

classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3001 of this title and Tables.

### § 3008. Grants

#### (a) Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations

The Secretary is authorized to make grants to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purpose of assisting such tribes and organizations in the repatriation of Native American cultural items.

#### (b) Museums

The Secretary is authorized to make grants to museums for the purpose of assisting the museums in conducting the inventories and identification required under sections 3003 and 3004 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §10, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3057.)

### § 3009. Savings provision

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to—

- (1) limit the authority of any Federal agency or museum to—

- (A) return or repatriate Native American cultural items to Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, or individuals, and

- (B) enter into any other agreement with the consent of the culturally affiliated tribe or organization as to the disposition of, or control over, items covered by this chapter;

- (2) delay actions on repatriation requests that are pending on November 16, 1990;

- (3) deny or otherwise affect access to any court;

- (4) limit any procedural or substantive right which may otherwise be secured to individuals or Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations; or

- (5) limit the application of any State or Federal law pertaining to theft or stolen property.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §11, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3057.)

#### Editorial Notes

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### § 3010. Special relationship between Federal Government and Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations

This chapter reflects the unique relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and should not be construed to establish a precedent with respect to any other individual, organization or foreign government.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §12, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3058.)

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Stat. 3048, known as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3001 of this title and Tables.

### § 3011. Regulations

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this chapter within 12 months of November 16, 1990.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §13, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3058.)

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### § 3012. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §14, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3058.)

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### § 3013. Enforcement

The United States district courts shall have jurisdiction over any action brought by any person alleging a violation of this chapter and shall have the authority to issue such orders as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-601, §15, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3058.)

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## CHAPTER 32A—CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COOPERATION AUTHORITY

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**§ 3051. Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to authorize the reburial of human remains and cultural items on National Forest System land, including human remains and cultural items repatriated under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.);

(2) to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of information regarding reburial sites, including the quantity and identity of human remains and cultural items on sites and the location of sites;

(3) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure access to National Forest System land, to the maximum extent practicable, by Indians and Indian tribes for traditional and cultural purposes;

(4) to authorize the Secretary to provide forest products, without consideration, to Indian tribes for traditional and cultural purposes;

(5) to authorize the Secretary to protect the confidentiality of certain information, including information that is culturally sensitive to Indian tribes;

(6) to increase the availability of Forest Service programs and resources to Indian tribes in support of the policy of the United States to promote tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and

(7) to strengthen support for the policy of the United States of protecting and preserving the traditional, cultural, and ceremonial rites and practices of Indian tribes, in accordance with Public Law 95-341 (commonly known as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; 42 U.S.C. 1996).

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8101, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1286; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8101, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2048.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, referred to in par. (1), is Pub. L. 101-601, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3048, which is classified principally to chapter 32 (§3001 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3001 of this title and Tables.

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in par. (7), is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, which is classified to sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1996 of Title 42 and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

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## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 3052. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Adjacent site**

The term “adjacent site” means a site that borders a boundary line of National Forest System land.

**(2) Cultural items**

The term “cultural items” has the meaning given the term in section 3001 of this title, except that the term does not include human remains.

**(3) Human remains**

The term “human remains” means the physical remains of the body of a person of Indian ancestry.

**(4) Indian**

The term “Indian” means an individual who is a member of an Indian tribe.

**(5) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or other community the name of which is included on a list published by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 5131 of this title.

**(6) Lineal descendant**

The term “lineal descendant” means an individual that can trace, directly and without interruption, the ancestry of the individual through the traditional kinship system of an Indian tribe, or through the common law system of descent, to a known Indian, the human remains, funerary objects, or other sacred objects of whom are claimed by the individual.

**(7) National Forest System**

The term “National Forest System” has the meaning given the term in section 1609(a) of title 16.

**(8) Reburial site**

The term “reburial site” means a specific physical location at which cultural items or human remains are reburied.

