

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 10136
OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Crossett Experimental
3 Forest Act of 2026”.

4 SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF THE CROSSETT EXPERIMENTAL
5 FOREST.

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
9 Chief of the Forest Service.

10 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
11 of Arkansas.

12 (3) FOREST.—The term “Forest” means the
13 Crossett Experimental Forest, the R.R. Reynolds
14 Research Natural Area, and associated facilities,
15 generally depicted as “USDA Forest Service” on the
16 map entitled “Crossett Experimental Forest” and
17 dated May 1, 2026.

1 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-
2 tion, if the State submits to the Secretary a written re-
3 quest for conveyance of the Forest not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 shall convey to the State all right, title, and interest of
6 the United States in and to the Forest.

7 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
8 under subsection (b) shall be—

- 9 (1) subject to valid existing rights;
- 10 (2) made without consideration;
- 11 (3) made by quitclaim deed;
- 12 (4) subject to the requirements under sub-
13 section (f); and
- 14 (5) subject to such other terms and conditions
15 as the Secretary considers to be appropriate to pro-
16 tect the interests of the United States.

17 (d) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—Any costs relating to
18 the conveyance under subsection (b), including costs for
19 surveys and other administrative costs, shall be paid by
20 the State.

21 (e) MAP CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
22 State may, by mutual agreement—

- 23 (1) make minor boundary adjustments to the
24 Forest to be conveyed under subsection (b); and

1 (2) correct any minor errors in the map, an
2 acreage estimate, or the description of the Forest.

3 (f) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

4 (1) STATE FOREST DESIGNATION.—As a condi-
5 tion of conveyance, the State, upon conveyance, shall
6 designate the Forest as the “Crossett Experimental
7 State Forest” and manage and maintain the Forest
8 under such designation and in accordance with all
9 laws and regulations applicable to Arkansas State
10 forests, to the extent that such laws and regulations
11 do not conflict with the requirements of this section.

12 (2) USE.—The State shall use the conveyed
13 Forest—

14 (A) for forest research, education, and
15 demonstration purposes in a manner consistent
16 with the historic research mission of the Forest;
17 and

18 (B) in coordination with the University of
19 Arkansas at Monticello and the University of
20 Arkansas Division of Agriculture, including by
21 providing such entities with reasonable access
22 to the Forest for research and educational pur-
23 poses.

24 (3) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the Sec-
25 retary determines that the State has failed to man-

1 age and maintain the Forest in accordance with
2 paragraph (1) or use the Forest in accordance with
3 paragraph (2)—

4 (A) the Secretary shall issue to the State
5 written notice of the failure; and

6 (B) if the State does not correct the failure
7 within 180 days after receiving such written no-
8 tice, all right, title, and interest in and to the
9 Forest, or the portion of the Forest affected by
10 the failure, may, at the discretion of the Sec-
11 retary, revert to the United States.

12 (g) RESEARCH RECORDS AND DATA.—

13 (1) PROVISION OF RECORDS TO STATE.—Not
14 later than the date on which the Forest is conveyed
15 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall provide to
16 the State a complete copy, in the form maintained
17 by the Forest Service, of all study plans, plot data,
18 measurement histories, study archives, and associ-
19 ated documentation that is related to research con-
20 ducted at the Forest and in the custody or control
21 of the Forest Service.

22 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
23 subsection shall be construed to affect any require-

- 1 ment in chapter 21, 29, 31, or 33 of title 44, United
- 2 States Code, with respect to Federal records.

