CHAPTER 3203—MONUMENTS, RUINS, SITES, AND OBJECTS OF ANTIQUITY

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§ 320301. National monuments

(a) PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION.—The President may, in the President’s discretion, declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments.

(b) RESERVATION OF LAND.—The President may reserve parcels of land as a part of the national monuments. The limits of the parcels shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

(c) RELINQUISHMENT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—When an object is situated on a parcel covered by a bona fide unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the parcel, or so much of the parcel as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Federal Government and the Secretary may accept the relinquishment of the parcel on behalf of the Federal Government.

(d) LIMITATION ON EXTENSION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN WYOMING.—No extension or establishment of national monuments in Wyoming may be undertaken except by express authorization of Congress.


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In subsection (c), the word “parcel” is substituted for “tract” for consistency in this section.

In subsection (d), the word “further” is omitted as obsolete.

National Monuments Established Under Presidential Proclamation


Lehman Caves National Monument, Nevada [Monument abolished and lands incorporated in, and funds made available for, Great Basin National Park, see section 410mm(d) of Title 16, Conservation].—Proc. No. 1618, Jan. 24, 1922, 42 Stat. 2290.


MISSISSIPPIAN NATIONAL MONUMENTS


Lincoln Museum National Memorial, District of Columbia.—Act Apr. 7, 1866, ch. 23, § 1, 14 Stat. 23.


NATIONAL MEMORIAL.—Continued


GRANTS FOR 9/11 MEMORIALS

Pub. L. 115–413, Jan. 3, 2019, 132 Stat. 5427, provided for competitive grants for the design, construction, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to be used by eligible 501(c)(3) organizations in existence on Jan. 3, 2019, including criteria for awards. Requirements for free admission to facilities and allowance of Federal audits of financial statements, and reporting requirements.

ALBERT EINSTEIN MEMORIAL

Pub. L. 95–625, title VI, § 612, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3521, as amended by Pub. L. 96–87, title IV, § 801(c), Oct. 12, 1979, 93 Stat. 666, authorized conveyance of property to National Academy of Sciences for erection and maintenance of a Memorial to Albert Einstein on south side of Square Numbered 88 between 21st Street, 22d Street, and Constitution Avenue, District of Columbia, with reverter of title when no longer used for memorial purposes or public access is restricted.

§ 320302. Permits

(a) AUTHORITY TO GRANT PERMIT.—The Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary of the Army may grant a permit for the examination of ruins, the excavation of archeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity on land under their respective jurisdiction, to an institution that the Secretary concerned considers properly qualified to conduct the examination, excavation, or gathering, subject to such regulations as the Secretary concerned may prescribe.

(b) PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION, EXCAVATION, OR GATHERING.—A permit may be granted only if—

(1) the examination, excavation, or gathering is undertaken for the benefit of a reputable museum, university, college, or other recognized scientific or educational institution, with a view to increasing the knowledge of the objects; and

(2) the gathering shall be made for permanent preservation in a public museum.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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In subsection (a), section 205(a) of the National Security Act of 1947 (ch. 343, 61 Stat. 501) was repealed by section 53 of the Act of August 10, 1956 (ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 676). Section 1 of the Act of August 10, 1956 (70A Stat. 1), enacted Title 10, "Armed Forces", and under sections 3010 to 3013 of title 10, the Department of the Army remains under the administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Army.

§ 320303. Regulations

The Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Army shall make and