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To provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

To provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lake Tahoe Restora-  
5 tion Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
8 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended by striking section 2  
9 and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 “(1) Lake Tahoe—

4 “(A) is 1 of the largest, deepest, and clear-  
5 est lakes in the world;

6 “(B) has a cobalt blue color, a biologically  
7 diverse alpine setting, and remarkable water  
8 clarity; and

9 “(C) is recognized nationally and world-  
10 wide as a natural resource of special signifi-  
11 cance;

12 “(2) in addition to being a scenic and ecological  
13 treasure, the Lake Tahoe Basin is 1 of the out-  
14 standing recreational resources of the United States,  
15 which—

16 “(A) offers skiing, water sports, biking,  
17 camping, and hiking to millions of visitors each  
18 year; and

19 “(B) contributes significantly to the econo-  
20 mies of California, Nevada, and the United  
21 States;

22 “(3) the economy in the Lake Tahoe Basin is  
23 dependent on the protection and restoration of the  
24 natural beauty and recreation opportunities in the  
25 area;

1           “(4) the Lake Tahoe Basin continues to be  
2 threatened by the impacts of land use and transpor-  
3 tation patterns developed in the last century that  
4 damage the fragile watershed of the Basin;

5           “(5) the water clarity of Lake Tahoe declined  
6 from a visibility level of 105 feet in 1967 to only 70  
7 feet in 2008;

8           “(6) the rate of decline in water clarity of Lake  
9 Tahoe has decreased in recent years;

10          “(7) a stable water clarity level for Lake Tahoe  
11 could be achieved through feasible control measures  
12 for very fine sediment particles and nutrients;

13          “(8) fine sediments that cloud Lake Tahoe, and  
14 key nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen that  
15 support the growth of algae and invasive plants, con-  
16 tinue to flow into the lake from stormwater runoff  
17 from developed areas, roads, turf, other disturbed  
18 land, and streams;

19          “(9) the destruction and alteration of wetland,  
20 wet meadows, and stream zone habitat have com-  
21 promised the natural capacity of the watershed to  
22 filter sediment, nutrients, and pollutants before  
23 reaching Lake Tahoe;

24          “(10) approximately 25 percent of the trees in  
25 the Lake Tahoe Basin are either dead or dying;

1           “(11) forests in the Tahoe Basin suffer from  
2 over a century of fire suppression and periodic  
3 drought, which have resulted in—

4                   “(A) high tree density and mortality;

5                   “(B) the loss of biological diversity; and

6                   “(C) a large quantity of combustible forest  
7 fuels, which significantly increases the threat of  
8 catastrophic fire and insect infestation;

9           “(12) the establishment of several aquatic and  
10 terrestrial invasive species (including bass, milfoil,  
11 and Asian clam) threatens the ecosystem of the  
12 Lake Tahoe Basin;

13           “(13) there is an ongoing threat to the Lake  
14 Tahoe Basin of the introduction and establishment  
15 of other invasive species (such as the zebra mussel,  
16 New Zealand mud snail, and quagga mussel);

17           “(14) the report prepared by the University of  
18 California, Davis, entitled the ‘State of the Lake Re-  
19 port’, found that conditions in the Lake Tahoe  
20 Basin had changed, including—

21                   “(A) the average surface water tempera-  
22 ture of Lake Tahoe has risen by more than 1.5  
23 degrees Fahrenheit in the past 37 years; and

1           “(B) since 1910, the percent of precipita-  
2           tion that has fallen as snow in the Lake Tahoe  
3           Basin decreased from 52 percent to 34 percent;

4           “(15) 75 percent of the land in the Lake Tahoe  
5           Basin is owned by the Federal Government, which  
6           makes it a Federal responsibility to restore environ-  
7           mental health to the Basin;

8           “(16) the Federal Government has a long his-  
9           tory of environmental preservation at Lake Tahoe,  
10          including—

11           “(A) congressional consent to the estab-  
12          lishment of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agen-  
13          cy with—

14           “(i) the enactment in 1969 of Public  
15          Law 91–148 (83 Stat. 360); and

16           “(ii) the enactment in 1980 of Public  
17          Law 96–551 (94 Stat. 3233);

18           “(B) the establishment of the Lake Tahoe  
19          Basin Management Unit in 1973;

20           “(C) the enactment of Public Law 96–586  
21          (94 Stat. 3381) in 1980 to provide for the ac-  
22          quisition of environmentally sensitive land and  
23          erosion control grants in the Lake Tahoe Basin;

24           “(D) the enactment of sections 341 and  
25          342 of the Department of the Interior and Re-

1           lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub-  
2           lic Law 108–108; 117 Stat. 1317), which  
3           amended the Southern Nevada Public Land  
4           Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–  
5           263; 112 Stat. 2346) to provide payments for  
6           the environmental restoration projects under  
7           this Act; and

8           “(E) the enactment of section 382 of the  
9           Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (Pub-  
10          lic Law 109–432; 120 Stat. 3045), which  
11          amended the Southern Nevada Public Land  
12          Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–  
13          263; 112 Stat. 2346) to authorize development  
14          and implementation of a comprehensive 10-year  
15          hazardous fuels and fire prevention plan for the  
16          Lake Tahoe Basin;

17          “(17) the Assistant Secretary of the Army for  
18          Civil Works was an original signatory in 1997 to the  
19          Agreement of Federal Departments on Protection of  
20          the Environment and Economic Health of the Lake  
21          Tahoe Basin;

22          “(18) the Chief of Engineers, under direction  
23          from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil  
24          Works, has continued to be a significant contributor  
25          to Lake Tahoe Basin restoration, including—

1 “(A) stream and wetland restoration;

2 “(B) urban stormwater conveyance and  
3 treatment; and

4 “(C) programmatic technical assistance;

5 “(19) at the Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum in  
6 1997, the President renewed the commitment of the  
7 Federal Government to Lake Tahoe by—

8 “(A) committing to increased Federal re-  
9 sources for environmental restoration at Lake  
10 Tahoe; and

11 “(B) establishing the Federal Interagency  
12 Partnership and Federal Advisory Committee to  
13 consult on natural resources issues concerning  
14 the Lake Tahoe Basin;

15 “(20) at the 2008 and 2009 Lake Tahoe Fo-  
16 rums, Senator Reid, Senator Feinstein, Senator En-  
17 sign, and Governor Gibbons—

