests.