**(9) Traditional and cultural purpose**

The term “traditional and cultural purpose”, with respect to a definable use, area, or practice, means that the use, area, or practice is identified by an Indian tribe as traditional or cultural because of the long-established significance or ceremonial nature of the use, area, or practice to the Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8102, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8102, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2048.)

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**§ 3053. Reburial of human remains and cultural items**

**(a) Reburial sites**

In consultation with an affected Indian tribe or lineal descendant, the Secretary may authorize the use of National Forest System land by the Indian tribe or lineal descendant for the reburial of human remains or cultural items in the possession of the Indian tribe or lineal descendant that have been disinterred from National Forest System land or an adjacent site.

**(b) Reburial**

With the consent of the affected Indian tribe or lineal descendant, the Secretary may recover and rebury, at Federal expense or using other available funds, human remains and cultural items described in subsection (a) at the National Forest System land identified under that subsection.

**(c) Authorization of use**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize such uses of reburial sites on National Forest System land, or on the National Forest System land immediately surrounding a reburial site, as the Secretary determines to be necessary for management of the National Forest System.

**(2) Avoidance of adverse impacts**

In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall avoid adverse impacts to cultural items and human remains, to the maximum extent practicable.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8103, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8103, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2049.)

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**DEFINITION OF "SECRETARY"**

"Secretary" as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 3054. Temporary closure for traditional and cultural purposes**

**(a) Recognition of historic use**

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure access to National Forest System land by Indians for traditional and cultural purposes, in accordance with subsection (b), in recognition of the historic use by Indians of National Forest System land.

**(b) Closing land from public access**

**(1) Authority to close**

Upon the approval by the Secretary of a request from an Indian tribe, the Secretary may temporarily close from public access specifically identified National Forest System land to protect the privacy of tribal activities for traditional and cultural purposes.

**(2) Limitation**

A closure of National Forest System land under paragraph (1) shall affect the smallest practicable area for the minimum period necessary for activities of the applicable Indian tribe.

**(3) Consistency**

Access by Indian tribes to National Forest System land under this subsection shall be consistent with the purposes of Public Law 95-341 (commonly known as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; 42 U.S.C. 1996).

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2049.)

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The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, which is classified to sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1996 of Title 42 and Tables.

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**DEFINITION OF "SECRETARY"**

"Secretary" as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 3055. Forest products for traditional and cultural purposes**

**(a) In general**

Notwithstanding section 472a of title 16, the Secretary may provide free of charge to Indian tribes any trees, portions of trees, or forest products from National Forest System land for traditional and cultural purposes.

**(b) Prohibition**

Trees, portions of trees, or forest products provided under subsection (a) may not be used for commercial purposes.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8105, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8105, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2050.)

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## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 3056. Prohibition on disclosure****(a) Nondisclosure of information****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall not disclose under section 552 of title 5 (commonly known as the “Freedom of Information Act”), information relating to—

(A) subject to subsection (b)(1),<sup>1</sup> human remains or cultural items reburied on National Forest System land under section 3053 of this title; or

(B) subject to subsection (b)(2), resources, cultural items, uses, or activities that—

(i) have a traditional and cultural purpose; and

(ii) are provided to the Secretary by an Indian or Indian tribe under an express expectation of confidentiality in the context of forest and rangeland research activities carried out under the authority of the Forest Service.

**(2) Limitations on disclosure**

Subject to subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall not be required to disclose information under section 552 of title 5 (commonly known as the “Freedom of Information Act”), concerning the identity, use, or specific location in the National Forest System of—

(A) a site or resource used for traditional and cultural purposes by an Indian tribe; or

(B) any cultural items not covered under section 3053 of this title.

**(b) Limited release of information****(1) Reburial**

The Secretary may disclose information described in subsection (a)(1)(A)<sup>2</sup> if, before the disclosure, the Secretary—

(A) consults with an affected Indian tribe or lineal descendant;

(B) determines that disclosure of the information—

(i) would advance the purposes of this chapter; and

(ii) is necessary to protect the human remains or cultural items from harm, theft, or destruction; and

(C) attempts to mitigate any adverse impacts identified by an Indian tribe or lineal

descendant that reasonably could be expected to result from disclosure of the information.

