

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4368, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MCCLINTOCK OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert
the following:

1 SUPPRESSION OF WILDFIRES

2 SEC. _____. (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to cov-
3 ered National Forest System lands, the Secretary of Agri-
4 culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service—

5 (1) shall—

6 (A) use all available resources to carry out
7 wildfire suppression with the purpose of extin-
8 guishing wildfires detected on such lands not
9 later than 24 hours after such a wildfire is de-
10 tected; and

11 (B) immediately suppress any prescribed
12 fire that exceeds prescription;

13 (2) shall not inhibit the suppression efforts of
14 State or local firefighting agencies that are author-
15 ized to respond to wildfire on such lands;

16 (3) may only use fire as a resource manage-
17 ment tool if the fire is a prescribed fire that com-
18 plies with applicable law and regulations;

1 (4) may only initiate a backfire or burnout dur-
2 ing a wildfire—

3 (A) by order of the responsible incident
4 commander; or

5 (B) in instances that are necessary to pro-
6 tect the health and safety of firefighting per-
7 sonnel; and

8 (5) shall use all available resources to control
9 any such initiated backfire or burnout until extin-
10 guished.

11 (b) COVERED NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS
12 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered National
13 Forest System lands” means any area—

14 (1) located within National Forest System
15 lands; and

16 (2) that—

17 (A) the U.S. Drought Monitor has rated as
18 having a D2 (severe drought) intensity, D3 (ex-
19 treme drought) intensity, or D4 (exceptional
20 drought) intensity;

21 (B) the National Interagency Fire Center
22 declares has a National Wildland Fire Pre-
23 paredness level of 5; or

24 (C) the Forest Service has identified as
25 being located in a fireshed ranked in the top 10

1 percent of wildfire exposure (as determined
2 using the most recently published models of
3 freshed risk exposure published by the Forest
4 Service).

