

designated as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System by this Act [see 16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(24)], which lies within the Frank Church—River of No Return Wilderness or the Gospel-Hump Wilderness designated by Public Law 95-237 [Pub. L. 95-237, § 4, Feb. 24, 1978, 92 Stat. 43], shall be managed under the provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq], and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, notwithstanding section 10(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1281(b)] or any provisions of the Wilderness Act [16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.] to the contrary.”

#### Executive Documents

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of certain enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of the Interior and Secretary or other official in Department of Agriculture under this chapter to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, and subsequent transfer to Secretary of Energy, then to Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, see note set out under section 1278 of this title.

### § 1282. Assistance to State and local projects

#### (a) Assistance of Secretary of the Interior

The Secretary of the Interior shall encourage and assist the States to consider, in formulating and carrying out their comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plans and proposals for financing assistance for State and local projects submitted pursuant to chapter 2003 of title 54,<sup>1</sup> needs and opportunities for establishing State and local wild, scenic and recreational river areas.

#### (b) Assistance of Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, or other Federal agency heads; use of Federal facilities, equipment, etc.; conditions on permits or other authorizations

(1) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the head of any other Federal agency, shall assist, advise, and cooperate with States or their political subdivisions, landowners, private organizations, or individuals to plan, protect, and manage river resources. Such assistance, advice, and cooperation may be through written agreements or otherwise. This authority applies within or outside a federally administered area and applies to rivers which are components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and to other rivers. Any agreement under this subsection may include provisions for limited financial or other assistance to encourage participation in the acquisition, protection, and management of river resources.

(2) Wherever appropriate in furtherance of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are authorized and encouraged to utilize the following:

(A) For activities on federally owned land, section 102301 of title 54 and the Volunteers in the Forest Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a-558d).<sup>2</sup>

(B) For activities on all other lands, section 6<sup>3</sup> of chapter 2003 of title 54 (relating to the de-

velopment of statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plans).

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal 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 agency deems necessary or desirable.

(4) No permit or other authorization provided for under provision of any other Federal law shall be conditioned on the existence of any agreement provided for in this section.

(Pub. L. 90-542, § 11, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 916; Pub. L. 99-590, title V, § 508, Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3337; Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(31), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Volunteers in the Forest Act of 1972, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(A), 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.

##### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b)(2)(A), the words “(16 U.S.C. 18g-j)” were omitted following “section 102301 of title 54” in view of the amendment by Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(31)(B)(i). See 2014 Amendment note below.

##### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(31)(A), substituted “chapter 2003 of title 54” for “the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897”).

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(31)(B)(i), substituted “section 102301 of title 54” for “the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(31)(B)(ii), substituted “chapter 2003 of title 54” for “the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-590 struck out provisions relating to provision of technical assistance and advice to and cooperation with States, etc., in establishment of areas.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-590 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “The Secretaries of Agriculture and of Health and Human Services shall likewise, in accordance with the authority vested in them assist, advise, and cooperate with State and local agencies and private interests with respect to establishing such wild, scenic and recreational river areas.”

### § 1283. Management policies

#### (a) Action of Secretaries and heads of agencies; cooperative agreements

The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the head of any other Federal department or agency having jurisdiction over

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The closing parenthesis probably should not appear.

<sup>2</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>3</sup> So in original. Probably should be “section 200305”.

any lands which include, border upon, or are adjacent to, any river included within the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System or under consideration for such inclusion, in accordance with section 1273(a)(ii), 1274(a), or 1276(a) of this title, shall take such action respecting management policies, regulations, contracts, plans, affecting such lands, following November 10, 1978, as may be necessary to protect such rivers in accordance with the purposes of this chapter. Such Secretary or other department or agency head shall, where appropriate, enter into written cooperative agreements with the appropriate State or local official for the planning, administration, and management of Federal lands which are within the boundaries of any rivers for which approval has been granted under section 1273(a)(ii) of this title. Particular attention shall be given to scheduled timber harvesting, road construction, and similar activities which might be contrary to the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Existing rights, privileges, and contracts affecting Federal lands**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate any existing rights, privileges, or contracts affecting Federal lands held by any private party without the consent of said party.

**(c) Water pollution**

The head of any agency administering a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system shall cooperate with the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency and with the appropriate State water pollution control agencies for the purpose of eliminating or diminishing the pollution of waters of the river.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §12, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 917; Pub. L. 95-625, title VII, §762, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3533; Pub. L. 99-590, title V, §509, Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3337.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-590 substituted “Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency” for “Secretary of the Interior”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-625 substituted provision for action to be taken by Secretaries and heads of agencies for prior provision for review by such officials, made provision applicable to rivers included within the System, included references to rivers covered in sections 1273(a)(ii) and 1274(a) of this title, and required cooperative agreements with appropriate State or local officials for planning, administration, and management of Federal lands within boundaries of rivers approved under section 1273(a)(ii) of this title.

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**§ 1284. Existing State jurisdiction and responsibilities**

**(a) Fish and wildlife**

Nothing in this chapter shall affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the States with respect to fish and wildlife. Hunting and fishing shall be permitted on lands and waters administered as parts of the system under applicable State and Federal laws and regulations unless, in the case of hunting, those lands or waters are within a national park or monument. The administering Secretary may, however, designate zones where, and establish periods when, no hunting is permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment and shall issue appropriate regulations after consultation with the wildlife agency of the State or States affected.

**(b) Compensation for water rights**

The jurisdiction of the States and the United States over waters of any stream included in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall be determined by established principles of law. Under the provisions of this chapter, any taking by the United States of a water right which is vested under either State or Federal law at the time such river is included in the national wild and scenic rivers system shall entitle the owner thereof to just compensation. Nothing in this chapter shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from State water laws.

**(c) Reservation of waters for other purposes or in unnecessary quantities prohibited**

Designation of any stream or portion thereof as a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall not be construed as a reservation of the waters of such streams for purposes other than those specified in this chapter, or in quantities greater than necessary to accomplish these purposes.

**(d) State jurisdiction over included streams**

The jurisdiction of the States over waters of any stream included in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall be unaffected by this chapter to the extent that such jurisdiction may be exercised without impairing the purposes of this chapter or its administration.

**(e) Interstate compacts**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to alter, amend, repeal, interpret, modify, or be in conflict with any interstate compact made by any States which contain any portion of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

**(f) Rights of access to streams**

Nothing in this chapter shall affect existing rights of any State, including the right of access, with respect to the beds of navigable streams, tributaries, or rivers (or segments thereof) located in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area.

**(g) Easements and rights-of-way**

The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, may grant