

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3971  
OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following new text:

**1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Flatside Wilderness  
3 Additions Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO FLATSIDE WILDERNESS.**

5       Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984  
6 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by insert-  
7 ing “and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest,  
8 which comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally de-  
9 picted as ‘Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation’ on  
10 the map titled ‘Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition  
11 Designation’, dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.

**12 SEC. 3. FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.**

13       Nothing in this Act or the amendment made by sec-  
14 tion 2 shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-  
15 retary of Agriculture under section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-  
16 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), in accordance with exist-  
17 ing laws (including regulations).

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS ADDITION.**

2       The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkan-  
3 sas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat.  
4 2349), shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilder-  
5 ness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
6 paper, or other record of the United States to such portion  
7 of the Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a ref-  
8 erence to the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.