18 “(A) renewed their commitment to Lake  
19 Tahoe; and

20 “(B) expressed their desire to fund the  
21 Federal share of the Environmental Improve-  
22 ment Program through 2018;

23 “(21) since 1997, the Federal Government, the  
24 States of California and Nevada, units of local gov-  
25 ernment, and the private sector have contributed

1 more than \$1,430,000,000 to the Lake Tahoe  
2 Basin, including—

3 “(A) \$424,000,000 from the Federal Gov-  
4 ernment;

5 “(B) \$612,000,000 from the State of Cali-  
6 fornia;

7 “(C) \$87,000,000 from the State of Ne-  
8 vada;

9 “(D) \$59,000,000 from units of local gov-  
10 ernment; and

11 “(E) \$249,000,000 from private interests;

12 “(22) significant additional investment from  
13 Federal, State, local, and private sources is nec-  
14 essary—

15 “(A) to restore and sustain the environ-  
16 mental health of the Lake Tahoe Basin;

17 “(B) to adapt to the impacts of changing  
18 climatic conditions; and

19 “(C) to protect the Lake Tahoe Basin  
20 from the introduction and establishment of  
21 invasive species; and

22 “(23) the Secretary has indicated that the Lake  
23 Tahoe Basin Management Unit has the capacity for  
24 at least \$10,000,000 and up to \$20,000,000 annu-



1 ally for the Fire Risk Reduction and Forest Manage-  
2 ment Program.

3 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

4 “(1) to enable the Chief of the Forest Service,  
5 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
6 Service, and the Administrator of the Environmental  
7 Protection Agency, in cooperation with the Planning  
8 Agency and the States of California and Nevada, to  
9 fund, plan, and implement significant new environ-  
10 mental restoration activities and forest management  
11 activities to address in the Lake Tahoe Basin the  
12 issues described in paragraphs (4) through (14) of  
13 subsection (a);

14 “(2) to ensure that Federal, State, local, re-  
15 gional, tribal, and private entities continue to work  
16 together to manage land in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
17 and to coordinate on other activities in a manner  
18 that supports achievement and maintenance of—

19 “(A) the environmental threshold carrying  
20 capacities for the region; and

21 “(B) other applicable environmental stand-  
22 ards and objectives;

23 “(3) to support local governments in efforts re-  
24 lated to environmental restoration, stormwater pollu-

1       tion control, fire risk reduction, and forest manage-  
2       ment activities; and

3               “(4) to ensure that agency and science commu-  
4       nity representatives in the Lake Tahoe Basin work  
5       together—

6               “(A) to develop and implement a plan for  
7       integrated monitoring, assessment, and applied  
8       research to evaluate the effectiveness of the En-  
9       vironmental Improvement Program; and

10              “(B) to provide objective information as a  
11       basis for ongoing decisionmaking, with an em-  
12       phasis on decisionmaking relating to public and  
13       private land use and resource management in  
14       the Basin.”.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16       The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
17 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended by striking section 3  
18 and inserting the following:

19 **“SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20       “In this Act:

21              “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-  
22       trator’ means the Administrator of the Environ-  
23       mental Protection Agency.

1           “(2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term ‘As-  
2           sistant Secretary’ means the Assistant Secretary of  
3           the Army for Civil Works.

4           “(3) CHAIR.—The term ‘Chair’ means the  
5           Chair of the Federal Partnership.

6           “(4) COMPACT.—The term ‘Compact’ means  
7           the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact included in  
8           the first section of Public Law 96–551 (94 Stat.  
9           3233).

10          “(5) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
11          the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
12          Service.

13          “(6) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PRO-  
14          GRAM.—The term ‘Environmental Improvement Pro-  
15          gram’ means—

16                 “(A) the Environmental Improvement Pro-  
17                 gram adopted by the Planning Agency; and

18                 “(B) any amendments to the Program.

19          “(7) ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD CARRYING  
20          CAPACITY.—The term ‘environmental threshold car-  
21          rying capacity’ has the meaning given the term in  
22          article II of the compact.

23          “(8) FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.—The term ‘Fed-  
24          eral Partnership’ means the Lake Tahoe Federal  
25          Interagency Partnership established by Executive

1 Order 13957 (62 Fed. Reg. 41249) (or a successor  
2 Executive order).

3 “(9) FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY.—The  
4 term ‘forest management activity’ includes—

5 “(A) prescribed burning for ecosystem  
6 health and hazardous fuels reduction;

7 “(B) mechanical and minimum tool treat-  
8 ment;

9 “(C) road decommissioning or reconstruc-  
10 tion;

11 “(D) stream environment zone restoration  
12 and other watershed and wildlife habitat en-  
13 hancements;

14 “(E) nonnative invasive species manage-  
15 ment; and

16 “(F) other activities consistent with Forest  
17 Service practices, as the Secretary determines  
18 to be appropriate.

19 “(10) NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE CODE.—The  
20 term ‘national wildland fire code’ means—

21 “(A) the most recent publication of the  
22 National Fire Protection Association codes  
23 numbered 1141, 1142, 1143, and 1144;

1           “(B) the most recent publication of the  
2 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code of  
3 the International Code Council; or

4           “(C) any other code that the Secretary de-  
5 termines provides the same, or better, stand-  
6 ards for protection against wildland fire as a  
7 code described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

8           “(11) PLANNING AGENCY.—The term ‘Planning  
9 Agency’ means the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
10 established under Public Law 91–148 (83 Stat. 360)  
11 and Public Law 96–551 (94 Stat. 3233).

12           “(12) PRIORITY LIST.—The term ‘Priority List’  
13 means the environmental restoration priority list de-  
14 veloped under section 8.

15           “(13) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’  
16 means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through  
17 the Chief of the Forest Service.

18           “(14) TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD.—The  
19 term ‘total maximum daily load’ means the total  
20 maximum daily load allocations adopted under sec-  
21 tion 303(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
22 Act (33 U.S.C. 1313(d)).

23           “(15) STREAM ENVIRONMENT ZONE.—The  
24 term ‘Stream Environment Zone’ means an area  
25 that generally owes the biological and physical char-

1       acteristics of the area to the presence of surface  
2       water or groundwater.

3               “(16) WATERCRAFT.—The term ‘watercraft’  
4       means motorized and non-motorized watercraft, in-  
5       cluding boats, personal watercraft, kayaks, and ca-  
6       noes.”.

