

1 Secretaries of any duty under applicable procurement
2 laws, except as provided in this section.

3 SEC. 415. (a) LIMITATION ON COMPETITIVE
4 SOURCING STUDIES.—

5 (1) Of the funds made available by this or any
6 other Act to the Department of the Interior for fis-
7 cal year 2008, not more than \$3,450,000 may be
8 used by the Secretary of the Interior to initiate or
9 continue competitive sourcing studies in fiscal year
10 2008 for programs, projects, and activities for which
11 funds are appropriated by this Act.

12 (2) None of the funds made available by this or
13 any other Act may be used in fiscal year 2008 for
14 competitive sourcing studies and any related activi-
15 ties involving Forest Service personnel.

16 (b) COMPETITIVE SOURCING STUDY DEFINED.—In
17 this section, the term “competitive sourcing study” means
18 a study on subjecting work performed by Federal Govern-
19 ment employees or private contractors to public-private
20 competition or on converting the Federal Government em-
21 ployees or the work performed by such employees to pri-
22 vate contractor performance under the Office of Manage-
23 ment and Budget Circular A-76 or any other administra-
24 tive regulation, directive, or policy.

1 (c) COMPETITIVE SOURCING EXEMPTION FOR FOR-
2 EST SERVICE STUDIES CONDUCTED PRIOR TO FISCAL
3 YEAR 2006.—The Forest Service is hereby exempted from
4 implementing the Letter of Obligation and post-competi-
5 tion accountability guidelines where a competitive sourcing
6 study involved 65 or fewer full-time equivalents, the per-
7 formance decision was made in favor of the agency pro-
8 vider, no net savings was achieved by conducting the
9 study, and the study was completed prior to the date of
10 this Act.

11 (d) In preparing any reports to the Committees on
12 Appropriations on competitive sourcing activities, agencies
13 funded in this Act shall include all costs attributable to
14 conducting the competitive sourcing competitions and
15 staff work to prepare for competitions or to determine the
16 feasibility of starting competitions, including costs attrib-
17 utable to paying outside consultants and contractors and,
18 in accordance with full cost accounting principles, all costs
19 attributable to developing, implementing, supporting,
20 managing, monitoring, and reporting on competitive
21 sourcing, including personnel, consultant, travel, and
22 training costs associated with program management.

23 (e) In carrying out any competitive sourcing study
24 involving Department of the Interior employees, the Sec-
25 retary of the Interior shall—

1 (1) determine whether any of the employees
2 concerned are also qualified to participate in
3 wildland fire management activities; and

4 (2) take into consideration the effect that con-
5 tracting with a private sector source would have on
6 the ability of the Department of the Interior to ef-
7 fectively and efficiently fight and manage wildfires.

8 SEC. 416. Section 331 of the Department of the Inte-
9 rior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, re-
10 garding the pilot program to enhance Forest Service ad-
11 ministration of rights-of-way (as enacted into law by sec-
12 tion 1000(a)(3) of Public Law 106-113; 113 Stat.
13 1501A-196; 16 U.S.C. 497 note), as amended, is amend-
14 ed—

15 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “2006” and in-
16 serting “2012”; and

17 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “2006” and in-
18 serting “2012”.

19 SEC. 417. Section 321 of the Department of the Inte-
20 rior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003, re-
21 garding Forest Service cooperative agreements with third
22 parties that are of mutually significant benefit (division
23 F of Public Law 108-7; 117 Stat. 274; 16 U.S.C. 565a-
24 1 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2007” and
25 inserting “September 30, 2010”.