

this subchapter and provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000’.”

§ 460ppp-1. Definitions

As used in this subchapter:

(1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) The term “public lands” has the meaning stated in section 1702(e) of title 43.

(3) The term “conservation area” means the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area established pursuant to section 460ppp-2 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §125 [§3]], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-229, 2763A-354.)

§ 460ppp-2. Establishment of the conservation area

(a) Establishment and purposes

In order to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the unique and nationally important historical, cultural, paleontological, scenic, scientific, biological, educational, wildlife, riparian, wilderness, endangered species, and recreational values and resources associated with the Applegate-Lassen and Nobles Trails corridors and surrounding areas, there is hereby established the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area in the State of Nevada.

(b) Areas included

The conservation area shall consist of approximately 797,100 acres of public lands as generally depicted on the map entitled “Black Rock Desert Emigrant Trail National Conservation Area” and dated October 3, 2001.

(c) Maps and legal description

As soon as practicable after December 21, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a map and legal description of the conservation area. The map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in such map and legal description. Copies of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §125 [§4]], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-229, 2763A-354; Pub. L. 107-63, title I, §135(a), Nov. 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 443.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-63 substituted “October 3, 2001” for “July 19, 2000”.

§ 460ppp-3. Management

(a) Management

The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, shall manage the conserva-

tion area in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances its resources and values, including those resources and values specified in subsection¹ 460ppp-2(a) of this title, in accordance with this subchapter, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and other applicable provisions of law.

(b) Access

(1) In general

The Secretary shall maintain adequate access for the reasonable use and enjoyment of the conservation area.

(2) Private land

The Secretary shall provide reasonable access to privately owned land or interests in land within the boundaries of the conservation area.

(3) Existing public roads

The Secretary is authorized to maintain existing public access within the boundaries of the conservation area in a manner consistent with the purposes for which the conservation area was established.

(c) Uses

(1) In general

The Secretary shall only allow such uses of the conservation area as the Secretary finds will further the purposes for which the conservation area is established.

(2) Off-highway vehicle use

Except where needed for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, use of motorized vehicles in the conservation area shall be permitted only on roads and trails and in other areas designated for use of motorized vehicles as part of the management plan prepared pursuant to subsection (e).

(3) Permitted events

The Secretary may continue to permit large-scale events in defined, low impact areas of the Black Rock Desert playa in the conservation area in accordance with the management plan prepared pursuant to subsection (e).

(d) Hunting, trapping, and fishing

Nothing in this subchapter shall be deemed to diminish the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada with respect to fish and wildlife management, including regulation of hunting and fishing, on public lands within the conservation area.

(e) Management plan

Within three years following December 21, 2000, the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive resource management plan for the long-term protection and management of the conservation area. The plan shall be developed with full public participation and shall describe the appropriate uses and management of the conservation area consistent with the provisions of this subchapter. The plan may incorporate appropriate decisions contained in any current management or activity plan for the area and may use information developed in previous studies of the lands within or adjacent to the conservation area.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.