Public Law 98-568
98th Congress

An Act

Oct. 30, 1984
[H.R. 2645]

To amend the Act of August 15, 1978, regarding the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 101 of the Act of August 15, 1978, entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes" (Public Law 95-344; 16 U.S.C. 460ii) is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: "For purposes of facilitating Federal technical and other support to State and local governments to assist State and local efforts to protect the scenic, recreational, and natural values of a 2,000 foot wide corridor adjacent to each bank of the Chattahoochee River and its impoundments in the 48-mile segment referred to above, such corridor is hereby declared to be an area of national concern.".

16 USC 460ii.

(b) Section 101 of such Act is amended—

(1) by striking out "numbered CHAT-20,000, and dated July 1976" and substituting "numbered CHAT-20,003, and dated September 1984"; and

(2) by striking out "six thousand three hundred acres" and substituting "approximately 6,800 acres".

16 USC 460ii-1.

(c) Section 102 of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

Public lands.

"(f)(1) The Secretary shall exchange those federally owned lands identified on the map referenced in section 101 of this Act as 'exchange lands' for non-Federal lands which are within the boundaries of the recreation area. The values of the lands exchanged under this subsection shall be equal, or shall be equalized in the same manner as provided in section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Federal Register, publication. Report.

"(2) At three year intervals after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a progress report on the land exchanges which have taken place and the exchanges which are likely to take place under the authority of this subsection. Such report shall identify the lands which are unsuitable for exchange pursuant to such authority.

Termination.

"(3) Effective on the date ten years after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the exchange authority of paragraph (1) shall terminate. The exchange lands identified under paragraph (1) which have not been exchanged prior to such date shall be retained in Federal ownership as a part of the recreation area.

"(4) The Secretary shall publish a revision of the boundary map referred to in section 101 to exclude from the boundaries of the recreation area any exchange lands which are used to acquire non-Federal lands under paragraph (3).".

16 USC 460ii-3.

(d) Section 104 of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

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"(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other authority of law, any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of the State of Georgia, or any other entity which may construct any project recommended in the study entitled 'Metropolitan Atlanta Water Resources Management Study, Georgia: Report of Chief of Engineers,' dated June 1, 1982, which directly adversely impacts any lands within the authorized recreation boundaries of the Bowman's Island tract as shown on the map numbered and dated CHAT-20,003, September 1984, which were in Federal ownership as of September 1, 1984, shall, upon request by the Secretary, mitigate such adverse impacts. It is expressly provided that use of or adverse impact upon any other lands within the recreation area as result of any such project shall not require mitigation. Mitigation required by this paragraph shall be provided by payment to the United States of a sum not to exceed $3,200,000. The mitigation funds paid pursuant to this paragraph shall be utilized by the Secretary for the acquisition of replacement lands. Such replacement lands shall be acquired only after consultation with the Governor of Georgia. Public lands.

"(2) In acquiring replacement lands under paragraph (1) priority shall be given to acquisition of lands within the recreation area boundary and those lands within or adjacent to the 2,000 foot wide corridor referred to in section 101. Any lands acquired pursuant to this subsection lying outside the boundaries of the recreation area shall, upon acquisition, be included within the recreation area and transferred to the Secretary for management under this Act. The Secretary shall publish a revised boundary map to include any lands added to the recreation area pursuant to this subsection.

"(3) If lands as described in paragraph (2) are not available for acquisition, other lands within the State of Georgia may be acquired as replacement lands under paragraph (1) if such lands are transferred to the State of Georgia for permanent management for public outdoor recreation.".

(e)(1) Section 105(a) of such Act is amended by striking out "$72,900,000" and substituting "$79,400,000" and by adding the following at the end thereof: "For purposes of section 7(a)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9(a)(3)), the statutory ceiling on appropriations under this subsection shall be deemed to be a statutory ceiling contained in a provision of law enacted prior to the convening of the Ninety-sixth Congress.". 16 USC 460ii-4.

(2) Section 105(c) of such Act is amended by striking out "three years" and substituting "seven years".

(3) Section 105 of such Act is further amended by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof:

"(d)(1) Whenever any Federal department, agency, or instrumentality proposes to undertake any action, or provide Federal assistance for any action, or issue any license or permit for an action within the corridor referred to in section 101 which may have a direct and adverse effect on the natural or cultural resources of the recreation area, the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality shall—

"(A) promptly notify the Secretary of the action at the time it is planning the action, preparing an environmental assessment regarding the action, or preparing an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for the action; 42 USC 4321 note.

"(B) provide the Secretary a reasonable opportunity to comment and make recommendations regarding the effect of the

Federal action on the natural and cultural resources of the recreation area; and

"(C) notify the Secretary of the specific decisions made in respect to the comments and recommendations of the Secretary.

