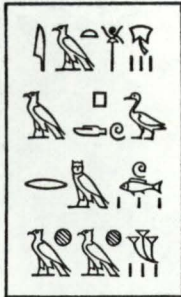


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The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
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Dear Senator Hatfield:

Our Chapter has reviewed your proposed bill to "provide for a Cooperative Forestry Extension Program" and wishes to make the following comments:

The intent of this act, which is to train personnel as instructors in forestry-related matters, develop educational materials pertinent to forestry matters and emphasize procedures and program to improve the delivery of information, especially to non-industrial forest landowners, is commendable. It is to be noted that in Idaho at least, a number of forest landowners are very concerned with wildlife, and are desirous of enhancing habitats on their properties for wildlife. To the extent that this act will foster the acquisition of information on wildlife habitats and its dissemination to the private landholder, it is worthy of the support of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

A solid extension program of the sort this act envisions must be based on solid information which insures a high probability of positive results from recommended activities if it is to be well received by the private landowner. In Idaho, and possibly other states, there is insufficient information regarding ways to enhance wildlife habitats on forested lands, especially where timber management activities are to be integrated. Financial support for acquisition of this information is chronically poor, and is an outstanding need. It is hoped that this act could help to alleviate this problem.

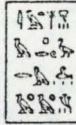
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The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
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Dear Senator Hatfield:

Thank you very much for your November 2, 1976 letter inviting The Wildlife Society to comment on your proposed bill to "provide for a Cooperative Forestry Extension Program". The issue that you address in your bill is one that is very close to my heart. Prior to becoming Field Director with The Wildlife Society, I served on the wildlife staff of the School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine at Orono. During that time I worked closely with the School's forest extension personnel and with the state's private land-owners. One thing became obvious as a result of my association with the extension personnel and land owners and that point was that many of our private land-owners are "non-resident owners" and are not interested in the timber commodity aspect of their woodlots. Indeed, many are interested solely in maintaining areas for wildlife and other personal enjoyment. This was obvious from the 800 or so comments to the proposed RPA Act of 1974.

I am not saying that timber production is not a realistic goal for private land. I am saying that it is essential that our private land-owners be educated to the fact that the lands they cherish for their wildlife potential can be managed not only for wildlife but a combination of timber management and wildlife management that will yield a greater variety and density of wildlife species for their benefit.

To accomplish this educational goal, extension programs need to be expanded to include professionals with training in forest management and professionals with training in wildlife management. We can not expect over-burdened wildlife staff members to fill the vacuum in the area of wildlife extension on a volunteer or catch-as-catch-can basis. Please believe me when I say that there is a great need in the whole area of forest resources management for capable extension personnel.

The Wildlife Society is very interested in supporting your proposed bill if it could be expanded to include an increased budget for the Agriculture Department's Forest Resources (forestry, wildlife, recreation, etc.) Extension Program. Without the inclusion of specific provisions for wildlife extension personnel in the bill, we would be forced to push for separate appropriations to accomplish this end.

Thank you again for your opportunity to comment and please don't hesitate to ask if we can be of any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Zagata, Ph.D.  
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A Proposed bill by Senator Hatfield

"COOPERATIVE APPLIED FORESTRY EXTENSION ACT OF 1976"

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

Sec. 2. The Congress hereby declares that--

(1) adequate supplies of wood and other forests resources necessary to meet the needs of the Nation in the future will be provided largely through innovations in and application of forestry and wood science by the small non-industrial forest landowners as well as professional foresters, forest workers, loggers, wood processors, and various forest product users;

(2) the application of updated knowledge by persons responsible for forest resource management, environmental protection, and wood use is essential to achieve national forest resource goals;

(3) current information, including research results, pertaining to forests management, engineering, wood science, the environment, recreation, wildlife, communications, and other subjects relating to proper management and utilization of forests resources is not sufficiently available and understood to insure the most effective and efficient management of the Nation's renewable forests resources;

(4) the wisest resource decisions are likely to evolve from a sound educational program oriented to solve problems at the local level, and the most effective solutions to such problems should be based on the best forest resource knowledge, including Federal, State, and private research, practical experience, and field trials;

(5) there has been a weak and diffused system for the dissemination and use of forestry information among the many and varied groups concerned with such information;

(6) a national program of forestry extension is essential to meet local problems and needs and to achieve national forestry goals; and

(7) the program provided by this Act should be complementary to and not a replacement for any other forestry program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Sec. 3. It is the purpose of this Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and maintain a cooperative extension service system to develop, transfer, and promote the application of scientific, technological, and social information for the improvement of forest management and uses of renewable natural resources on private and publicly owned forest lands of the Nation, to improve the harvesting and use of wood, and to develop and disseminate creditable resource information for forest users, forest product consumers, and the public.

FORESTRY EXTENSION PROGRAM

Sec. 4. (a) In order to carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall formulate and carry out in cooperation with eligible colleges and universities of the United States a cooperative extension program for forestry. As used in this Act, the term "eligible colleges and universities" means colleges and universities established in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503; 7 U.S.C. 301-305, 307, 308).

(b) In formulating and carrying out such program, the Secretary shall disseminate to eligible colleges and universities current information on all matters relating to forestry. It shall be the function of such colleges and universities to disseminate such information to those persons having a need for such information. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, current developments in forestry at both the Federal and State levels and, to the extent such information is available to the Secretary, new developments in forestry from private industry.

