

not be made available for commercial timber harvest.

(2) Limited exception

The Secretary may authorize the removal of trees from Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area only if the Secretary determines that the removal is clearly needed for purposes of ecological restoration and maintenance or for public safety. Except in the Wilderness Area and the wilderness study areas referred to in section 460nnn-64(a) of this title, the Secretary may authorize the sale of products resulting from the authorized removal of trees under this paragraph.

(c) Juniper management

The Secretary shall emphasize the restoration of the historic fire regime in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area and the resulting native vegetation communities through active management of Western Juniper on a landscape level. Management measures shall include the use of natural and prescribed burning.

(d) Hunting, fishing, and trapping

(1) Authorization

The Secretary shall permit hunting, fishing, and trapping on Federal lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Oregon.

(2) Area and time limitations

After consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Secretary may designate zones where, and establish periods when, hunting, trapping or fishing is prohibited on Federal lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area for reasons of public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment.

(e) Grazing

(1) Continuation of existing law

Except as otherwise provided in this section and part F, the laws, regulations, and executive orders otherwise applicable to the Bureau of Land Management in issuing and administering grazing leases and permits on lands under its jurisdiction shall apply in regard to the Federal lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

(2) Cancellation of certain permits

The Secretary shall cancel that portion of the permitted grazing on Federal lands in the Fish Creek/Big Indian, East Ridge, and South Steens allotments located within the area designated as the “no livestock grazing area” on the map referred to in section 460nnn-11(a) of this title. Upon cancellation, future grazing use in that designated area is prohibited. The Secretary shall be responsible for installing and maintaining any fencing required for resource protection within the designated no livestock grazing area.

(3) Forage replacement

Reallocation of available forage shall be made as follows:

(A) O’Keefe pasture within the Miners Field allotment to Stafford Ranches.

(B) Fields Seeding and Bone Creek Pasture east of the county road within the Miners Field allotment to Amy Ready.

(C) Miners Field Pasture, Schouver Seeding and Bone Creek Pasture west of the county road within the Miners Field allotment to Roaring Springs Ranch.

(D) 800 animal unit months within the Crows Nest allotment to Lowther (Clemens) Ranch.

(4) Fencing and water systems

The Secretary shall also construct fencing and develop water systems as necessary to allow reasonable and efficient livestock use of the forage resources referred to in paragraph (3).

(f) Prohibition on construction of facilities

No new facilities may be constructed on Federal lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area unless the Secretary determines that the structure—

(1) will be minimal in nature;

(2) is consistent with the purposes of this subchapter; and

(3) is necessary—

(A) for enhancing botanical, fish, wildlife, or watershed conditions;

(B) for public information, health, or safety;

(C) for the management of livestock; or

(D) for the management of recreation, but not for the promotion of recreation.

(g) Withdrawal

Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal lands and interests in lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Areas are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, except in the case of land exchanges if the Secretary determines that the exchange furthers the purpose and objectives specified in section 460nnn-12 of this title and so certifies to Congress.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §113, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1661.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (f)(2), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

§ 460nnn-24. Land acquisition authority

(a) Acquisition

(1) Acquisition authorized

In addition to the land acquisitions authorized by part F, the Secretary may acquire other non-Federal lands and interests in lands located within the boundaries of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area or the Wilderness Area.

(2) Acquisition methods

Lands may be acquired under this subsection only by voluntary exchange, donation, or purchase from willing sellers.

(b) Treatment of acquired lands**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), lands or interests in lands acquired under subsection (a) or part F that are located within the boundaries of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area shall—

(A) become part of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area; and

(B) be managed pursuant to the laws applicable to the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

(2) Lands within Wilderness Area

If lands or interests in lands acquired under subsection (a) or part F are within the boundaries of the Wilderness Area, the acquired lands or interests in lands shall—

(A) become part of the Wilderness Area; and

(B) be managed pursuant to part B and the other laws applicable to the Wilderness Area.

(3) Lands within wilderness study area

If the lands or interests in lands acquired under subsection (a) or part F are within the boundaries of a wilderness study area, the acquired lands or interests in lands shall—

(A) become part of that wilderness study area; and

(B) be managed pursuant to the laws applicable to that wilderness study area.

(c) Appraisal

In appraising non-Federal land, development rights, or conservation easements for possible acquisition under this section or section 460nnn-42 of this title, the Secretary shall disregard any adverse impacts on values resulting from the designation of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area or the Wilderness Area.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §114, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1662.)

§ 460nnn-25. Special use permits

The Secretary may renew a special recreational use permit applicable to lands included in the Wilderness Area to the extent that the Secretary determines that the permit is consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.). If renewal is not consistent with the Wilderness Act, the Secretary shall seek other opportunities for the permit holder through modification of the permit to realize historic permit use to the extent that the use is consistent with the Wilderness Act and this subchapter, as determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §115, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1663.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Wilderness Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 88-577, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 890, which is classified gen-

erally 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.

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

SUBPART 3—COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**§ 460nnn-41. Cooperative management agreements****(a) Cooperative efforts**

To further the purposes and objectives for which the Cooperative Management and Protection Area is designated, the Secretary may work with non-Federal landowners and other parties who voluntarily agree to participate in the cooperative management of Federal and non-Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

(b) Agreements authorized

The Secretary may enter into a cooperative management agreement with any party to provide for the cooperative conservation and management of the Federal and non-Federal lands subject to the agreement.

(c) Other participants

With the consent of the landowners involved, the Secretary may permit permittees, special-use permit holders, other Federal and State agencies, and interested members of the public to participate in a cooperative management agreement as appropriate to achieve the resource or land use management objectives of the agreement.

(d) Tribal cultural site protection

The Secretary may enter into agreements with the Burns Paiute Tribe to protect cultural sites in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area of importance to the tribe.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §121, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1663.)

§ 460nnn-42. Cooperative efforts to control development and encourage conservation**(a) Policy**

Development on public and private lands within the boundaries of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area which is different from the current character and uses of the lands is inconsistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

(b) Use of nondevelopment and conservation easements

The Secretary may enter into a nondevelopment easement or conservation easement with willing landowners to further the purposes of this subchapter.

(c) Conservation incentive payments

The Secretary may provide technical assistance, cost-share payments, incentive payments,