7       **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN MAN-**  
8               **AGEMENT UNIT.**

9       Section 4 of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public  
10      Law 106–506; 114 Stat. 2353) is amended—

11               (1) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “basin”  
12               and inserting “Basin”; and

13               (2) by adding at the end the following:

14               “(c) TRANSIT.—

15               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Lake Tahoe Basin  
16               Management Unit shall, consistent with the regional  
17               transportation plan adopted by the Planning Agen-  
18               cy, manage vehicular parking and traffic in the Lake  
19               Tahoe Basin Management Unit, with priority  
20               given—

21                       “(A) to improving public access to the  
22                       Lake Tahoe Basin, including the prioritization  
23                       of alternatives to the private automobile, con-  
24                       sistent with the requirements of the Compact;

1           “(B) to coordinating with the Nevada De-  
2           partment of Transportation, Caltrans, State  
3           parks, and other entities along Nevada High-  
4           way 28 and California Highway 89; and

5           “(C) to providing support and assistance  
6           to local public transit systems in the manage-  
7           ment and operations of activities under this  
8           subsection.

9           “(2) NATIONAL FOREST TRANSIT PROGRAM.—

10          Consistent with the support and assistance provided  
11          under paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary, in consulta-  
12          tion with the Secretary of Transportation, may enter  
13          into a contract, cooperative agreement, interagency  
14          agreement, or other agreement with the Department  
15          of Transportation to secure operating and capital  
16          funds from the National Forest Transit Program.

17          “(d) FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

18                 “(1) COORDINATION.—

19                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting forest  
20                 management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
21                 Management Unit, the Secretary shall, as ap-  
22                 propriate, coordinate with the Administrator  
23                 and State and local agencies and organizations,  
24                 including local fire departments and volunteer  
25                 groups.

1           “(B) GOALS.—The coordination of activi-  
2 ties under subparagraph (A) should aim to in-  
3 crease efficiencies and maximize the compat-  
4 ibility of management practices across public  
5 property boundaries.

6           “(2) MULTIPLE BENEFITS.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting forest  
8 management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
9 Management Unit, the Secretary shall conduct  
10 the activities in a manner that—

11           “(i) except as provided in subpara-  
12 graph (B), attains multiple ecosystem ben-  
13 efits, including—

14           “(I) reducing forest fuels;

15           “(II) maintaining or restoring bi-  
16 ological diversity;

17           “(III) improving wetland and  
18 water quality, including in Stream  
19 Environment Zones; and

20           “(IV) increasing resilience to  
21 changing climatic conditions; and

22           “(ii) helps achieve and maintain the  
23 environmental threshold carrying capacities  
24 established by the Planning Agency.



1           “(B)           EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding  
2           clause (A)(i), the attainment of multiple eco-  
3           system benefits shall not be required if the Sec-  
4           retary determines that management for mul-  
5           tiple ecosystem benefits would excessively in-  
6           crease the cost of a project in relation to the  
7           additional ecosystem benefits gained from the  
8           management activity.

9           “(3) GROUND DISTURBANCE.—Consistent with  
10          applicable Federal law and Lake Tahoe Basin Man-  
11          agement Unit land and resource management plan  
12          direction, the Secretary shall—

13                 “(A) establish post-project ground condi-  
14                 tion criteria for ground disturbance caused by  
15                 forest management activities; and

16                 “(B) provide for monitoring to ascertain  
17                 the attainment of the post-project conditions.

18          “(e) WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
20                 rights and paragraphs (2) and (3), the Federal land  
21                 located in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
22                 is withdrawn from—

23                 “(A) all forms of entry, appropriation, or  
24                 disposal under the public land laws;

1           “(B) location, entry, and patent under the  
2 mining laws; and

3           “(C) disposition under all laws relating to  
4 mineral and geothermal leasing.

5           “(2) DETERMINATION.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The withdrawal under  
7 paragraph (1) shall be in effect until the date  
8 on which the Secretary, after conducting a re-  
9 view of all Federal land in the Lake Tahoe  
10 Basin Management Unit and receiving public  
11 input, has made a determination on which par-  
12 cels of Federal land should remain withdrawn.

13           “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The determination  
14 of the Secretary under subparagraph (A)—

15           “(i) shall be effective beginning on the  
16 date on which the determination is issued;

17           “(ii) may be altered by the Secretary  
18 as the Secretary determines to be nec-  
19 essary; and

20           “(iii) shall not be subject to adminis-  
21 trative renewal.

22           “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—A land exchange shall be  
23 exempt from withdrawal under this subsection if car-  
24 ried out under—

1           “(A) the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act  
2           (Public Law 106–506; 114 Stat. 2351); or

3           “(B) the Santini-Burton Act (Public Law  
4           96–586; 94 Stat. 3381).

5           “(f) ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD CARRYING CA-  
6 PACITY.—The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit shall  
7 support the attainment of the environmental threshold  
8 carrying capacities.

9           “(g) COOPERATIVE AUTHORITIES.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—During the 4 fiscal years  
11 following the date of enactment of the Lake Tahoe  
12 Restoration Act of 2011, the Secretary, in conjunc-  
13 tion with land adjustment projects or programs, may  
14 enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with  
15 States, units of local government, and other public  
16 and private entities to provide for fuel reduction,  
17 erosion control, reforestation, Stream Environment  
18 Zone restoration, and similar management activities  
19 on Federal land and non-Federal land within the  
20 projects or programs.

21           “(2) REPORT ON LAND STATUS.—

22           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
23 after the date of enactment of the Lake Tahoe  
24 Restoration Act of 2011, the Secretary shall  
25 submit to Congress a report regarding the man-

1           agement of land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Man-  
2           agement Unit Urban Lots Program, includ-  
3           ing—

4                   “(i) a description of future plans and  
5                   recent actions for land consolidation and  
6                   adjustment; and

7                   “(ii) the identification of any obstacles  
8                   to desired conveyances or interchanges.

9                   “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The report submitted  
10                  under subparagraph (A) may contain rec-  
11                  ommendations for additional legislative author-  
12                  ity.

13                  “(C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph  
14                  delays the conveyance of parcels under—

15                           “(i) the authority of this Act; or

16                           “(ii) any other authority available to  
17                           the Secretary.

18                  “(3) SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY.—The au-  
19                  thority of this subsection is supplemental to all other  
20                  cooperative authorities of the Secretary.”.

