

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2406**

OFFERED BY MR. FLEMING OF LOUISIANA *AND*
MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS

At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **TITLE _____—HUNTING AND REC-**
2 **REATIONAL FISHING WITHIN**
3 **CERTAIN NATIONAL FORESTS**

4 **SEC. ____ 01. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) HUNTING.—The term “hunting” means use
7 of a firearm, bow, or other authorized means in the
8 lawful pursuit, shooting, capture, collection, trap-
9 ping, or killing of wildlife; attempt to pursue, shoot,
10 capture, collect, trap, or kill wildlife; or the training
11 and use of hunting dogs, including field trials.

12 (2) RECREATIONAL FISHING.—The term “rec-
13 reational fishing” means the lawful pursuit, capture,
14 collection, or killing of fish; or attempt to capture,
15 collect, or kill fish.

16 (3) FOREST PLAN.—The term “forest plan”
17 means a land and resource management plan pre-
18 pared by the Forest Service for a unit of the Na-
19 tional Forest System pursuant to section 6 of the

1 Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Plan-
2 ning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604).

3 (4) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
4 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
5 that term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
6 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
7 U.S.C. 1609(a))

8 **SEC. ____ 02. HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL FISHING WITH-**
9 **IN THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary
11 of Agriculture or Chief of the Forest Service may not es-
12 tablish policies, directives, or regulations that restrict the
13 type, season, or method of hunting or recreational fishing
14 on lands within the National Forest System that are oth-
15 erwise open to those activities and are consistent with the
16 applicable forest plan.

17 (b) PRIOR RESTRICTIONS VOID.—Any restrictions
18 imposed by the Secretary of Agriculture or Chief of the
19 Forest Service regarding the type, season, or method of
20 hunting or recreational fishing on lands within the Na-
21 tional Forest System that are otherwise open to those ac-
22 tivities in force on the date of the enactment of this Act
23 shall be void and have no force or effect.

24 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only to
25 the Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana,

the De Soto National Forest in the State of Mississippi;

1 and the Ozark National Forest, the St. Francis National
2 Forest and the Ouachita National Forest in the States
3 of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

4 (d) STATE AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section, sec-
5 tion 1 of the Act of June 4, 1897 (16 U.S.C. 551), or
6 section 32 of the Act of July 22, 1937 (7 U.S.C. 1011)
7 shall affect the authority of States to manage hunting or
8 recreational fishing on lands within the National Forest
9 System.

