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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PETTERSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Mountain Pine Beetle
5 Coordination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS MOUN-**
2 **TAIN PINE BEETLE INFESTATIONS.**

3 (a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION.—
4 The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of
5 the Forest Service, may enter into a cooperative agree-
6 ment with a covered entity to provide for activities to sup-
7 port the detection, treatment, and mitigation of mountain
8 pine beetle infestations on lands subject to the jurisdiction
9 of the Secretary or such covered entity, which may include
10 the following:

- 11 (1) Coordinated monitoring and data sharing.
- 12 (2) Joint planning and implementation of
13 projects.
- 14 (3) Processing of and increased processing ca-
15 pacity for beetle-killed or beetle-infested trees.
- 16 (4) Hazard reduction in areas affected by
17 mountain pine beetle infestations.
- 18 (5) Other activities determined necessary by the
19 Secretary and such covered entity to reduce wildfire
20 risks associated with such infestations.

21 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Upon request of a
22 covered entity party to an agreement entered into under
23 subsection (a), the Administrator of the Animal and Plant
24 Health Inspection Service shall provide to such covered en-
25 tity technical assistance requested with respect to the

1 monitoring and management of mountain pine beetle in-
2 festations, including with respect to—

3 (1) detection;

4 (2) spread dynamics; and

5 (3) mitigation strategies.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
8 tity” means each of the following:

9 (A) The chief executive officer of a State.

10 (B) The chief executive officer of a polit-
11 ical subdivision of a State.

12 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
13 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
14 territory or possession of the United States, and
15 each federally recognized Indian Tribe.