21 **SEC. 5. CONSULTATION.**

22           The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
23 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended by striking section 5  
24 and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 5. CONSULTATION.**

2 “In carrying out this Act, the Secretary, the Adminis-  
3 trator, and the Director shall, as appropriate and in a  
4 timely manner, consult with the heads of the Washoe  
5 Tribe, applicable Federal, State, regional, and local gov-  
6 ernmental agencies, and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory  
7 Committee.”.

8 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZED PROJECTS.**

9 The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
10 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended by striking section 6  
11 and inserting the following:

12 **“SEC. 6. AUTHORIZED PROJECTS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, the Director, and  
14 the Administrator, in coordination with the Planning  
15 Agency and the States of California and Nevada, may  
16 carry out or provide financial assistance to any project or  
17 program described in subsection (c) or included in the Pri-  
18 ority List under section 8 to further the purposes of the  
19 Environmental Improvement Program if the project has  
20 been subject to environmental review and approval, respec-  
21 tively, as required under Federal law, article 7 of the Com-  
22 pact, and State law, as applicable. The Administrator shall  
23 use no more than 3 percent of the funds provided for ad-  
24 ministering the projects or programs described in sub-  
25 section (c) (1) and (2).

1       “(b) MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT.—All projects  
2 authorized under subsection (c) and section 8 shall—

3           “(1) include funds for monitoring and assess-  
4 ment of the results and effectiveness at the project  
5 and program level consistent with the program de-  
6 veloped under section 11; and

7           “(2) use the integrated multiagency perform-  
8 ance measures established under that section.

9       “(c) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—

10           “(1) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, EROSION  
11 CONTROL, AND TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD IMPLE-  
12 MENTATION.—Of the amounts made available under  
13 section 18(a), \$40,000,000 shall be made available  
14 for grants by the Administrator for the Federal  
15 share of the following projects:

16           “(A) Bijou Stormwater Improvement  
17 Project in the City of South Lake Tahoe, Cali-  
18 fornia.

19           “(B) Christmas Valley Stormwater Im-  
20 provement Project in El Dorado County, Cali-  
21 fornia.

22           “(C) Kings Beach Watershed Improvement  
23 Project in Placer County, California.

1           “(D) Lake Forest Stormwater and Water-  
2 shed Improvement Project in Placer County,  
3 California.

4           “(E) Crystal Bay Stormwater Improve-  
5 ment Project in Washoe County, Nevada.

6           “(F) Washoe County Stormwater Improve-  
7 ment Projects 4, 5, and 6 in Washoe County,  
8 Nevada.

9           “(G) Upper and Lower Kingsbury Project  
10 in Douglas County, Nevada.

11           “(H) Lake Village Drive-Phase II  
12 Stormwater Improvement in Douglas County,  
13 Nevada.

14           “(I) State Route 28 Spooner to Sand Har-  
15 bor Stormwater Improvement, Washoe County,  
16 Nevada.

17           “(J) State Route 431 Stormwater Im-  
18 provement, Washoe County, Nevada.

19           “(2) STREAM ENVIRONMENT ZONE AND WATER-  
20 SHED RESTORATION.—Of the amounts made avail-  
21 able under section 18(a), \$32,000,000 shall be made  
22 available for grants by the Administrator for the  
23 Federal share of the following projects:

24           “(A) Upper Truckee River and Marsh Res-  
25 toration Project.

1           “(B) Upper Truckee River Mosher,  
2 Reaches 1 & 2.

3           “(C) Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables.

4           “(D) Lower Blackwood Creek Restoration  
5 Project.

6           “(E) Ward Creek.

7           “(F) Third Creek/Incline Creek Watershed  
8 Restoration.

9           “(G) Rosewood Creek Restoration Project.

10          “(3) FIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST MAN-  
11 AGEMENT.—

12           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made  
13 available under section 18(a), \$136,000,000  
14 shall be made available for assistance by the  
15 Secretary for the following projects:

16           “(i) Projects identified as part of the  
17 Lake Tahoe Basin Multi-Jurisdictional  
18 Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention  
19 Strategy 10-Year Plan.

20           “(ii) Competitive grants for fuels work  
21 to be awarded by the Secretary to commu-  
22 nities that have adopted national wildland  
23 fire codes to implement the applicable por-  
24 tion of the 10-year plan described in clause  
25 (i).



1           “(iii) Biomass projects, including fea-  
2           sibility assessments and transportation of  
3           materials.

4           “(iv) Angora Fire Restoration projects  
5           under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

6           “(v) Washoe Tribe projects on tribal  
7           lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

8           “(B)     MULTIPLE     BENEFIT     FUELS  
9           PROJECTS.—Consistent with the requirements  
10          of section 4(d)(2), not more than \$10,000,000  
11          of the amounts made available to carry out sub-  
12          paragraph (A) shall be available to the Sec-  
13          retary for the planning and implementation of  
14          multiple benefit fuels projects with an emphasis  
15          on restoration projects in Stream Environment  
16          Zones.

17          “(C)     MINIMUM     ALLOCATION.—Of the  
18          amounts made available to carry out subpara-  
19          graph (A), at least \$80,000,000 shall be made  
20          available to the Secretary for projects under  
21          subparagraph (A)(i).

22          “(D)     PRIORITY.—Units of local govern-  
23          ment that have dedicated funding for inspec-  
24          tions and enforcement of defensible space regu-

1           lations shall be given priority for amounts pro-  
2           vided under this paragraph.

3           “(E) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS.—

4           “(i) IN GENERAL.—As a condition on  
5           the receipt of funds, communities or local  
6           fire districts that receive funds under this  
7           paragraph shall provide a 25 percent  
8           match.

9           “(ii) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL  
10          SHARE.—

11          “(I) IN GENERAL.—The non-  
12          Federal share required under clause  
13          (i) may be in the form of cash con-  
14          tributions or in-kind contributions, in-  
15          cluding providing labor, equipment,  
16          supplies, space, and other operational  
17          needs.

18          “(II) CREDIT FOR CERTAIN  
19          DEDICATED FUNDING.—There shall  
20          be credited toward the non-Federal  
21          share required under clause (i) any  
22          dedicated funding of the communities  
23          or local fire districts for a fuels reduc-  
24          tion management program, defensible

1 space inspections, or dooryard chip-  
2 ping.

