Public Law 95-614
95th Congress

An Act

To amend the boundary of the Cibola National Forest, designate an intended wilderness area, and for other purposes.

Nov. 8, 1978
[S. 553]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the exterior boundary of the Cibola National Forest in New Mexico be modified to include the following described lands:

Cibola National Forest, N. Mex. Boundary extension.

A tract of land containing that part of the land described in the Elena Gallegos Grant, illustrated on maps on file with the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, lying east of a line described as beginning at the closing corner between sections 35 and 36 of township 11 north, range 4 east on the south boundary of said grant and extending north 2,700 feet; thence east 1,515 feet; thence north 1,260 feet; thence east 755 feet; thence north 11,386 feet; thence south 89 degrees 56 minutes 15 seconds west, 2,286.41 feet; thence north 0 degrees 3 minutes 45 seconds west, 4,164.89 feet to the closing corner between sections 13 and 14 on the north boundary of said grant of said township; thence south 81 degrees 30 minutes east, 2,316.42 feet along the boundary of said grant to a point on the north boundary of said grant, which point lies north 81 degrees 30 minutes west, approximately 150 feet from the 7½-mile corner of said grant; consisting of 7,461.34 acres, more or less: *Provided*, *however*, That the tract of land described in this section shall not be included within the Cibola National Forest until the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has acquired a tract of land containing approximately 640 acres located immediately to the west of such tract for open space or city park use.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of section 7 of the Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 903, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 460l-9) the boundary of the Cibola National Forest, as modified by section 1 of this Act, shall be treated as if it were the boundary of that Forest on January 1, 1965.

16 USC 460*l*-9.

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SEC. 3. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, lands owned by the United States in the tracts of land described in section 1 are hereby added to the Cibola National Forest and shall be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

(b) Land acquired by the Secretary of the Interior within the boundaries of Cibola National Forest as extended by this Act shall be transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture, shall be added to the Cibola National Forest, and shall be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 4. Effective October 1, 1979, there are authorized to be appropriated not more than $12,000,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition of lands added to the Cibola National Forest by section 1 of this Act.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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