

The bill provides \$394,721,000 for capital improvement and maintenance programs offset by a \$12,000,000 scoring credit related to the road and trail fund. The conferees also provide the following directions:

Facilities.—The bill provides \$75,785,000 for facilities including \$13,124,000 for construction and \$62,661,000 for maintenance. For future year planning, the Forest Service should include both new construction and maintenance in its list of major facilities projects based on its facility master plans and the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Roads.—The bill provides \$182,818,000 for roads including \$27,327,000 for construction and \$155,491,000 for maintenance.

Trails.—The bill provides \$81,982,000 for trails including \$63,422,000 for maintenance and \$18,560,000 for construction.

Legacy Roads.—The bill provides \$45,000,000 for the legacy roads and trails program. The agreement retains this program within Capital Improvement and Maintenance. The Forest Service should report on the jobs associated with this program and publicly post this information.

Back-country airstrips. — In place of the reporting requirements in the House Report for back-country airstrips, within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Forest Service is directed to provide the Committees with a general assessment of back-country airstrips on National Forest System lands with recommendations for improving their function as an important component of the forest transportation and recreation system.

Bill Language.—The bill includes language allowing the transfer of funding from Capital Improvement and Maintenance to the National Forest System for the Integrated Resource Restoration pilot.

LAND ACQUISITION

The bill provides \$52,605,000 for Land Acquisition, of which \$7,500,000 is for acquisition management; \$3,500,000 is for critical inholdings/cash equalization; and \$41,605,000 is for acquisitions.

This amount will fully fund projects 1 through 30 as prioritized by the Service pursuant to the Administration's revised request list provided to the Committees on August 26, 2011. Requests for reprogramming will be considered pursuant to the guidelines in the front of this ~~report~~ *statement*.

The conferees direct the Forest Service to use inholding funding to acquire high priority lands within Federal boundaries that maximize benefits to the public through consolidated Federal ownership that provides access, creates management efficiencies, or protects critical resources.