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Repeal of Separate Forest Service Decision Process

This amendment will reinforce the U.S. Forest Service's categorical exclusion authorities for day-to-day, non-controversial management activities. The amendment is a response to a recent U.S. District Court injunction that would prohibit the entire Forest Service from categorical exclusions for such commonplace activities.

**AMENDMENT TO FARM BILL COMMITTEE PRINT,
H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8006. SEPARATE FOREST SERVICE DECISIONMAKING**
2 **AND APPEALS PROCESS.**

3 Section 322 of the Department of the Interior and
4 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law
5 102-381; 16 U.S.C. 1612 note) is repealed. Section 428
6 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012
7 (Public Law 112-74; 125 Stat. 1046; 16 U.S.C. 6515
8 note) shall not apply to any project or activity imple-
9 menting a land and resource management plan developed
10 under section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable
11 Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604) that
12 is categorically excluded from documentation in an envi-
13 ronmental assessment or an environmental impact state-
14 ment under the National Environmental Policy Act of
15 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

