

1 (1) Timber-dependent communities in the Pa-
2 cific Northwest have contributed significantly to the
3 economic needs of the United States and have
4 helped ensure an adequate national supply of timber
5 and timber products.

6 (2) A significant portion of the timber tradi-
7 tionally harvested in the Pacific Northwest is derived
8 from Federal forest lands, and these forests have
9 played an important role in sustaining local econo-
10 mies.

11 (3) A number of traditionally timber-dependent
12 communities are experiencing significant economic
13 difficulties as a result of their proximity to the range
14 of the northern spotted owl.

15 (4) These timber-dependent communities need
16 economic assistance to help them diversify, including
17 support from water and waste facility loans and
18 grants and community facility loans and grants
19 funded through the Rural Development Administra-
20 tion.

21 (b) EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY.—During the period be-
22 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and end-
23 ing on September 30, 1998, the terms “rural” and “rural
24 area”, as used in the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-

1 opment Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.), shall include any
2 town, city, or municipality—

3 (1) part or all of which lies within 100 miles of
4 the boundary of a national forest covered by the
5 Federal document entitled “Forest Plan for a Sus-
6 tainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment”,
7 dated July 1, 1993;

8 (2) that is located in a county in which at least
9 15 percent of the total primary and secondary labor
10 and proprietor income is derived from forestry, wood
11 products, or forest-related industries such as recre-
12 ation and tourism; and

13 (3) that has a population of not more than
14 25,000 inhabitants.

15 (c) EFFECT ON STATE ALLOTMENTS OF FUNDS.—
16 This section shall not be taken into consideration in allot-
17 ting funds to the various States for purposes of the Con-
18 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
19 1921 et seq.), or otherwise affect or alter the manner
20 under which such funds were allotted to States before the
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

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Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk.