

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5598
OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Boundary Waters Wil-
3 derness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS AND
5 WATERS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF MAP.—In this Act, the term
7 “Map” means the map prepared by the Forest Service en-
8 titled “Superior National Forest Mineral Withdrawal Ap-
9 plication Map” and dated December 5, 2016.

10 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Except as provided in subsection
11 (d) and subject to valid existing rights, the approximately
12 234,328 acres of Federal land and waters in the Rainy
13 River Watershed of the Superior National Forest in the
14 State of Minnesota, as located on the Map and described
15 in the Federal Register Notice of Application for With-
16 drawal, dated January 19, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 6639), are
17 hereby withdrawn from—

1 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
2 posal under the public land laws;

3 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4 laws; and

5 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
6 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

7 (c) ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land or interest in land
8 within the area depicted on the Map that is acquired by
9 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act
10 shall, on acquisition, be immediately withdrawn in accord-
11 ance with this section.

12 (d) REMOVAL OF SAND, GRAVEL, GRANITE, IRON
13 ORE, AND TACONITE.—The Chief of the Forest Service
14 is authorized to permit the removal of sand, gravel, gran-
15 ite, iron ore, and taconite from national forest system
16 lands within the area depicted on the Map if the Chief
17 determines that the removal is not detrimental to the
18 water quality, air quality, and health of the forest habitat
19 within the Rainy River Watershed.

20 (e) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be kept
21 on file and made available for public inspection in the ap-
22 propriate offices of the Forest Service and the Bureau of
23 Land Management.