3 “(III) DOCUMENTATION.—Com-  
4 munities and local fire districts  
5 shall—

6 “(aa) maintain a record of  
7 in-kind contributions that de-  
8 scribes—

9 “(AA) the monetary  
10 value of the in-kind con-  
11 tributions; and

12 “(BB) the manner in  
13 which the in-kind contribu-  
14 tions assist in accomplishing  
15 project goals and objectives;  
16 and

17 “(bb) document in all re-  
18 quests for Federal funding, and  
19 include in the total project budg-  
20 et, evidence of the commitment  
21 to provide the non-Federal share  
22 through in-kind contributions.

23 “(4) INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT.—Of the  
24 amounts to be made available under section 18(a),  
25 \$20,500,000 shall be made available to the Director

1 for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and the  
2 watercraft inspections described in section 9.

3 “(5) SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES MANAGE-  
4 MENT.—Of the amounts to be made available under  
5 section 18(a), \$20,000,000 shall be made available  
6 to the Director for the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout  
7 Recovery Program.

8 “(6) LAKE TAHOE BASIN PROGRAM.—Of the  
9 amounts to be made available under section 18(a),  
10 \$30,000,000 shall be used to develop and implement  
11 the Lake Tahoe Basin Program developed under  
12 section 11.

13 “(d) USE OF REMAINING FUNDS.—Any amounts  
14 made available under section 18(a) that remain available  
15 after projects described in subsection (c) have been funded  
16 shall be made available for projects included in the Pri-  
17 ority List under section 8.”.

18 **SEC. 7. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PRIORITY LIST.**

19 The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
20 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended—

21 (1) by striking sections 8 and 9;

22 (2) by redesignating sections 10, 11, and 12 as  
23 sections 16, 17, and 18, respectively; and

24 (3) by inserting after section 7 the following:

1 **“SEC. 8. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PRIORITY LIST.**

2 “(a) FUNDING.—Subject to section 6(d), of the  
3 amounts to be made available under section 18(a), at least  
4 \$136,000,000 shall be made available for projects identi-  
5 fied on the Priority List.

6 “(b) DEADLINE.—Not later than February 15 of the  
7 year after the date of enactment of the Lake Tahoe Res-  
8 toration Act of 2011, the Chair, in consultation with the  
9 Secretary, the Administrator, the Director, the Planning  
10 Agency, the States of California and Nevada, the Federal  
11 Partnership, the Washoe Tribe, the Lake Tahoe Federal  
12 Advisory Committee, and the Tahoe Science Consortium  
13 shall submit to Congress a prioritized list of all Environ-  
14 mental Improvement Program projects for the Lake  
15 Tahoe Basin, regardless of program category.

16 “(c) CRITERIA.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The priority of projects in-  
18 cluded in the Priority List shall be based on the best  
19 available science and the following criteria:

20 “(A) The 5-year threshold carrying capac-  
21 ity evaluation.

22 “(B) The ability to measure progress or  
23 success of the project.

24 “(C) The potential to significantly con-  
25 tribute to the achievement and maintenance of

1 the environmental threshold carrying capacities  
2 identified in the Compact for—

3 “(i) air quality;

4 “(ii) fisheries;

5 “(iii) noise;

6 “(iv) recreation;

7 “(v) scenic resources;

8 “(vi) soil conservation;

9 “(vii) forest health;

10 “(viii) water quality; and

11 “(ix) wildlife.

12 “(D) The ability of a project to provide  
13 multiple benefits.

14 “(E) The ability of a project to leverage  
15 non-Federal contributions.

16 “(F) Stakeholder support for the project.

17 “(G) The justification of Federal interest.

18 “(H) Agency priority.

19 “(I) Agency capacity.

20 “(J) Cost-effectiveness.

21 “(K) Federal funding history.

22 “(2) SECONDARY FACTORS.—In addition to the  
23 criteria under paragraph (1), the Chair shall, as the  
24 Chair determines to be appropriate, give preference  
25 to projects in the Priority List that benefit existing

1 neighborhoods in the Basin that are at or below re-  
2 gional median income levels, based on the most re-  
3 cent census data available.

4 “(3) EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS.—For pur-  
5 poses of the Priority List and section 6(c)(1), ero-  
6 sion control projects shall be considered part of the  
7 stormwater management and total maximum daily  
8 load program of the Environmental Improvement  
9 Program. The Administrator shall coordinate with  
10 the Secretary on such projects.

11 “(d) REVISIONS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Priority List sub-  
13 mitted under subsection (b) shall be revised—

14 “(A) every 4 years; or

15 “(B) on a finding of compelling need under  
16 paragraph (2).

17 “(2) FINDING OF COMPELLING NEED.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary, the  
19 Administrator, or the Director makes a finding  
20 of compelling need justifying a priority shift  
21 and the finding is approved by the Secretary,  
22 the Executive Director of the Planning Agency,  
23 the California Natural Resources Secretary, and  
24 the Director of the Nevada Department of Con-

1           servation, the Priority List shall be revised in  
2           accordance with this subsection.

3           “(B) INCLUSIONS.—A finding of compel-  
4           ling need includes—

5                   “(i) major scientific findings;

6                   “(ii) results from the threshold eval-  
7           uation of the Planning Agency;

8                   “(iii) emerging environmental threats;  
9           and

10                   “(iv) rare opportunities for land ac-  
11           quisition.

12 **“SEC. 9. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION.**

13           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
14           date of enactment of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of  
15           2011, the Director, in coordination with the Planning  
16           Agency, the California Department of Fish and Game, and  
17           the Nevada Department of Wildlife, shall deploy strategies  
18           that meet or exceed the criteria described in subsection  
19           (b) for preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive spe-  
20           cies into the Lake Tahoe Basin.

21           “(b) CRITERIA.—The strategies referred to in sub-  
22           section (a) shall provide that—

23                   “(1) combined inspection and decontamination  
24           stations be established and operated at not less than  
25           2 locations in the Lake Tahoe Basin;



1           “(2) watercraft not be allowed to launch in wa-  
2           ters of the Lake Tahoe Basin if the watercraft—

3                   “(A) has been in waters infested by  
4                   quagga or zebra mussels;

5                   “(B) shows evidence of invasive species  
6                   that the Director has determined would be det-  
7                   rimental to the Lake Tahoe ecosystem; and

8                   “(C) cannot be reliably decontaminated in  
9                   accordance with paragraph (3);

10           “(3) subject to paragraph (4), all watercraft  
11           surfaces and appurtenance (such as anchors and  
12           fenders) that contact with water shall be reliably de-  
13           contaminated, based on standards developed by the  
14           Director using the best available science;

15           “(4) watercraft bearing positive verification of  
16           having last launched within the Lake Tahoe Basin  
17           may be exempted from decontamination under para-  
18           graph (3); and

19           “(5) while in the Lake Tahoe Basin, all  
20           watercraft maintain documentation of compliance  
21           with the strategies deployed under this section.

