

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill creates a new chapter in Title 38, entitled “Sustainable Management of National Forests Act” recognizing the many benefits derived from proper forest management of federal forests throughout Idaho. The bill authorizes the Department of Lands to enhance and further implement the existing Good Neighbor Authority program as authorized in 16 U.S.C. Section 2113a (2016) creating accounts in the state treasury for Good Neighbor forest management, and authorizes appropriations from those accounts to carry out provisions of the Good Neighbor policy.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no negative impact to the General Fund nor to local units of government. Since Good Neighbor Authority inception in 2016, the Idaho Department of Lands has treated approximately 20,000 acres of national forestland and sold 40 timber sales valued at more than \$20 million.

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