

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4200**OFFERED BY MS. HERSETH OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

Add at the end of title I the following new section:

1 **SEC. 109. STANDARDS FOR TREE RETENTION.**

2 (a) **SNAGS AND DOWNED WOOD.**—In planning or
3 conducting any catastrophic event recovery project or cat-
4 astrophic event research project, the Secretary concerned
5 shall ensure that—

6 (1) at a minimum, a distribution of standing
7 snags and downed wood of the oldest age class is re-
8 tained on site necessary to provide habitat for asso-
9 ciated species through various stages of forest devel-
10 opment and to provide a long-term nutrient source;
11 and

12 (2) within the oldest age class on site, priority
13 is given, to the extent practicable, to retaining the
14 more decay-resistant species.

15 (b) **EXCEPTION.**—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
16 the case of academic research, either by an accredited re-
17 search university or a Forest Service Research Station, or
18 when the applicable land and resource management plan
19 contains more restrictive guidelines for snags and downed
20 wood.



1 (c) PLAN AMENDMENT.—The Secretary concerned
2 may amend a land and resource management plan to in-
3 corporate snags and downed wood retention guidelines,
4 specific to forest type or plant association group.