(c) The Secretary shall seek the cooperation of other departments and agencies of the Federal Government in carrying out the provisions of this Act in order to obtain any expertise and information relating to forestry that might be of benefit to persons engaged in forestry related work. All other departments and agencies of the Federal Government are directed to cooperate with the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(d) The Secretary shall also develop and disseminate appropriate educational materials to assist persons engaged in forestry related work and shall provide eligible colleges and universities with technical assistance and demonstration projects.

#### AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Sec. 5. The Secretary is authorized to make available to eligible colleges and universities for special research projects forest tracts and research facilities whenever he determines such action is likely to result in new and useful forest related developments.

#### USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

Sec. 6. In addition to eligible colleges and universities in any State, the Secretary is also authorized to utilize any other public or private nonprofit institution in any State to carry out the provisions of this Act if he determines such action will facilitate carrying out the purposes of this Act. Such institution shall be utilized when the necessary expertise and qualifications are not available through the eligible colleges and universities of such State.

#### SPECIAL EMPHASIS OF PROGRAM

Sec. 7. As a part of the cooperative program carried out under this Act, the Secretary shall emphasize (1) the training of personnel as instructors in forestry related matters, (2) the development of educational materials pertinent to forestry matters, and (3) procedures and programs to improve the delivery of forestry information to persons who have need for such information, especially non-industrial forest landowners.

#### GOVERNMENT AGENCY FORUMS

Sec. 8. In order to utilize the knowledge and experience of other agencies of the government in solving forestry related problems, the Secretary shall periodically arrange for or conduct forestry forums. In conducting such forums the Secretary shall include personnel of other departments and agencies of the Federal Government concerned with natural resources and appropriate personnel of State and local governments concerned with natural resources.

#### COORDINATION OF NEW FORESTRY DEVELOPMENTS

Sec. 9. Whenever any department or agency of the Federal Government, other than the Department of Agriculture, develops any new program directly affecting forestry, the head of such department or agency shall consult with the Secretary regarding recommendations of the Secretary for improvements in such program based on the knowledge gained through the cooperative program carried out under this Act.

#### FOREST GRANT STATES

Sec. 10. The Secretary is authorized to designate any State as a Forest Grant State. Any State so designated shall be given a special grant of funds to carry out advanced development work through eligible colleges and universities or through other institutions designated for such purpose.

(b) Any State designated as a Forest Grant State shall carry out programs approved by the Secretary to provide example programs for other States. A State shall be designated as a Forest Grant State on the basis of (1) forestry extension program accomplishments by such State, (2) the capacity of such State to develop exemplary programs, (3) the importance of forestry to the economy of such State, and (4) the potential of timber and other forest products as a major industry in such State.

#### ADVISORY AND PLANNING COUNCILS

Sec. 11. (a) No eligible college or university of a State shall be eligible for funds under this Act unless such State provides for the appointment of an advisory council to make recommendations on the forestry educational priorities for such State. Such council shall be required to meet not less often than twice each year.

(b) The Secretary shall also encourage the appointment of councils at the local or county level where forestry is an important industry.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 12. The Secretary is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as he deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act. He shall consult with eligible colleges and universities and other appropriate departments and agencies of the Federal Government before issuing any such rules or regulations.

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 13. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act during the period beginning October 1, 1977, and ending September 30, 1983.

(b) Not more than 4 per centum of the funds appropriated to carry out this Act in any fiscal year may be used by the Secretary for administrative, technical, and other services.

(c) The Secretary may designate a portion of the funds appropriated to carry out this Act in any fiscal year for making grants to Forest Grant States.

(d) Funds shall be allocated under this Act among eligible colleges and universities and other institutions approved by the Secretary in any State on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) the economic activity generated by forestry activity;
- (2) the amount of funds expended for forest research activities;
- (3) the potential productivity of forest lands owned in tracts of 5,000 acres or less;
- (4) the number of people employed in the timber harvesting industry;
- (5) the potential for impacts on recreation and wildlife; and
- (6) the number of public forest users.

(e) For the first fiscal year and the five succeeding fiscal years, not less than 5 nor more than 10 per centum of the funds appropriated to carry out this Act in any fiscal year shall be used for research on extension methods, technology transfer systems, and program evaluation.

(f) Funds appropriated under this Act may be used to improve educational delivery, including the construction of meeting rooms, conference centers and the purchase of media equipment.

(g) Such additional amounts as may be specified in appropriations Acts may be used for administrative costs, special projects, technical and other services, and for coordinating the extension work of the Department of Agriculture carried out under this Act with the several States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the territories, and possessions.

JAMES A. MCCLURE  
IDAHO

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 25, 1977

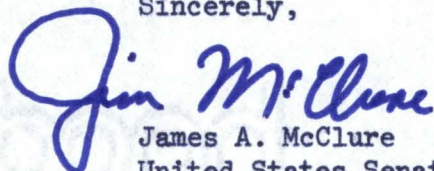
Mr. Thomas A. Leege, President  
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Dear Mr. Leege:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Senator Hatfield on the subject of providing for a Cooperative Forestry Extension Program.

Your observations on the need to provide information for the private land owner on the subject of enhancing wildlife habitat is well taken, and I concur with your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim McClure". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

James A. McClure  
United States Senator

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