Public Law 100-633
100th Congress

An Act

Nov. 7, 1988
[S. 850]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Rio Chama River in New Mexico as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF RIO CHAMA RIVER.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end:

"( ) RIO CHAMA, NEW MEXICO.—The segment extending from El Vado Ranch launch site (immediately south of El Vado Dam) downstream approximately 24.6 miles to elevation 6,353 feet above mean sea level; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior. For purposes of compliance with the planning requirements of subsection (d), the Cooperative Management Plan for the river prepared by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior may be revised and amended to the extent necessary to conform to the provisions of this Act. The segment of the Rio Chama beginning at the El Vado Ranch launch site downstream to the beginning of Forest Service Road 151 shall be administered as a wild river and the segment downstream from the beginning of Forest Service Road 151 to elevation 6,353 feet shall be administered as a scenic river.".

SEC. 2. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN SEGMENT OF RIO CHAMA.

The protections afforded under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act for rivers listed in section 5(a) for study for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system shall, until Congress determines otherwise, apply to the segment of the Rio Chama from the point at elevation 6,353 feet above mean sea level to the point approximately 4.0 miles downstream at elevation 6,283.5 feet above mean sea level: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act or the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act shall interfere with the Secretary of the Army's operation and management of Abiquiu Dam for purposes authorized by section 5 of Public Law 97-140 or otherwise authorized prior to December 31, 1988.

SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT OF OTHER RIVER SEGMENT AND FOREST SERVICE LANDS.

(a) The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, shall jointly manage the segment of the Rio Chama River in New Mexico from elevation 6,283.5 feet above mean sea level downstream to elevation 6,235 feet above mean sea level. Such management shall be pursuant to—

(1) the Preferred Alternative for the proposed Santa Fe National Forest Plan (dated January 1986);

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(2) the "Interim Rio Chama River Management Plan", dated May 1986 (as that plan may be revised in the "Final Rio Chama River Management Plan"); and

(3) shall be consistent with the operation of Abiquiu Dam for purposes authorized by section 5 of Public Law 97-140 or otherwise authorized prior to December 31, 1988.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall not acquire, except by consent of owner, any interests in the Jolly-Chama Canyon Subdivision: *Provided,* That such subdivision lands are maintained in single unit private residential use.

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