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Page 409, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 1058. STUDY ON USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE NON-COMBAT MISSIONS.

(a) Study Required.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to support innovative non-combat missions. Such study may consider the use of such vehicles—

(1) for fire suppression, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior;

(2) to reforest lands damage by wildfires and at risk of mudslides, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior;

(3) to help monitor historical, cultural, and archeological sites in the United States and abroad, in coordination with the Secretary of State; and

(4) to conduct earth science missions, in coordination with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
(b) RESTRICTION.—The study required by subsection (a) may not include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to conduct surveillance of persons within the United States or of United States citizens.