

(c) Use of Federal facilities, equipment, tools, and technical assistance

The appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency may utilize and make available Federal facilities, equipment, tools, and technical assistance to volunteers and volunteer organizations, subject to such limitations and restrictions as the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency deems necessary or desirable.

(Pub. L. 90-543, §11, as added Pub. L. 98-11, title II, §210, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 49; amended Pub. L. 113-287, §5(d)(27), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Volunteers in the Forests Act of 1972, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), probably means the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-300, May 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 147, which was classified generally to former sections 558a to 558d of this title, prior to being amended generally and renamed the Volunteers in the National Forests and Public Lands Act by Pub. L. 118-234, title III, §341, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2913. Section 342 of Pub. L. 118-234, set out as a note under section 558a of this title, provides that a reference in any law to the Volunteers in National Forests Act of 1972 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Volunteers in the National Forests and Public Lands Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 558a of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “section 102301 of title 54” for “the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969” and “200305 of title 54” for “section 4607-8 of this title”.

§ 1251. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term “high potential historic sites” means those historic sites related to the route, or sites in close proximity thereto, which provide opportunity to interpret the historic significance of the trail during the period of its major use. Criteria for consideration as high potential sites include historic significance, presence of visible historic remnants, scenic quality, and relative freedom from intrusion.

(2) The term “high potential route segments” means those segments of a trail which would afford high quality recreation experience in a portion of the route having greater than average scenic values or affording an opportunity to vicariously share the experience of the original users of a historic route.

(3) The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(4) The term “without expense to the United States” means that no funds may be expended by Federal agencies for the development of trail related facilities or for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands outside the exterior boundaries of Federal areas. For the purposes

of the preceding sentence, amounts made available to any State or political subdivision under chapter 2003 of title 54 or any other provision of law shall not be treated as an expense to the United States.

(Pub. L. 90-543, §12, as added Pub. L. 98-11, title II, §210, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 50; amended Pub. L. 113-287, §5(d)(28), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267.)

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AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (4). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “chapter 2003 of title 54” for “the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965”.

Executive Documents

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

CHAPTER 27A—NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUND

Sec.

1261. Repealed.

1262. National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

§ 1261. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1112(c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 151

Section, Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1302, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2064; Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §337(a)-(d), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 602, 603; Pub. L. 104-88, title IV, §405(a)(5), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 957, related to national recreational trails funding program.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1301, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2064, provided that: “This part [part B (§§1301-1303) of title I of Pub. L. 102-240, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Symms National Recreational Trails Act of 1991.’”

§ 1262. National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee

(a) Establishment

There is established the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

(b) Members

There shall be 12 members of the advisory committee, consisting of—

(1) 8 members appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by recreational trail user organizations, one each representing the following recreational trail uses:

- (A) hiking,
- (B) cross-country skiing,
- (C) off-highway motorcycling,
- (D) snowmobiling,
- (E) horseback riding,
- (F) all-terrain vehicle riding,
- (G) bicycling, and
- (H) four-wheel driving;

(2) 1 member appointed by the Secretary representing individuals with disabilities;

(3) an appropriate official of government with a background in science or natural resources management, including any official of State or local government, designated by the Secretary;

(4) 1 member appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by water trail user organizations; and

(5) 1 member appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by hunting and fishing enthusiast organizations.

(c) Chairman

The Chair of the advisory committee shall be the government official referenced in subsection (b)(3), who shall serve as a non-voting member.

(d) Support for committee action

Any action, recommendation, or policy of the advisory committee must be supported by at least five of the members appointed under subsection (b)(1).

(e) Terms

Members of the advisory committee appointed by the Secretary shall be appointed for terms of three years, except that the members filling five of the eleven positions shall be initially appointed for terms of two years, with subsequent appointments to those positions extending for terms of three years.

(f) Duties

The advisory committee shall meet at least twice annually to—

(1) review utilization of allocated moneys by States;

(2) establish and review criteria for trail-side and trail-head facilities that qualify for funding under this chapter; and

(3) make recommendations to the Secretary for changes in Federal policy to advance the purposes of this chapter.

(g) Annual report

The advisory committee shall present to the Secretary an annual report on its activities.

(h) Reimbursement for expenses

Nongovernmental members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay, but, to the extent funds are available pursuant to section 1261(d)(1)(B)¹ of this title, shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(i) Report to Congress

Not later than 4 years after December 18, 1991, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, a study which summarizes the annual reports of the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee, describes the allocation and utilization of moneys under this chapter, and contains recommendations for changes in Federal policy to advance the purposes of this chapter.

(j) Termination

The advisory committee established by this section shall terminate on September 30, 2000.

(Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1303, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2068; Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §§325(h), 337(e), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 592, 603; Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1112(d), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 151.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1261 of this title, referred to in subsec. (h), was repealed by Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1112(c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 151.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 105-178 added subsec. (j).
1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-59, §337(e)(1)(A), substituted “12” for “11” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2) to (5). Pub. L. 104-59, §337(e)(1)(B), (C), added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) to (4) as (3) to (5), respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-59, §337(e)(2), substituted “(b)(3)” for “(b)(2)”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 104-59, §325(h), substituted “Transportation and Infrastructure” for “Public Works and Transportation”.

CHAPTER 28—WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

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§ 1271. Congressional declaration of policy

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §1(b), Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 906.)

¹ See References in Text note below.