Public Law 91-425

AN ACT

September 26, 1970
[S. 2208]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility and desirability of a national lakeshore on Lake Tahoe in the States of Nevada and California, and for other purposes.

Lake Tahoe, Nev.-Calif. Lakeshore feasibility study.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to consider preserving appropriate segments of the lakeshore of Lake Tahoe and adjoining lands and waters in their natural condition for public outdoor recreation, the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall study, investigate, and formulate recommendations on the feasibility and desirability of establishing such areas as a national lakeshore. The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture; the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army; and any other interested Federal agencies, as well as the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and other State and local bodies and officials involved; and shall coordinate the study with applicable outdoor recreation plans, pollution control plans, highway plans, and other planning activities relating to the Lake Tahoe Basin. Federal departments and agencies are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Secretary and, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such statistics, data, reports, and other material as the Secretary may deem necessary for purposes of the study.

Report to President and Congress.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall submit to the President and the Congress of the United States, within one year after the date of this Act, a report of his findings and recommendations. The report of the Secretary shall contain, but not be limited to, findings with respect to—

(a) the scenic, scientific, historic, outdoor recreation, and natural values of the water, lakeshore, and related upland resources involved, including their use for driving for pleasure, walking, hiking, riding, bicycling, boating, swimming, picnicking, camping, forest management, fish and wildlife management, scenic and historic site preservation, hunting, fishing, and winter sports;

(b) the potential alternative beneficial uses of the water, lakeshore, and related upland resources involved, taking into consideration appropriate uses of the land for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and transportation purposes, and for public services;

(c) the type of Federal, State, and local programs that are feasible and desirable in the public interest to preserve, develop, and make accessible for public use the values identified;

(d) the relationship of any recommended national lakeshore to existing or proposed Federal, State, and local programs to manage in the public interest the natural resources of the entire Lake Tahoe Basin; and

(e) alternative means of restoring and preserving the values inherent in the area under present ownership patterns.

SEC. 3. Pending submission of the report of the Secretary to the Congress, the heads of Federal agencies having administrative jurisdiction over the Federal lands within the area referred to in section 1 of this Act shall, consistent with the purposes for which the lands were acquired or set aside by the United States and to the extent authorized by law, encourage and provide maximum opportunities for the types of recreation use of such lands referred to in section 2(a) of this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated not more than $50,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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