The requirements of this subsection shall be carried out in accordance with procedures established by the Federal agency responsible for undertaking or approving the Federal action. These procedures may utilize the procedures developed by such Agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

42 USC 4321 note.

"(2) Following receipt of notification pursuant to paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary, after consultation with the Governor of Georgia, shall make such comments and recommendations as the Secretary deems appropriate pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) as promptly as practicable in accordance with the notifying agency's procedures established pursuant to paragraph (1)(A). In any instance in which the Secretary does not provide comments and recommendations under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall notify in writing, the appropriate committees of Congress.

"(3) Following receipt of the notifying agency's decisions pursuant to paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress, including the authorizing committees with primary jurisdiction for the program under which the proposed action is being taken, a copy of the notifying agency's specific decisions made pursuant to paragraph (1)(C), along with a copy of the comments and recommendations made pursuant to paragraph (1)(B).

"(4) In any instance in which the Secretary has not been notified of a Federal agency's proposed action within the corridor, and on his or her own determination finds that such action may have a significant adverse effect on the natural or cultural resources of the recreation area, the Secretary shall notify the head of such Federal agency in writing. Upon such notification by the Secretary, such agency shall promptly comply with the provisions of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

"(5) Each agency or instrumentality of the United States conducting Federal action upon federally owned lands or waters which are administered by the Secretary and which are located within the authorized boundary of the recreation area shall not commence such action until such time as the Secretary has concurred in such action.

"(6) The following Federal actions which constitute a major and necessary component of an emergency action shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection—

"(A) those necessary for safeguarding of life and property;

"(B) those necessary to respond to a declared state of disaster;

"(C) those necessary to respond to an imminent threat to national security; and

"(D) those that the Secretary has determined to be not inconsistent with the general management plan for the recreation area.

Actions which are part of a project recommended in the study entitled 'Metropolitan Atlanta Water Resources Management Study, Georgia: Report of Chief of Engineers', dated June 1, 1982, and any Federal action which pertains to the control of air space, which is regulated under the Clean Air Act, or which is required for maintenance or rehabilitation of existing structures or facilities shall also be exempt from the provisions of this subsection.".

(f) Title I of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"SEC. 106. (a) There is hereby established the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Advisory Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the 'Advisory Commission') to advise the Secretary regarding the management and operation of the area, protection of resources with the recreation area, and the priority of lands to be acquired within the recreation area. The Advisory Commission shall be composed of the following thirteen voting members appointed by the Secretary:

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, establishment. 16 USC 460ii-5.

"(1) four members appointed from among individuals recommended by local governments—

"(A) one of whom shall be recommended by the Board of County Commissioners of Forsyth County;

"(B) one of whom shall be recommended by the Board of County Commissioners of Fulton County;

"(C) one of whom shall be recommended by the Board of County Commissioners of Cobb County; and

"(D) one of whom shall be recommended by the Board of County Commissioners of Gwinnett County;

"(2) one member appointed from among individuals recommended by the Governor of Georgia;

"(3) one member appointed from among individuals recommended by the Atlanta Regional Commission;

"(4) four members appointed from among individuals recommended by a coalition of citizens public interest groups, recreational users, and environmental organizations concerned with the protection and preservation of the Chattahoochee River;

"(5) one member appointed from among individuals recommended by the Business Council of Georgia or by a local chamber of commerce in the vicinity of the recreation area; and

"(6) two members who represent the general public, at least one of whom shall be a resident of one of the counties referred to in paragraph (1).

In addition, the Park Superintendent for the recreation area shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Advisory Commission. The Advisory Commission shall designate one of its members as Chairman.

"(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), members of the Advisory Commission shall serve for terms of three years. Any voting member of the Advisory Commission may be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

"(2) The members first appointed under paragraph (1) shall serve for a term of one year. The members first appointed under paragraphs (2), (3), (5), and (6) shall serve for a term of two years.

"(c) The Advisory Commission shall meet on a regular basis. Notice of meetings and agenda shall be published in local newspapers which have a distribution which generally covers the area affected by the park. Commission meetings shall be held at locations and in such a manner as to insure adequate public involvement.

"(d) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation as such, but the Secretary may pay expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act on vouchers signed by the Chairman.

"(e) The Advisory Commission shall terminate on the date ten years after the date of the enactment of this subsection.".

Effective date.
16 USC 460ii note.

SEC. 2. Any provision of any amendment made by this Act which, directly or indirectly, authorizes the enactment of new budget authority described in section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall be effective only for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1984.

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