# TITLE III - RELATED AGENCIES
# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
# FOREST SERVICE

## FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

The bill provides $292,805,000 for Forest and Rangeland Research. The Committees also provide the following directions:

The Forest Service is directed to continue research on white-nose syndrome in bats and to continue research on wolverines.

*Bighorn Sheep Research.*—The Forest Service is urged to collaborate with the Bureau of Land Management and the Agricultural Research Service on research involving the risk of disease transmission between domestic and bighorn sheep.

*Green Building and Wood Promotion.*—The Committees believe green building markets are a growing opportunity for American-grown wood, and urge the Forest Service to work through science and technology in the Forest Products Laboratory to further position wood as a green building material.

*Urban Forest Research.*—The Forest Service is encouraged to maintain a vibrant urban forest research program to assist urban communities in inventorying and assessing the changing conditions and health of urban forests and develop strategic plans to sustain these natural resources.

## STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

The bill provides $229,980,000 for State and Private Forestry. The Committees also provide the following directions:

*Landscape Scale Restoration.*—The Committees are supportive of this new line item and direct the Forest Service to provide a report on expected performance and accountability within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

*Forest Health Management.*—The Committees are supportive of the transfer of forest health line items, but expect the funding to be allocated in a manner similar to previous years.

*Forest Legacy.*—The bill provides $50,965,000 for the Forest Legacy program. This includes $6,400,000 for program administration and $44,565,000 for projects. The Service should fund projects in priority order according to the competitively selected national priority list submitted by the Forest Service to the Committees on August 12, 2013.