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RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2020

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Ms. MCCOLLUM, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

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together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 3052]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Project), the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other related agencies, including the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

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The Committee recommends \$1,599,308,000 for the National Forest System. The table below summarizes the cost pool adjustments. After the elimination of cost pools, the recommendation is a programmatic increase of \$101,658,000 over the enacted level and \$91,467,000 over the budget request.

[In thousands]

	FY19	Cost Pool	FY19 adjusted	FY20 PB	Cost Pool	FY20 adjusted	Rec
Land Management	\$180,000	\$(37,897)	\$142,103	\$179,263	\$(31,507)	\$147,756	\$147,103
Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness	260,000	(80,532)	179,468	257,848	(77,278)	180,570	194,468
Grazing Management	57,000	(16,106)	40,894	56,856	(14,456)	42,400	40,750
Hazardous Fuels	435,000	(71,633)	363,367	450,000	(68,739)	381,261	390,169
Forest Products	368,000	(98,397)	269,603	375,000	(94,421)	280,579	276,603
Vegetation and Watershed	180,000	(39,407)	140,593	180,000	(37,815)	142,185	165,593
Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat	137,000	(33,847)	103,153	136,430	(32,780)	103,650	121,153
Collaborative forest landscape	40,000	(9,474)	30,526	0	0	35,526
Mineral and Geology	75,000	(17,054)	57,946	74,200	(15,365)	58,835	57,946
Landownership	75,000	(18,949)	56,051	74,000	(16,183)	57,817	56,051
Law Enforcement	131,000	(17,054)	113,946	129,153	(16,365)	112,788	113,946
Total	1,938,000	(440,350)	1,497,650	1,912,750	(404,909)	1,507,841	1,599,308

Land Management.—The Committee recommends \$147,103,000 for Land Management, Planning, Assessment, and Monitoring, which is a programmatic increase of \$5,000,000 above the enacted level and \$653,000 below the budget request. Funds are increased to address the backlog of management plans. The Committee directs the Forest Service to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations, not later than March 1, 2020 on actions taken to improve the timely completion of forest management plans.

Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness.—The Committee recommends \$194,468,000 for Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness, which is a programmatic increase of \$15,000,000 above the enacted level and \$13,898,000 above the budget request. Funding is increased to improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands. Within the funds provided for Recreation, \$750,000 is provided for maintenance of rural airstrips.

Feral Hogs.—The Committee recognizes the damage and danger caused by feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest and encourages the Forest Service to continue to work with stakeholders to utilize all practical methods for eradication.

Off-Highway Vehicle Report.—The Committee looks forward to receiving the report on off-highway vehicle (OHV) mixed-use analysis that was directed in House Report 115–238. The Committee reminds the Forest Service of the importance of making the national forests as accessible as possible to the American people and requests that the Forest Service work with States, local officials, communities, and partners as it implements the travel analysis process.

Costs of OHV access.—The Forest Service is directed to brief the Committee on the OHV mixed-use analysis report within 60 days of report completion. The Forest Service is further directed to include in this briefing a discussion of the costs associated with OHV access and expansion.

Wilderness Area Management.—The Forest Service Handbooks and Manual are the principle sources of specialized guidance and