22           “(c) CERTIFICATION.—The Director may certify  
23           State agencies to perform the decontamination activities  
24           described in subsection (b)(3) at locations outside the  
25           Lake Tahoe Basin if standards at the sites meet or exceed

1 standards for similar sites in the Lake Tahoe Basin estab-  
2 lished under this section.

3 “(d) APPLICABILITY.—The strategies and criteria de-  
4 veloped under this section shall apply to all watercraft to  
5 be launched on water within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

6 “(e) FEES.—The Director may collect and spend fees  
7 for decontamination only at a level sufficient to cover the  
8 costs of operation of inspection and decontamination sta-  
9 tions under this section.

10 “(f) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person that launches,  
12 attempts to launch, or facilitates launching of  
13 watercraft not in compliance with strategies de-  
14 ployed under this section shall be liable for a civil  
15 penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per viola-  
16 tion.

17 “(2) OTHER AUTHORITIES.—Any penalties as-  
18 sessed under this subsection shall be separate from  
19 penalties assessed under any other authority.

20 “(g) LIMITATION.—The strategies and criteria under  
21 subsections (a) and (b), respectively, may be modified if  
22 the Secretary of the Interior, in a nondelegable capacity  
23 and in consultation with the Planning Agency and State  
24 governments, issues a determination that alternative  
25 measures will be no less effective at preventing introduc-

1 tion of aquatic invasive species into Lake Tahoe than the  
2 strategies and criteria.

3 “(h) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available  
4 under section 6(e)(4), not more than \$500,000 shall be  
5 made available to the Director, in coordination with the  
6 Planning Agency and State governments—

7 “(1) to evaluate the feasibility, cost, and poten-  
8 tial effectiveness of further efforts that could be un-  
9 dertaken by the Federal Government, State and  
10 local governments, or private entities to guard  
11 against introduction of aquatic invasive species into  
12 Lake Tahoe, including the potential establishment of  
13 inspection and decontamination stations on major  
14 transitways entering the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

15 “(2) to evaluate and identify options for ensur-  
16 ing that all waters connected to Lake Tahoe are pro-  
17 tected from quagga and zebra mussels and other  
18 aquatic invasive species.

19 “(i) SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY.—The authority  
20 under this section is supplemental to all actions taken by  
21 non-Federal regulatory authorities.

22 “(j) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this title shall be  
23 construed as restricting, affecting, or amending any other  
24 law or the authority of any department, instrumentality,  
25 or agency of the United States, or any State or political

1 subdivision thereof, respecting the control of invasive spe-  
2 cies.

3 **“SEC. 10. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS; INTERAGENCY**  
4 **AGREEMENTS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary may  
6 enter into interagency agreements with non-Federal inter-  
7 ests in the Lake Tahoe Basin to use Lake Tahoe Partner-  
8 ship-Miscellaneous General Investigations funds to provide  
9 programmatic technical assistance for the Environmental  
10 Improvement Program.

11 “(b) LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before providing technical  
13 assistance under this section, the Assistant Sec-  
14 retary shall enter into a local cooperation agreement  
15 with a non-Federal interest to provide for the tech-  
16 nical assistance.

17 “(2) COMPONENTS.—The agreement entered  
18 into under paragraph (1) shall—

19 “(A) describe the nature of the technical  
20 assistance;

21 “(B) describe any legal and institutional  
22 structures necessary to ensure the effective  
23 long-term viability of the end products by the  
24 non-Federal interest; and

1           “(C) include cost-sharing provisions in ac-  
2 cordance with paragraph (3).

3           “(3) FEDERAL SHARE.—

4           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of  
5 project costs under each local cooperation  
6 agreement under this subsection shall be 65  
7 percent.

8           “(B) FORM.—The Federal share may be in  
9 the form of reimbursements of project costs.

10           “(C) CREDIT.—The non-Federal interest  
11 may receive credit toward the non-Federal  
12 share for the reasonable costs of related tech-  
13 nical activities completed by the non-Federal in-  
14 terest before entering into a local cooperation  
15 agreement with the Assistant Secretary under  
16 this subsection.

17 **“SEC. 11. LAKE TAHOE BASIN PROGRAM.**

18           “The Administrator, in cooperation with the Sec-  
19 retary, the Planning Agency, the States of California and  
20 Nevada, and the Tahoe Science Consortium, shall develop  
21 and implement the Lake Tahoe Basin Program that—

22           “(1) develops and regularly updates an inte-  
23 grated multiagency programmatic assessment and  
24 monitoring plan—

1           “(A) to evaluate the effectiveness of the  
2           Environmental Improvement Program;

3           “(B) to evaluate the status and trends of  
4           indicators related to environmental threshold  
5           carrying capacities; and

6           “(C) to assess the impacts and risks of  
7           changing climatic conditions and invasive spe-  
8           cies;

9           “(2) develops a comprehensive set of perform-  
10          ance measures for Environmental Improvement Pro-  
11          gram assessment;

12          “(3) coordinates the development of the annual  
13          report described in section 13;

14          “(4) produces and synthesizes scientific infor-  
15          mation necessary for—

16                 “(A) the identification and refinement of  
17                 environmental indicators for the Lake Tahoe  
18                 Basin; and

19                 “(B) the evaluation of standards and  
20                 benchmarks;

21          “(5) conducts applied research, programmatic  
22          technical assessments, scientific data management,  
23          analysis, and reporting related to key management  
24          questions;

1           “(6) develops new tools and information to sup-  
2           port objective assessments of land use and resource  
3           conditions;

4           “(7) provides scientific and technical support to  
5           the Federal Government and State and local govern-  
6           ments in—

7                   “(A) reducing stormwater runoff, air depo-  
8                   sition, and other pollutants that contribute to  
9                   the loss of lake clarity; and

10                   “(B) the development and implementation  
11                   of an integrated stormwater monitoring and as-  
12                   sessment program;

13           “(8) establishes and maintains independent  
14           peer review processes—

15                   “(A) to evaluate the Environmental Im-  
16                   provement Program; and

17                   “(B) to assess the technical adequacy and  
18                   scientific consistency of central environmental  
19                   documents, such as the 5-year threshold review;  
20                   and

21           “(9) provides scientific and technical support  
22           for the development of appropriate management  
23           strategies to accommodate changing climatic condi-  
24           tions in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

1 **“SEC. 12. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, Administrator,  
3 and Director will coordinate with the Planning Agency to  
4 conduct public education and outreach programs, includ-  
5 ing encouraging—

6 “(1) owners of land and residences in the Lake  
7 Tahoe Basin—

8 “(A) to implement defensible space; and

9 “(B) to conduct best management prac-  
10 tices for water quality; and

11 “(2) owners of land and residences in the Lake  
12 Tahoe Basin and visitors to the Lake Tahoe Basin,  
13 to help prevent the introduction and proliferation of  
14 invasive species as part of the private share invest-  
15 ment in the Environmental Improvement Program.

