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# H. R. 2886

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “Granite Watershed En-  
5 hancement and Protection Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**  
2 **PROJECT, STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST,**  
3 **CALIFORNIA, TO ENHANCE AND PROTECT**  
4 **THE GRANITE WATERSHED.**

5 (a) **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AUTHOR-**  
6 **IZED.**—The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into a con-  
7 tract with a single private contractor to perform multiple  
8 resource management activities on Federal lands within  
9 the Stanislaus National Forest in the State of California  
10 for the purpose of demonstrating enhanced water quality  
11 in the Granite watershed at a reduced cost to the Govern-  
12 ment. The contract shall be for a term of five years.

13 (b) **AUTHORIZED MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.**—The  
14 types of resource management activities performed under  
15 the contract shall include the following:

16 (1) Reduction of forest fuel loads through  
17 precommercial and commercial thinning.

18 (2) Monitoring of water quality in the Granite  
19 watershed.

20 (3) Monitoring of the presence of wildlife in the  
21 area in which management activities are performed  
22 and the effect of the activities on wildlife presence.

23 (4) Such other resource management activities  
24 as the Secretary considers appropriate to dem-  
25 onstrate enhanced water quality in the Granite wa-  
26 tershed.

1           (c) COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND SPOT-  
2 TED OWL GUIDELINES.—All resource management activi-  
3 ties performed under the contract shall be performed in  
4 a manner consistent with applicable Federal law and the  
5 standards and guidelines for the conservation of the Cali-  
6 fornia spotted owl (as set forth in the California Spotted  
7 Owl Sierran Provenance Interim Guidelines or the subse-  
8 quently issued final guidelines, whichever is in effect).

9           (d) FUNDING.—

10           (1) SOURCES OF FUNDS.—To provide funds for  
11 the resource management activities to be performed  
12 under the contract, the Secretary may use—

13                   (A) funds appropriated to carry out this  
14 section;

15                   (B) funds specifically provided to the For-  
16 est Service to implement projects to dem-  
17 onstrate enhanced water quality at a reduced  
18 cost to the Government;

19                   (C) excess funds that are allocated for the  
20 administration and management of the  
21 Stanislaus National Forest, California; and

22                   (D) hazardous fuels reduction funds allo-  
23 cated for Region 5 of the Forest Service.

24           (2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN  
25 FUNDS.—Except as provided in paragraph (1), the

1 Secretary may not carry out the contract using  
2 funds appropriated for any other unit of the Na-  
3 tional Forest System.

4 (3) CONDITIONS ON FUNDS TRANSFERS.—Any  
5 transfer of funds under paragraph (1) may be made  
6 only in accordance with the procedures concerning  
7 notice to, and review by, the Committee on Appro-  
8 priations of the House of Representatives and the  
9 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate that are  
10 applied by the Secretary in the case of a transfer of  
11 funds between appropriations.

12 (e) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF STATE FUNDS.—The  
13 Secretary may accept and use funds provided by the State  
14 of California to assist in the implementation of the con-  
15 tract under this section.

16 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than  
17 February 28 of each year during the term of the contract,  
18 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describ-  
19 ing—

20 (1) the resource management activities per-  
21 formed under the contract during the period covered  
22 by the report;

23 (2) the source and amount of funds used under  
24 subsection (d) to carry out the contract; and

1           (3) the resource management activities to be  
2           performed under the contract during the calendar  
3           year in which the report is submitted.

4           (g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in  
5           this section exempts the contract, or resource management  
6           activities to be performed under the contract, from any  
7           Federal environmental law.

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