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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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Mr. BROUN of Georgia 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

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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—

12 (A) the State or local authority tasked
13 with managing the land to offset costs directly
14 related to management of hunting on the Fed-
15 eral land upon which hunting activities related
16 to the fee are conducted; or

17 (B) in any case where a State or local au-
18 thority described in subparagraph (A) does not
19 exist, the head of the agency with jurisdiction
20 over such Federal land to offset costs directly
21 related to management of hunting on the Fed-
22 eral land upon which hunting activities related
23 to the fee are conducted; and

24 (2) limited to what the Secretary reasonably es-
25 timates to be necessary to offset costs directly re-

1 lated to management of hunting on the Federal land
2 upon which hunting activities related to the fee are
3 conducted.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “Federal land” means Federal
6 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
7 Interior (excluding lands held in trust for an Indian
8 or an Indian tribe) or the Secretary of Agriculture;

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

11 (3) the term “management plan” means a man-
12 agement plan, management contract, or other com-
13 prehensive plan or agreement for the management or
14 use of Federal land.

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

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