

(Pub. L. 93-535, §9, Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1734.)

§ 542. Langmuir Research Site; establishment

That in order to encourage scientific research into atmospheric processes and astronomical phenomena, and to preserve conditions necessary for that research, there is hereby established the Langmuir Research Site (hereinafter referred to as the "research site") in the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title II, §201, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3225.)

§ 542a. Congressional findings

The Congress finds that the high altitude and freedom from air pollution and night luminosity caused by human activity, make the research site uniquely suited to the conduct of research probes into thunder clouds and for other atmospheric and astronomical research purposes.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title II, §202, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3225.)

§ 542b. Administration, protection, and regulation of use

The Secretary of Agriculture shall administer, protect, and regulate use of the research site in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to National Forest System lands, and in such manner as will best contribute to purposes of this Act.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title II, §203, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3225.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 96-550, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3221, which enacted sections 410ii to 410ii-7 and 542 to 542d of this title and enacted provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title and provisions listed in tables of Miscellaneous National Monuments and National Monuments Established Under Presidential Proclamation set out under section 320301 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 542c. Land use agreement

The Secretary of Agriculture in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, is hereby authorized, and directed, to enter into an appropriate land use agreement with New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for the Langmuir Research Site for the purpose of establishing conditions for use of the national forest land, and to set forth working relationships during such period of use.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title II, §204, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3225.)

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§ 542d. Comprehensive management plan

(a) Boundaries

The research site shall consist of approximately thirty-one thousand acres, including a principle¹ research facility of approximately one thousand acres. The boundaries are depicted on a map entitled "Langmuir Research Site", dated August 1980, which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) Development of plan

As soon as practicable, after December 19, 1980, the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a comprehensive management plan for the research site consistent with requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-588) (16 U.S.C. 1604), which shall be incorporated into the initial Cibola National Forest land and resource management plan as provided for under that Act.

(c) Adjustment in boundaries

Following timely notice in writing to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate of his intention to do so, the Secretary may make minor adjustments in the boundaries of the research site to provide for more effective management or to encourage further research activity. For the purposes of this subsection, minor boundary adjustments shall not increase or decrease the amount of land within the research site by more than seven thousand acres.

(d) Consultation with other public interest groups

In developing the plan, the Secretary shall consult with the National Science Foundation, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, the New Mexico Academy of Science and appropriate conservation, wilderness, wildlife, industry, and other public interest groups.

(e) Objectives of plan

The plan shall prescribe specific research and management objectives necessary for the protection, management, and regulation of the research site as outlined in subsection (f) of this section.

(f) Management of site in accordance with the objectives

The research site shall be managed in accordance with the following objectives:

(1) The principal research facility shall be managed primarily for scientific research purposes. Dispersed recreation, grazing, and other uses which the Secretary determines to be compatible with scientific research may be permitted.

(2) The research site shall be managed to enhance scientific research objectives. Scientific

¹ So in original. Probably should be "principal".