

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **First Extraordinary Session, 1992**
4 **By: Senators Hardin, Gordon, Fitch, and C. Bell**

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INITIATE
9 AND SUPPORT APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REMOVE UNREASONABLE AND
10 UNNECESSARY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
11 EXISTING LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE OZARK,
12 ST. FRANCIS, AND OUACHITA NATIONAL FORESTS.

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14 WHEREAS, national forest lands constitute almost fourteen percent of the
15 woodland acreage in Arkansas; and

16 WHEREAS, the economic well being of the state is dependent on timber
17 related industries and those industries are dependent on a dependable and
18 stable supply of fairly priced sawtimber and roundwood from the national
19 forest lands; and

20 WHEREAS, national forest timber sales in Arkansas have fallen sharply in
21 recent years due largely to pending litigation concerning various
22 environmental issues; and

23 WHEREAS, many jobs and millions of dollars in local income have been
24 lost as a result of the reduction in the amount of national forest timber
25 harvested in recent years; and

26 WHEREAS, the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Ozark National
27 Forest, the St. Francis National Forest and the Ouachita National Forest were
28 developed by teams of agency professionals at great public expense and
29 establish a desirable level of harvesting national forest timber, and such
30 plans should be fully implemented,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
35 SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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The Arkansas Senate hereby urges Senator Dale Bumpers, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests, to initiate appropriate measures to assure the full implementation of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests and the Ouachita National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans, and further urges the full Arkansas Congressional Delegation to support such measures. This Resolution is not intended to encourage or support the reopening of the existing plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas Senate hereby encourages implementation of the existing land management plan and supports reforms that would discourage unnecessary and multiple appeals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy hereof to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

