

125, as amended generally by Pub. L. 92-516, Oct. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 973, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§136 et seq.) of chapter 6 of Title 7, Agriculture. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 136 of Title 7 and Tables.

The Toxic Substances Control Act, referred to in par. (5)(B)(vi), is Pub. L. 94-469, Oct. 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 2003, which is classified generally to chapter 53 (§2601 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2601 of Title 15 and Tables.

The Safe Drinking Water Act, referred to in par. (5)(B)(vii), is title XIV of act July 1, 1944, as added Pub. L. 93-523, §2(a), Dec. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 1660, which is classified generally to subchapter XII (§300f et seq.) of chapter 6A of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 201 of Title 42 and Tables.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in par. (5)(B)(viii), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in par. (5)(B)(ix), is Pub. L. 93-205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of this title and Tables.

Section 101(a) of title 23, referred to in par. (6), was subsequently amended, and section 101(a) no longer defines “forest highway”.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pars. (11) to (16). Pub. L. 117-328 added par. (11) and redesignated former pars. (11) to (15) as (12) to (16), respectively.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §501], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-310, provided that: “This title [enacting this subchapter] may be referred to as ‘The Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998.’”

§ 460III–1. Purposes

The purposes of this subchapter are—

(1) to transfer without consideration administrative jurisdiction over the Recreation Area from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Secretary so that the Recreation Area may be managed as a unit of the National Forest System;

(2) to protect and manage the resources of the Recreation Area for optimum yield of outdoor recreation and environmental education through multiple use management by the Forest Service;

(3) to authorize, research, test, and demonstrate innovative programs and cost-effective management of the Recreation Area;

(4) to authorize the Secretary to cooperate between and among the States, Federal agencies, private organizations, and corporations, and individuals, as appropriate, in the management of the Recreation Area and to help stimulate the development of the surrounding region and extend the beneficial results as widely as practicable; and

(5) to provide for the smooth and equitable transfer of jurisdiction from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §503], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-311.)

PART A—ESTABLISHMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND JURISDICTION

§ 460III–11. Establishment

(a) In general

On the transfer of administrative jurisdiction under section 460III–41 of this title, the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee is established as a unit of the National Forest System.

(b) Management

(1) In general

The Secretary shall manage the Recreation Area for multiple use as a unit of the National Forest System.

(2) Emphases

The emphases in the management of the Recreation Area shall be—

(A) to provide public recreational opportunities;

(B) to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitat; and

(C) to provide for diversity of native and desirable non-native plants, animals, opportunities for hunting and fishing, and environmental education.

(3) Status of unit

The Secretary shall administer the Recreation Area as a separate unit of the National Forest System.

(c) Area included

(1) In general

The Recreation Area shall comprise the federally owned land, water, and interests in the land and water lying between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area—January, 1998”.

(2) Map

The map described in paragraph (1) shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Washington, D.C.

(d) Waters

(1) Water levels and navigation

Nothing in this subchapter affects the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Valley Authority or the Army Corps of Engineers to manage and regulate water levels and navigation of Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley and areas subject to flood easements.

(2) Occupancy and use

Subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Army Corps of Engineers, the Secretary shall have jurisdiction to regulate the occupancy and use of the surface waters of the lakes for recreational purposes.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §511], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-312; Pub. L. 117-328, div. DD, title II, §201(b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5582.)

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2022—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 117-328 added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may administer the Recreation Area as a separate unit of the National Forest System or in conjunction with an existing national forest.”

§ 460III-12. Civil and criminal jurisdiction**(a) Administration**

The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall administer the Recreation Area in accordance with this subchapter and the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the National Forest System.

(b) Status

Land within the Recreation Area shall have the status of land acquired under the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the “Weeks Act”) (16 U.S.C. 515 et seq.).

(c) Law enforcement

In order to provide for a cost-effective transfer of the law enforcement responsibilities between the Forest Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority, the law enforcement authorities designated under section 831c-3 of this title are hereby granted to special agents and law enforcement officers of the Forest Service. The law enforcement authorities designated under section 551 of this title, section 559 of this title, the National Forest System Drug Control Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 559b-559g) are hereby granted to law enforcement agents of the Tennessee Valley Authority, within the boundaries of the Recreation Area, for a period of 1 year from October 21, 1998.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §512], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-313.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Act of March 1, 1911, referred to in subsec. (b), is act Mar. 1, 1911, ch. 186, 36 Stat. 961, popularly known as the Weeks Law, which enacted former sections 513 and 514 and sections 515 to 519, 521, 552, and 563 of this title and amended sections 480 and 500 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 552 of this title and Tables.

The National Forest System Drug Control Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (c), is title XV of Pub. L. 99-570, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3207-191, which enacted sections 559b to 559g of this title, amended section 841 of Title 21, Food and Drugs, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 559b of this title. For complete classification of title XV to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 559b of this title and Tables.

§ 460III-13. Payments to States and counties**(a) Payments in lieu of taxes**

Land within the Recreation Area shall be subject to the provisions for payments in lieu of taxes under chapter 69 of title 31.

(b) Distribution

All amounts received from charges, use fees, and natural resource utilization, including timber and agricultural receipts, shall not be subject to distribution to States under section 500 of this title.

(c) Payments by the Tennessee Valley Authority

After the transfer of administrative jurisdiction is made under section 460III-41 of this title—

(1) the Tennessee Valley Authority shall continue to calculate the amount of payments to be made to States and counties under section 831I of this title; and

(2) each State (including, for the purposes of this subsection, the State of Kentucky, the State of Tennessee, and any other State) that receives a payment under that section shall continue to calculate the amounts to be distributed to the State and local governments, as though the transfer had not been made.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §513], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-313.)

§ 460III-14. Forest highways**(a) In general**

For purposes of section 204¹ of title 23, the road known as “The Trace” and every other paved road within the Recreation Area (including any road constructed to secondary standards) shall be considered to be a forest highway.

(b) State responsibility**(1) In general**

The States shall be responsible for the maintenance of forest highways within the Recreation Area.

(2) Reimbursement

To the maximum extent provided by law, from funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation and available for purposes of highway construction and maintenance, the Secretary of Transportation shall reimburse the States for all or a portion of the costs of maintenance of forest highways in the Recreation Area.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title V, §514], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-313.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 204 of title 23, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed and a new section 204 enacted by Pub. L. 112-141, div. A, title I, §1119(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 473, 489.

PART B—MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**§ 460III-21. Land and resource management plan****(a) In general**

As soon as practicable after the effective date of the transfer of jurisdiction under section 460III-41 of this title, the Secretary shall prepare a land and resource management plan for the Recreation Area in conformity with the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a et seq.) and other applicable law.

(b) Interim provision

Until adoption of the land and resource management plan, the Secretary may use, as appropriate, the existing Tennessee Valley Authority Natural Resource Management Plan to provide

¹ See References in Text note below.