Public Law 92-537

AN ACT

October 23, 1972
[S. 141]

To establish the Fossil Butte National Monument in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyo. Establishment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to preserve for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations outstanding paleontological sites and related geological phenomena, and to provide for the display and interpretation of scientific specimens, the Fossil Butte National Monument (hereinafter referred to as the "monument") is hereby established, to consist of lands, waters, and interests therein within the boundaries as generally depicted on the drawing entitled "A Proposed Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming," Numbered FBNM–7200, dated April 1963, revised July 1964, and totaling approximately eight thousand one hundred and eighty acres. The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") may revise the boundaries of the monument from time to time by publication of a notice to that effect in the Federal Register, except that at no time shall the boundaries encompass more than eight thousand two hundred acres.

Notice of boundary revisions, publication in Federal Register.

Administration.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall administer the monument pursuant to the Act approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4), as amended and supplemented.

Land acquisition.

SEC. 3. Within the boundaries of the monument the Secretary may acquire lands and interests in lands by donation, purchase, or exchange, except that lands or interests therein owned by the State of Wyoming or a political subdivision thereof may be acquired only by donation or exchange.

Stock grazing and watering.

SEC. 4. (a) For a period of ten years, and for not more than ten years thereafter if extended by the Secretary, the continuation of existing uses of Federal lands and waters within the monument for grazing and stock watering may be permitted if the Secretary finds that such uses will not conflict with public use, interpretation, or administration of the monument: *Provided*, That the use of lands within the monument for stock driveways shall continue in perpetuity at such places where this use will not conflict with administration of the monument.

Water surplus, disposition.

(b) Upon termination of the uses set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide for the disposition and use of water surplus to the needs of the monument, to a point or points outside the boundaries of the monument.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated $378,000 for land acquisition and not to exceed $4,469,000 (June 1971 prices) for development, plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indices applicable to the type of construction involved herein.

Approved October 23, 1972.

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