

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3 of this Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is section 3 of Pub. L. 94-199. Subsec. (a) of section 3 added pars. (11) and (12) of section 1274(a) of this title, relating to components of the national wild and scenic rivers system. Subsec. (b) of section 3, relating to the administration of those segments of the Snake and Rapid Rivers designated as wild or scenic river areas, is set out as a note under section 1274 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-625 substituted “May 1978” for “September 1975” to clarify that the boundary between Saulsberry and Freezeout Saddles is the hydrologic divide.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SEPARABILITY

Pub. L. 94-199, §17, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1123, provided that: “If any provision of this Act [this subchapter] is declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof.”

§ 460gg-1. Wilderness designation**(a) Map designation**

The lands depicted as the “Hells Canyon Wilderness” on the map referred to in section 460gg(b) of this title are hereby designated as wilderness.

(b) Application of Wilderness Act

The wilderness designated by this subchapter shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter or in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act [16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.], whichever is the more restrictive, except that any reference in such provisions of the Wilderness Act to the effective date of that Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this subchapter. The provisions of section 460gg-6(b) and section 460gg-8 of this title shall apply to the wilderness. The Secretary shall make such boundary revisions to the wilderness as may be necessary due to the exercise of his authority under subsection 3(b) of this Act.

(Pub. L. 94-199, §2, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1117.)

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This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, which is Pub. L. 94-199, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1117, which enacted sections 460gg to 460gg-13 of this title, amended sections 1274 and 1276 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 460gg and 1274 of this title.

The Wilderness Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 88-577, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 890, which is classified generally to chapter 23 (§1131 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1131 of this title and Tables.

The effective date of the Wilderness Act, referred to in subsec. (b), means Sept. 3, 1964, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 88-577, which enacted chapter 23 of this title.

The effective date of this subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b), means Dec. 31, 1975, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 94-199.

Subsection 3(b) of this Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is subsec. 3(b) of Pub. L. 94-199, which is set out as a note under section 1274 of this title.

§ 460gg-2. Federal power and water resources projects**(a) Licenses by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or any authorization heretofore given pursuant to law, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may not license the construction of any dam, water conduit, reservoir, powerhouse, transmission line, or other project work under the Federal Power Act (41 Stat. 1063), as amended (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.), within the recreation area: *Provided*, That the provisions of the Federal Power Act (41 Stat. 1063) shall continue to apply to any project (as defined in such Act), and all of the facilities and improvements required or used in connection with the operation and maintenance of said project, in existence within the recreation area which project is already constructed or under construction on December 31, 1975.

(b) Assistance detrimental to protected waters

No department or agency of the United States may assist by loan, grant, license, or otherwise the construction of any water resource facility within the recreation area which the Secretary determines would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which the waters of the area are protected.

(Pub. L. 94-199, §4, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1118; Pub. L. 95-91, title IV, §402(a)(1)(A), Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 583.)

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The Federal Power Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 10, 1920, ch. 285, 41 Stat. 1063, which is classified generally to chapter 12 (§791a et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 791a of this title and Tables.

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” substituted for “Federal Power Commission” in subsec. (a) pursuant to Pub. L. 95-91, §402(a)(1)(A), which is classified to section 7172(a)(1)(A) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

The Federal Power Commission was terminated, and its functions with regard to licenses and permits for dams, reservoirs, or other works for development and improvement of navigation and for development and utilization of power across, along, from, or in navigable waters under part I of Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 792 et seq.) were transferred to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by sections 7172(a)(1)(A) and 7293 of Title 42.

§ 460gg-3. Present and future use of Snake River**(a) Waters upstream from boundaries of area**

No provision of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.], nor of this subchapter, nor any guidelines, rules, or regulations issued hereunder, shall in any way limit, restrict, or conflict with present and future use of the waters of the Snake River and its tributaries upstream from the boundaries of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area created hereby, for