



TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND CO-MANAGEMENT IN FORESTRY ACT

Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) Section-By-Section

Section 1. Short Title

Designates this Act as the Tribal Self-Determination & Co-Management in Forestry Act

Section 2. Tribal Co-Management Plans of the Department of the Interior

Requires each land management agency under the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, to develop Tribal Co-Management Plans. These plans must include activities, services, or functions identified by the Interior Secretary as necessary and consistent with the existing land management plans of the agency. Each Plan is to be carried out in consultation with each applicable Tribe that is historically, culturally, or geographically connected to the land associated with the Tribal Co-Management plan. Furthermore, it requires that each agency update any current plans to limit any administrative burdens on Tribes where practicable.

Section 3. Tribal Co-Management Training

Requires the Secretary of the Interior to ensure that all Department employees involved in developing and carrying out a Tribal Co-Management Plan receive necessary and culturally appropriate training. The training would require employees to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and practices into the Plan's execution, as well as educate employees on the tribal history of the areas in which projects are being carried out. Additionally, employees would be provided training on the trust relationship between the United States and Tribes.

Section 4. Authority to Enter into Agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations to Carry Out Certain Forest Service Activities

Authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Forest Service, to enter in co-management agreements with Tribes or Tribal organizations working with Tribes to carry out activities on National Forest System lands. These activities must be consistent with current land management plans and must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Activities carried out under the Tribal Co-Management plan include forest and grassland planning and management, restoration activities, recreational activities, research and development activities, and activities that protect and share significant cultural resources on public lands.



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Every five years, the Secretary is directed to review the terms of each agreement and offer modifications deemed appropriate by the Secretary and Tribe. A Tribe may also request a review of each agreement if a natural disaster or other natural hazard occurs that results in severe property damage, death, or injury.

Under this section, the Secretary is required to enter into at least five agreements within four years of enactment of this legislation. Additionally, the Secretary is required to consult with Tribes to integrate Indigenous knowledge into the decision-making processes and ensure appropriate safeguards are in place to respect and protect the integrity of Indigenous knowledge and Tribal data sovereignty in accordance with Tribal law. The bill authorizes \$50,000,000 through fiscal year 2030 to carry out this section.