16 “(b) REQUIRED COORDINATION.—Public outreach  
17 and education programs for aquatic invasive species under  
18 this section shall—

19 “(1) be coordinated with Lake Tahoe Basin  
20 tourism and business organizations; and

21 “(2) include provisions for the programs to ex-  
22 tend outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

23 **“SEC. 13. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

24 “Not later than February 15 of each year, the Ad-  
25 ministrator, in cooperation with the Chair, the Secretary,  
26 the Director, the Planning Agency, and the States of Cali-



1 fornia and Nevada, consistent with section 6(c)(6) and  
2 section 11, shall submit to Congress a report that de-  
3 scribes—

4           “(1) the status of all Federal, State, local, and  
5 private projects authorized under this Act, including  
6 to the maximum extent practicable, for projects that  
7 will receive Federal funds under this Act during the  
8 current or subsequent fiscal year—

9                   “(A) the project scope;

10                   “(B) the budget for the project; and

11                   “(C) the justification for the project, con-  
12 sistent with the criteria established in section  
13 8(e)(1);

14           “(2) Federal, State, local, and private expendi-  
15 tures in the preceding fiscal year to implement the  
16 Environmental Improvement Program and projects  
17 otherwise authorized under this Act;

18           “(3) accomplishments in the preceding fiscal  
19 year in implementing this Act in accordance with the  
20 performance measures and other monitoring and as-  
21 sessment activities; and

22           “(4) public education and outreach efforts un-  
23 dertaken to implement programs and projects au-  
24 thorized under this Act.

1 **“SEC. 14. ANNUAL BUDGET PLAN.**

2 “As part of the annual budget of the President, the  
3 President shall submit information regarding each Federal  
4 agency involved in the Environmental Improvement Pro-  
5 gram (including the Forest Service, the Environmental  
6 Protection Agency, and the United States Fish and Wild-  
7 life Service), including—

8 “(1) an interagency crosscut budget that dis-  
9 plays the proposed budget for use by each Federal  
10 agency in carrying out restoration activities relating  
11 to the Environmental Improvement Program for the  
12 following fiscal year;

13 “(2) a detailed accounting of all amounts re-  
14 ceived and obligated by Federal agencies to achieve  
15 the goals of the Environmental Improvement Pro-  
16 gram during the preceding fiscal year; and

17 “(3) a description of the Federal role in the  
18 Environmental Improvement Program, including the  
19 specific role of each agency involved in the restora-  
20 tion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

21 **“SEC. 15. GRANT FOR WATERSHED STRATEGY.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts to be made  
23 available under section 18(a), the Administrator shall use  
24 not more than \$500,000 to provide a grant, on a competi-  
25 tive basis, to States, federally recognized Indian tribes,  
26 interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit agencies and

1 institutions, or institutions of higher education to develop  
2 a Lake Tahoe Basin watershed strategy in coordination  
3 with the Planning Agency, the States of California and  
4 Nevada, and the Secretary.

5 “(b) COMMENT.—In developing the watershed strat-  
6 egy under subsection (a), the grant recipients shall provide  
7 an opportunity for public review and comment.

8 “(c) COMPONENTS.—The watershed strategy devel-  
9 oped under subsection (a) shall include—

10 “(1) a classification system, inventory, and as-  
11 sessment of stream environment zones;

12 “(2) comprehensive watershed characterization  
13 and restoration priorities consistent with—

14 “(A) the Lake Tahoe total maximum daily  
15 load; and

16 “(B) the environmental threshold carrying  
17 capacities of Lake Tahoe;

18 “(3) a monitoring and assessment program con-  
19 sistent with section 11; and

20 “(4) an adaptive management system—

21 “(A) to measure and evaluate progress;  
22 and

23 “(B) to adjust the program.

24 “(d) DEADLINE.—The watershed strategy developed  
25 under subsection (a) shall be completed by the date that

1 is 2 years after the date on which funds are made available  
2 to carry out this section.”.

3 **SEC. 8. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.**

4 Section 17 of The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Pub-  
5 lic Law 106–506; 114 Stat. 2358) (as redesignated by sec-  
6 tion 7(2)) is amended by inserting “, Director, or Admin-  
7 istrator” after “Secretary”.

8 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106–  
10 506; 114 Stat. 2351) is amended by striking section 18  
11 (as redesignated by section 7(2)) and inserting the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“SEC. 18. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 “(a) FUNDING.—

15 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
17 this Act \$415,000,000 for a period of 10 fiscal years  
18 beginning the first fiscal year after the date of en-  
19 actment of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2011.

20 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—As of the date of enact-  
21 ment of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2011, of  
22 the funds authorized to be appropriated to be used  
23 to carry out sections 6 and 7, the Secretary may use  
24 such sums as are necessary to implement projects on  
25 the Priority List, to remain available until expended.

1       “(b) EFFECT ON OTHER FUNDS.—Amounts author-  
2 ized under this section and any amendments made by this  
3 Act—

4           “(1) shall be in addition to any other amounts  
5 made available to the Secretary, Administrator, or  
6 Director for expenditure in the Lake Tahoe Basin;  
7 and

8           “(2) shall not reduce allocations for other Re-  
9 gions of the Forest Service, Environmental Protec-  
10 tion Agency, or United States Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service.

12       “(c) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—Except as pro-  
13 vided in subsection (d) and section 6(c)(3)(E), the States  
14 of California and Nevada shall pay 50 percent of the ag-  
15 gregate costs of restoration activities in the Lake Tahoe  
16 Basin funded under section 6 or 8.

