

§§1, 2, 49 Stat. 1483, which related to Colonial National Historical Park, were transferred to sections 81, 81a, 81c, and 81e to 81i of this title.

**§ 444. Petrified Forest National Monument; elimination of private holdings of land within boundaries; exchange of lands**

The Secretary of the Interior, for the purpose of eliminating private holdings of land within the Petrified Forest National Monument, Arizona, is empowered, in his discretion, to obtain for the United States the complete title to any or all of the lands held in private ownership within the boundaries of the Petrified Forest National Monument, Arizona, as now or as may be hereafter defined, by accepting from the owners of such privately owned lands complete relinquishment thereof and by granting and patenting to such owners in exchange therefor, in each instance, like public lands of equal value situated in Navajo and/or Apache Counties, in the State of Arizona, after due notice of the proposed exchange has been given by publication for not less than thirty days in the counties where the lands proposed to be exchanged or taken in exchange are located: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall, on application or otherwise, designate public lands located outside the extreme boundaries of the said monument subject to exchange under this section which are, in his opinion, chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops, do not contain merchantable timber, are not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply, and are of character similar to the privately owned lands offered in exchange.

(May 14, 1930, ch. 271, §1, 46 Stat. 278.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DISESTABLISHMENT OF PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL MONUMENT

Disestablishment of Petrified Forest National Monument upon establishment of Petrified Forest National Park, see section 119 of this title.

**§ 444a. Ascertainment of value of lands offered for exchange; evidence of title**

The value of all patented lands within said monument offered for exchange, and the value of the lands of the United States to be given in exchange therefor, shall be ascertained in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may direct; and the owners of such privately owned lands within said monument shall, before any exchange is effective, furnish the Secretary of the Interior evidence satisfactory to him of title to the patented lands offered in exchange; and lands conveyed to the United States under section 444 of this title shall be and remain a part of the Petrified Forest National Monument.

(May 14, 1930, ch. 271, §2, 46 Stat. 278.)

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**§ 445. Canyon De Chelly National Monument; establishment; boundaries**

With the consent of the tribal council of the Navajo Tribe of Indians, the President of the United States is authorized to establish by presidential proclamation the Canyon De Chelly National Monument, within the Navajo Indian Reservation, Arizona, including the lands hereinafter described.

All lands in Del Muerto, De Chelly, and Monument Canyons, in the canyons tributary thereto, and the lands within one-half mile of the rims of the said canyons, situated in unsurveyed townships 4 and 5 north, range 7 west; townships 4, 5, and 6 north, range 8 west; townships 4 and 5 north, range 9 west; and in surveyed townships 4 and 5 north, range 6 west; townships 3, 6, and 7 north, range 7 west; township 6 north, range 9 west; and township 5 north, range 10 west; embracing about eighty-three thousand eight hundred and forty acres, all of the Navajo meridian, in Arizona.

(Feb. 14, 1931, ch. 188, §1, 46 Stat. 1161; Mar. 1, 1933, ch. 161, 47 Stat. 1419.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1933—Act Mar. 1, 1933, redescribed lands referred to in second par.

**Executive Documents**

ESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENT; BOUNDARIES

Monument and boundaries established by Presidential Proc. No. 1945, Apr. 1, 1931, 47 Stat. 2448; Proc. No. 2036, Mar. 3, 1933, 47 Stat. 2562.

**§ 445a. Rights and privileges of Navajo Indians in canyons**

Nothing herein shall be construed as in any way impairing the right, title, and interest of the Navajo Tribe of Indians which they now have and hold to all lands and minerals, including oil and gas, and the surface use of such lands for agricultural, grazing, and other purposes, except as defined in section 445b of this title; and the said tribe of Indians is granted the preferential right, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, of furnishing riding animals for the use of visitors to the monument.

(Feb. 14, 1931, ch. 188, §2, 46 Stat. 1161.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein, referred to in text, means act Feb. 14, 1931, which is classified to sections 445 to 445b of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 445b. Administration by National Park Service; powers and duties**

The National Park Service, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, is charged with the administration of the area of said national monument, so far as it applies to the care, maintenance, preservation and restoration of the prehistoric ruins, or other features of sci-