

Public Law 88-607

AN ACT

September 19, 1964
[H. R. 5159]

To authorize and direct that certain lands exclusively administered by the Secretary of the Interior be classified in order to provide for their disposal or interim management under principles of multiple use and to produce a sustained yield of products and services, and for other purposes.

Public land disposal.
Interior Secretary, authority.
Ante, p. 982.

Promulgation of regulations.

Publication in Federal Register.

Classification of lands for disposal or retention.

Publication in Federal Register.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, consistent with and supplemental to the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934, as amended (48 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315), and pending the implementation of recommendations to be made by the Public Land Law Review Commission—

(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall develop and promulgate regulations containing criteria by which he will determine which of the public lands and other Federal lands, including those situated in the State of Alaska exclusively administered by him through the Bureau of Land Management shall be (a) disposed of because they are (1) required for the orderly growth and development of a community or (2) are chiefly valuable for residential, commercial, agricultural (exclusive of lands chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops), industrial, or public uses or development or (b) retained, at least during this period, in Federal ownership and managed for (1) domestic livestock grazing, (2) fish and wildlife development and utilization, (3) industrial development, (4) mineral production, (5) occupancy, (6) outdoor recreation, (7) timber production, (8) watershed protection, (9) wilderness preservation, or (10) preservation of public values that would be lost if the land passed from Federal ownership. No such regulation shall become effective until the expiration of at least thirty days after the Secretary or his designee has held a public hearing thereon. Before such public hearing is held, a notice of at least thirty days shall have been given through publication in the Federal Register and notification to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, both of whom shall receive with the notice a copy of the proposed regulation.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior shall, as soon as possible, review the public lands as defined herein, in the light of the criteria contained in the regulations issued with this section to determine which lands shall be classified as suitable for disposal and which lands he considers to contain such values as to make them more suitable for retention in Federal ownership for interim management under the principles enunciated in this section. In making his determinations the Secretary shall give due consideration to all pertinent factors, including, but not limited to, ecology, priorities of use, and the relative values of the various resources in particular areas.

(1) None of the land subject to this Act shall be given a designation or classification unless such designation or classification is authorized by statute or defined in regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. At least sixty days prior to taking the following action the Secretary of the Interior or his designee shall give such public notice of the proposed action as he deems appropriate, including publication in the Federal Register and in a newspaper having general circulation in the area or areas in the vicinity of the affected land:

(a) Classification for sale or other disposal under any statute of a tract of land in excess of two thousand five hundred and sixty acres.

(b) Classification for management by the Bureau of Land Management of an area in excess of two thousand five hundred and sixty acres

when the action will exclude from the area permanently, or for a substantial period of time, one or more uses enumerated in section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall develop and administer for multiple use and sustained yield of the several products and services obtainable therefrom those public lands that are determined to be suitable for interim management in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 4. Publication of notice in the Federal Register by the Secretary of the Interior of a proposed classification under this Act shall have the effect of segregating such land from settlement, location, sale, selection, entry, lease, or other formal disposal under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, except to the extent that the proposed classification or subsequent notification thereof specifies that the land shall remain open for one or more of such forms of disposal under the public land laws. The segregative effect of such proposed classification shall continue for a period of two years from the date of publication unless classification has theretofore been completed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations to be promulgated hereunder, or unless the Secretary of the Interior shall terminate it sooner. Lands classified for sale or other disposal shall be offered for sale or such other disposal within two years of the date of publication of the proposed classification and if not so offered for sale or other disposal the segregative effect shall cease at the expiration of two years from the date of publication. The proposed classification or proposed sale or other disposal may be continued beyond the two-year period if notice of such proposed continuance, including a statement of necessity for continued segregation, is submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and published in the Federal Register not more than ninety days nor less than thirty days prior to the expiration of the two-year period specified herein; and thereupon the segregative effect shall be extended for such additional period as is specified in the notice, not exceeding two years, unless Congress or the Secretary of the Interior terminates the segregation at any earlier date.

Exemption of
lands from other
forms of disposal.

SEC. 5. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Definitions.

(a) The term "public lands" means any lands (1) withdrawn or reserved by Executive Order Numbered 6910 of November 26, 1934, as amended, or 6964 of February 5, 1935, as amended, or (2) within a grazing district established pursuant to the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended, or (3) located in the State of Alaska, which are not otherwise withdrawn or reserved for a Federal use or purpose.

43 USC 315
et seq.

(b) "Multiple use" means the management of the various surface and subsurface resources so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the American people; the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources or related services over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; the use of some land for less than all of the resources; and harmonious and coordinated management of the various resources, each with the other, without impairment of the productivity of the land, with consideration being given to the relative values of the various resources, and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest dollar return or the greatest unit output.

(c) "Sustained yield of the several products and services" means the achievement and maintenance of a high-level annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources of land without impairment of the productivity of the land.

SEC. 6. The purposes of this Act are declared to be supplemental to the purposes for which any of the Federal lands in section 1 of this Act have been designated, acquired, withdrawn, reserved, held, or administered. This Act shall not be construed as a repeal, in whole or in part, of any existing law, including, but not limited to, the mining and mineral leasing laws.

SEC. 7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as—

(a) Restricting prospecting, locating, developing, mining, entering, leasing, or patenting the mineral resources of the lands to which this Act applies under law applicable thereto pending action inconsistent therewith under this Act.

(b) Restricting the entry and settlement of lands open to entry and settlement under the public land laws pending action inconsistent therewith under this Act.

(c) Restricting the Secretary of the Interior from disposing of lands under applicable statutes after the land has been classified in accordance with this Act.

(d) Affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the several States with respect to the lands referred to herein.

SEC. 8. The authorizations and requirements of this Act shall expire June 30, 1969, except that the segregation prior to June 30, 1969, of any public lands from settlement, location, sale, selection, entry, lease, or other form of disposal under the public land laws shall continue for the period of time allowed by this Act.

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Public Law 88-608

AN ACT

To provide temporary authority for the sale of certain public lands.

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Public lands
disposal.
Authority of
Interior Secretary.
Ante, p. 982.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That pending the implementation of recommendations to be made by the Public Land Law Review Commission, in addition to any other authority that he may have, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to dispose of public lands that have been classified for disposal in accordance with a determination that (a) the lands are required for the orderly growth and development of a community or (b) the lands are chiefly valuable for residential, commercial, agricultural (exclusive of lands chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops), industrial, or public uses or development. Such disposals shall be in tracts not exceeding five thousand one hundred and twenty acres each to qualified governmental agencies at the appraised fair market value thereof as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or to qualified individuals through competitive bidding at not less than the appraised fair market value as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. At least ninety days prior to offering lands for sale in accordance with this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall notify the head of the governing body of the political subdivision of the State having jurisdiction over zoning in the geographic area within which the lands are located or, in the absence of such political subdivision, the Governor of the State, in order to afford the appropriate body with the opportunity of zoning for the use of the land in accordance with local

Notification to
local zoning
authority.