

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF MISSOURI

At the end of title II (page 26, after line 22), add the following new section:

1 SEC. 207. MORATORIUM ON USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE IN
2 MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST, MISSOURI,
3 PENDING REPORT.

4 (a) MORATORIUM.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b), the Secretary of Agriculture may not conduct any pre-
6 scribed fire in Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri,
7 under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration
8 Project until the report required by subsection (c) is sub-
9 mitted to Congress.

10 (b) EXCEPTION FOR WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—Sub-
11 section (a) does not prohibit the use of prescribed fire as
12 part of wildfire suppression activities.

13 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a report con-
16 taining an evaluation of recent and current Forest Service
17 management practices for Mark Twain National Forest,
18 including lands in the National Forest enrolled, or under

1 consideration for enrollment, in the Collaborative Forest
2 Landscape Restoration Project to convert certain lands
3 into shortleaf pine-oak woodlands, to determine the impact
4 of such management practices on forest health and tree
5 mortality. The report shall specifically address—

6 (1) the economic costs associated with the fail-
7 ure to utilize hardwoods cut as part of the Collabo-
8 rative Forest Landscape Restoration Project and the
9 subsequent loss of hardwood production from the
10 treated lands in the long term;

11 (2) the extent of increased tree mortality due to
12 excessive heat generated by prescribed fires;

13 (3) the impacts to water quality and rate of
14 water run off due to erosion of the scorched earth
15 left in the aftermath of the prescribed fires; and

16 (4) a long-term plan for evaluation of the im-
17 pacts of prescribed fires on lands previously burned
18 within the Eleven Point Ranger District.