**(2) Other information**

The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Indian tribes, may disclose information described under paragraph (1)(B) or (2) of subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that disclosure of the information to the public—

(A) would advance the purposes of this chapter;

(B) would not create an unreasonable risk of harm, theft, or destruction of the resource, site, or object, including individual organic or inorganic specimens; and

(C) would be consistent with other applicable laws.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8106, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8106, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2050.)

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## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 3057. Severability and savings provisions****(a) Severability**

If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision of this chapter to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision or circumstance and the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected thereby.

**(b) Savings**

Nothing in this chapter—

(1) diminishes or expands the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribes, or any legal obligation or remedy resulting from that responsibility;

(2) alters, abridges, repeals, or affects any valid agreement between the Forest Service and an Indian tribe;

(3) alters, abridges, diminishes, repeals, or affects any reserved or other right of an Indian tribe; or

(4) alters, abridges, diminishes, repeals, or affects any other valid existing right relating to National Forest System land or other public land.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8107, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1289; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8107, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2051.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “(b)(1)”,.

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**CHAPTER 33—NATIONAL INDIAN FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

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**§ 3101. Findings**

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the forest lands of Indians are among their most valuable resources and Indian forest lands—

(A) encompass more than 15,990,000 acres, including more than 5,700,000 acres of commercial forest land and 8,700,000 acres of woodland,

(B) are a perpetually renewable and manageable resource,

(C) provide economic benefits, including income, employment, and subsistence, and

(D) provide natural benefits, including ecological, cultural, and esthetic values;

(2) the United States has a trust responsibility toward Indian forest lands;

(3) existing Federal laws do not sufficiently assure the adequate and necessary trust management of Indian forest lands;

(4) the Federal investment in, and the management of, Indian forest land is significantly below the level of investment in, and management of, National Forest Service forest land, Bureau of Land Management forest land, or private forest land;

(5) tribal governments make substantial contributions to the overall management of Indian forest land; and

(6) there is a serious threat to Indian forest lands arising from trespass and unauthorized harvesting of Indian forest land resources.

(Pub. L. 101-630, title III, § 302, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4532.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-278, § 1, July 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 868, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 3115a of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3115b of this title] may be cited as the ‘Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004’.”

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 101-630, title III, § 301, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4532, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘National Indian Forest Resources Management Act’.”

**§ 3102. Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are to—

(1) allow the Secretary of the Interior to take part in the management of Indian forest lands, with the participation of the lands’ beneficial owners, in a manner consistent with the Secretary’s trust responsibility and with the objectives of the beneficial owners;

(2) clarify the authority of the Secretary to make deductions from the proceeds of sale of Indian forest products, assure the use of such deductions on the reservation from which they are derived solely for use in forest land management activities, and assure that no other deductions shall be collected;

(3) increase the number of professional Indian foresters and related staff in forestry programs on Indian forest land; and

(4) provide for the authorization of necessary appropriations to carry out this chapter for the protection, conservation, utilization, management, and enhancement of Indian forest lands.

(Pub. L. 101-630, title III, § 303, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4532.)

**§ 3103. Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter, the term—

(1) “Alaska Native” means Native as defined in section 1602(b) of title 43;

(2) “forest” means an ecosystem of at least one acre in size, including timberland and woodland, which—

(A) is characterized by a more or less dense and extensive tree cover,

(B) contains, or once contained, at least ten percent tree crown cover, and

(C) is not developed or planned for exclusive nonforest use;

(3) “Indian forest land” means Indian lands, including commercial and non-commercial timberland and woodland, that are considered chiefly valuable for the production of forest products or to maintain watershed or other land values enhanced by a forest cover, regardless whether a formal inspection and land classification action has been taken;

(4) “forest land management activities” means all activities performed in the management of Indian forest lands, including—