AMENDMENT TO H.R. 823, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TIPTON OF COLORADO

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 406. RELEASE OF NORTH SAND HILLS INSTANT STUDY AREA.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

(1) The Federal lands in the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area in Jackson County, Colorado, have been adequately studied for wilderness designation and for the purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).

(2) In 1980, the Bureau of Land Management found that the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area did not meet wilderness criteria.

(3) In 2011, the Bureau of Land Management Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council Resolution 2011–01 supported the release of the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area from further consideration of wilderness designation.

(b) RELEASE.—The Federal land in the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area—
(1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

(2) shall be managed according to the applicable land use plan adopted under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712).

SEC. 407. RELEASE OF CERTAIN WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.

(a) FINDING.—Each wilderness study area, or portion thereof described in subsection (b) is deemed to have been adequately studied for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782) and shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection (e) of such section.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the portion of land determined by the Bureau of Land Management to be unsuitable for wilderness designation in each of the following areas:

(1) The approximately 6,303 acres of land comprising the Weber Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

(2) The approximately 7,089 acres of land comprising the Menefee Mountain Wilderness Study Area.
(3) The approximately 8,960 acres of land comprising the Cahone Canyon Wilderness Study Area.

(4) The approximately 3,043 acres of land comprising Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Study Area that have been studied by the Bureau of Land Management and are not recommended for Wilderness Additions.

(5) The approximately 10,191 acres of land comprising Black Mountain Wilderness Study Area.