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To restart jobs in the timber industry by providing for the protection of the Mexican Spotted Owl in sanctuaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pearce introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _______________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TIMBER ACTIVITY.

(a) PERMITS REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation (other than subsection (b)), the Secretary of Agriculture shall permit any person who applies to carry out a timber activity on National Forest System land to carry out such activity.
(b) Special Requirements for Clearcutting.—

If an application to carry out a timber activity on National Forest System land proposes the use of clearcutting, the Secretary shall not permit such activity unless the use of clearcutting complies with the Renewable Resource Program guidelines required by section 6(g)(3)(F) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604(g)(3)(F)).

(e) Spotted Owl Sanctuaries.—

(1) In General.—The Secretary shall establish and implement a program to preserve the Mexican Spotted Owl (Strix occidentalis lucida) in a sanctuary.

(2) Use of Existing Funds.—To carry out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use funds from the Chief’s Reserve Fund in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service.