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To require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROUN of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. REHBERG, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. MATHESON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. HUNTING ON FEDERAL LAND.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-
3 quire that hunting activities be a land use in all manage-
4 ment plans for Federal land to the extent that such use
5 is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the
6 Federal land is managed.

7 (b) HUNTING ALLOWED UNLESS INCOMPATIBLE.—
8 When developing or considering approval of a manage-
9 ment plan (or any amendment to such a management
10 plan) for Federal land, the head of the agency with juris-
11 diction over such Federal land shall ensure that hunting
12 activities are allowed as a use of such Federal land to the
13 extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the
14 purposes for which the Federal land is managed.

15 (c) PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING HUNTING.—

16 (1) REASONS SET FORTH IN MANAGEMENT
17 PLAN.—If hunting activities are not allowed or are
18 restricted on Federal land, the head of the agency
19 with jurisdiction over such Federal land shall set
20 forth in the management plan for that Federal land
21 the specific reason that hunting activities are not al-
22 lowed or are restricted.

23 (2) RESTRICTION CLARIFIED.—For the pur-
24 poses of this subsection—

1 (A) allowing contract or quota thinning of
2 wildlife shall not constitute allowing unre-
3 stricted hunting; and

4 (B) a fee charged by any entity related to
5 hunting activities on Federal land that is in ex-
6 cess of that needed to recoup costs of manage-
7 ment of the Federal land shall be deemed to be
8 a restriction on hunting.

9 (d) FEES.—Fees charged related to hunting activities
10 on Federal land shall be—

11 (1) retained by the head of the agency with ju-
12 risdiction over such Federal land to offset costs di-
13 rectly related to management of hunting on the Fed-
14 eral land upon which hunting activities related to the
15 fee are conducted; and

16 (2) limited to what the Secretary reasonably es-
17 timates to be necessary to offset costs directly re-
18 lated to management of hunting on the Federal land
19 upon which hunting activities related to the fee are
20 conducted.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

22 (1) the term “Federal land” means Federal
23 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
24 Interior (excluding lands held in trust for an Indian
25 or an Indian tribe) or the Secretary of Agriculture;

1 (2) the term “hunting” means hunting, trap-
2 ping, netting, and fishing; and

3 (3) the term “management plan” means a man-
4 agement plan, management contract, or other com-
5 prehensive plan or agreement for the management or
6 use of Federal land.

7 (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to all
8 management plans developed, approved, or amended after
9 the date of the enactment of this section.

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