

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), probably means the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-263, Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2343, which amended section 460ccc-1 of this title and section 6901 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 6901 of Title 31. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1998 Amendment note set out under section 6901 of Title 31 and Tables.

**§ 460qqq-5. Right-of-way**

Not later than 180 days after November 6, 2002, the Secretary shall convey to the City of Henderson the public right-of-way requested for public trail purposes under the application numbered N-76312 and the public right-of-way requested for public trail purposes under the application numbered N-65874.

(Pub. L. 107-282, title VI, §607, Nov. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2012.)

SUBCHAPTER CXXIX—RIO GRANDE  
NATURAL AREA

**§ 460rrr. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Commission**

The term “Commission” means the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission established by section 460rrr-2(a) of this title.

**(2) Natural Area**

The term “Natural Area” means the Rio Grande Natural Area established by section 460rrr-1(a) of this title.

**(3) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §2, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1777.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 109-337, §1, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1777, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘Rio Grande Natural Area Act.’”

**§ 460rrr-1. Establishment of Rio Grande Natural Area****(a) In general**

There is established the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado to conserve, restore, and protect the natural, historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, wildlife, and recreational resources of the Natural Area.

**(b) Boundaries**

The Natural Area shall include the Rio Grande River from the southern boundary of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge to the New Mexico State border, extending ¼ mile on either side of the bank of the River.

**(c) Map and legal description****(1) In general**

As soon as practicable after October 12, 2006, the Secretary shall prepare a map and legal description of the Natural Area.

**(2) Effect**

The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in the map and legal description.

**(3) Public availability**

The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §3, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1777.)

**§ 460rrr-2. Establishment of the Commission****(a) Establishment**

There is established the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission.

**(b) Purpose**

The Commission shall—

(1) advise the Secretary with respect to the Natural Area; and

(2) prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area under section 460rrr-4(b)(2)(A) of this title.

**(c) Membership**

The Commission shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

(1) 1 member shall represent the Colorado State Director of the Bureau of Land Management;

(2) 1 member shall be the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, ex officio;

(3) 3 members shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Governor of Colorado, of whom—

(A) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Wildlife;

(B) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Water Resources; and

(C) 1 member shall represent the Rio Grande Water Conservation District; and

(4) 4 members shall—

(A) represent the general public;

(B) be citizens of the local region in which the Natural Area is established; and

(C) have knowledge and experience in the fields of interest relating to the preservation, restoration, and use of the Natural Area.

**(d) Terms of office****(1) In general**

Except for the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be 5 years.

**(2) Reappointment**

A member may be reappointed to the Commission on completion of the term of office of the member.

**(e) Compensation**

A member of the Commission shall serve without compensation for service on the Commission.

**(f) Chairperson**

The Commission shall elect a chairperson of the Commission.