

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 42

By: Corn of the Senate

and

5 Brannon of the House
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8 AS INTRODUCED
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10 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the limited
11 public consideration for the regulation of all-
12 terrain vehicles on forest lands; requesting
13 Congressional action to intervene; and directing
14 distribution.

15 WHEREAS, the Ouachita National Forest is a federally recognized
16 forest located within the State of Oklahoma and is subject to the
17 rules and regulations of the Forest Service of the United States
18 Department of Agriculture, along with all other federally recognized
19 forests; and

20 WHEREAS, the Forest Service has adopted regulations that will
21 change the policy regarding travel management of all-terrain
22 vehicles on National Forest System lands; and

23 WHEREAS, the new policy will strictly limit the all-terrain
24 vehicle use to the 40 miles of designated trails in the Ouachita
National Forest; and

1 WHEREAS, consideration for the proposed regulations on the all-
2 terrain vehicle use was opened for online public comment for in July
3 of 2004 for a period of 60 days. Upon completion of the 60-day
4 requirement, the regulations were approved by the Forest Service and
5 are scheduled to take effect for all forest lands in September of
6 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, officials with the Forest Service have since conducted
8 public meetings in the Ouachita National Forest area, not in an
9 effort to request input from the citizens in developing a policy
10 that incorporates their needs and current usage, but were held only
11 to inform the citizenry of what was adopted and to be enforced.

12 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
13 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the United States Congress make every effort to intervene
16 in the procedures to implement and enforce the new regulatory policy
17 of the Forest Service regarding all-terrain vehicle use scheduled to
18 take effect in September of 2008 by postponing the date on which the
19 regulations are to take effect.

20 THAT in postponing regulatory implementation, a directive be
21 submitted to the Forest Service of the United States Department of
22 Agriculture that consideration of a regulatory policy for travel
23 management on National Forest System lands be revisited and a more
24 thorough process for utilizing public input be devised.

1 THAT the Forest Service in finalizing a new regulatory policy
2 also incorporate more generous usage for the disabled, veterans, and
3 licensed hunters for all forest lands.

4 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President
5 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
6 States House of Representatives, and the Oklahoma Congressional
7 Delegation.

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