17       “(d) RELOCATION COSTS.—Notwithstanding sub-  
18 section (c), the Secretary shall provide to local utility dis-  
19 tricts two-thirds of the costs of relocating facilities in con-  
20 nection with—

21           “(1) environmental restoration projects under  
22 sections 6 and 8; and

23           “(2) erosion control projects under section 2 of  
24 Public Law 96–586 (94 Stat. 3381).

1       “(e) SIGNAGE.—To the maximum extent practicable,  
2 a project provided assistance under this Act shall include  
3 appropriate signage at the project site that—

4               “(1) provides information to the public on—

5                       “(A) the amount of Federal funds being  
6 provided to the project; and

7                       “(B) this Act; and

8               “(2) displays the visual identity mark of the  
9 Environmental Improvement Program.”.

10 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

11       (a) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Section  
12 3(b) of Public Law 96–586 (94 Stat. 3384) is amended—

13               (1) by striking “(b) Lands” and inserting the  
14 following:

15               “(b) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—

16                       “(1) IN GENERAL.—Land”; and

17                       (2) by adding at the end the following:

18                       “(2) INTERCHANGE.—

19                               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-  
20 graph (1), the Secretary of Agriculture (acting  
21 through the Chief of the Forest Service) (re-  
22 ferred to in this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’)  
23 may interchange (as defined in the first section  
24 of Public Law 97–465 (16 U.S.C. 521c)) any  
25 land or interest in land within the Lake Tahoe

1 Basin Management Unit described in subpara-  
2 graph (B) with appropriate units of State gov-  
3 ernment.

4 “(B) ELIGIBLE LAND.—The land or inter-  
5 est in land referred to in subparagraph (A) is  
6 land or an interest in land that the Secretary  
7 determines is not subject to efficient adminis-  
8 tration by the Secretary because of the location  
9 or size of the land.

10 “(C) CONSIDERATION.—In any inter-  
11 change under this paragraph, the Secretary  
12 shall accept land within the Lake Tahoe Basin  
13 Management Unit of approximately equal value  
14 (as defined in accordance with section 6(2) of  
15 Public Law 97–465 (16 U.S.C. 521h)).

16 “(D) ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—For  
17 the purposes of any environmental analysis of  
18 an interchange under this paragraph, the Sec-  
19 retary shall—

20 “(i) assume the maintenance of the  
21 environmental status quo; and

22 “(ii) not be required to individually  
23 assess each parcel that is managed under  
24 the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
25 Urban Lots Program.

1           “(E) USE OF LAND ACQUIRED BY STATE  
2 GOVERNMENT.—In any interchange under this  
3 paragraph, the Secretary shall—

4           “(i) insert in the applicable deed such  
5 terms, covenants, conditions, and reserva-  
6 tions as the Secretary determines to be  
7 necessary to ensure—

8           “(I) protection of the public in-  
9 terest, including protection of the eco-  
10 logical, scenic, wildlife, and rec-  
11 reational values of the National For-  
12 est System; and

13           “(II) the provision for appro-  
14 priate access to, and use of, land  
15 within the National Forest System;

16           “(III) that land subject to ex-  
17 change is monitored for compliance  
18 with subclauses (I) and (II); and

19           “(IV) if the land conveyed under  
20 this paragraph is used in a manner  
21 that is inconsistent with this section,  
22 the land shall, at the discretion of the  
23 Secretary, revert to the United States;  
24 or



1           “(ii) reserve a conservation easement  
2           to ensure that the land conveyed is man-  
3           aged in accordance with subclauses (I)  
4           through (IV) of clause (i).

5           “(F) DELEGATION OF MONITORING AND  
6           ENFORCEMENT BY TRANSFER OF CONSERVA-  
7           TION EASEMENT.—

8           “(i) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTI-  
9           TY.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘eligi-  
10          ble entity’ means—

11           “(I) a conservation agency of a  
12           local government or an Indian tribe;

13           “(II) the Tahoe Regional Plan-  
14           ning Agency; or

15           “(III) an organization that—

16           “(aa) is organized for, and  
17           at all times since the formation  
18           of the organization, has been op-  
19           erated principally for 1 or more  
20           of the conservation purposes  
21           specified in clause (i), (ii), (iii),  
22           or (iv) of section 170(h)(4)(A) of  
23           the Internal Revenue Code of  
24           1986;

1           “(bb) is an organization de-  
2           scribed in section 501(c)(3) of  
3           that Code that is exempt from  
4           taxation under section 501(a) of  
5           that Code;

6           “(cc) is described in para-  
7           graph (1) or (2) of section  
8           509(a) of that Code; or

9           “(dd)(AA) is described in  
10          section 509(a)(3) of that Code;  
11          and

12          “(BB) is controlled by an  
13          organization described in section  
14          509(a)(2) of that Code.

15          “(ii) DELEGATION.—Subject to clause  
16          (iii), the Secretary may delegate to an eli-  
17          gible entity any monitoring and enforce-  
18          ment duties relating to a conservation  
19          easement under this paragraph by trans-  
20          ferring title of ownership to an easement  
21          to an eligible entity to hold and enforce.

22          “(iii) RESTRICTION.—The Secretary  
23          may delegate monitoring or enforcement  
24          duties under clause (ii) if—

1           “(I) the Secretary retains the  
2 right to conduct periodic inspections  
3 and enforce the easement;

4           “(II) the Secretary determines  
5 that the transfer will promote protec-  
6 tion of ecological, scenic, wildlife, and  
7 recreational values;

8           “(III) the eligible entity assumes  
9 the costs incurred in administering  
10 and enforcing the easement;

11           “(IV) the Secretary determines  
12 that the eligible entity has the re-  
13 sources necessary to carry out moni-  
14 toring and enforcement activities; and

15           “(V) all delegated monitoring  
16 and enforcement duties revert to the  
17 Secretary if the eligible entity cannot  
18 perform the delegated duties, at the  
19 discretion of the Secretary.

20           “(G) TRANSFER OF LAND ACQUIRED BY  
21 UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.—Any unit of  
22 State government that receives National Forest  
23 System land through an interchange under this  
24 paragraph shall not convey the land to any per-

1           son or entity other than the Federal Govern-  
2           ment or a State government.”.

3           (b) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FUNDING.—Section  
4 108(g) of title I of division C of the Consolidated Appro-  
5 priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat.  
6 2942) is amended by striking “\$25,000,000” and insert-  
7 ing “\$75,000,000”.

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