

(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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ments 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.

**§ 542d. Comprehensive management plan**

**(a) Boundaries**

The research site shall consist of approximately thirty-one thousand acres, including a principle<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "principal".

research activities and associated research equipment and structures shall be permitted within the research site in accordance with the plan.

(3) Roads shall be limited to those necessary for scientific research activities and other reasonable activities as determined by the Secretary. Motor vehicle use shall be restricted to roads designated in the plan.

(4) The landing of small instrumented research rockets shall be permitted to continue in portions of the research site designated for such purposes in the plan.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title II, §205, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3225; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(d)(32), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Forest Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 94-588, Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2949, which enacted sections 472a, 521b, 1600, and 1611 to 1614 of this title, amended sections 500, 515, 516, 518, 576b, and 1601 to 1610 of this title, repealed sections 476, 513, and 514 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 476, 513, 528, 594-2, and 1600 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1976 Amendment note set out under section 1600 of this title and Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs” after “Committee on”.

#### § 543. Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area; establishment

The area in the Mono Basin within and adjacent to the Inyo National Forest in the State of California, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area” dated June 1983, and numbered 1983-3, is hereby designated as the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area (hereafter in sections 543 to 543h of this title referred to as the “Scenic Area”). Such map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest and in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in sections 543 to 543h of this title referred to as the “Secretary”) may make minor revisions in the boundary of the Scenic Area after publication of notice to that effect in the Federal Register and submission of notice thereof to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Such notice shall be published and submitted at least sixty days before the revision is made.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §301, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1632; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(d)(33), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs” after “Committee on”.

#### § 543a. Extension of National Forest boundary

(a) The exterior boundary of the Inyo National Forest is hereby extended to include the area within the boundary of the Scenic Area. Any lands and interests therein acquired pursuant to section 543b of this title shall become part of the National Forest System.

(b) For the purposes of section 200306(a)(2) of title 54, the boundary of the Inyo National Forest, as modified by this section, shall be treated as if it were the boundary of that forest on January 1, 1964.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §302, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1633.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “section 200306(a)(2) of title 54” substituted for “section 7(a)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897; 16 U.S.C. 4601-4 through 4601-11) [sic]” on authority of Pub. L. 113-287, §6(e), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272, which Act enacted Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

#### § 543b. Acquisition of lands

##### (a) Authority of Secretary; exceptions

The Secretary is authorized to acquire all lands and interests therein within the boundary of the Scenic Area by donation, exchange in accordance with sections 543 to 543h of this title or other provisions of law, or purchase with donated or appropriated funds, except that—

(1) any lands or interests therein within the boundary of the Scenic Area which are owned by the State of California or any political subdivision thereof (including the city of Los Angeles) may be acquired only by donation or exchange; and

(2) lands or interests therein within the boundary of the Scenic Area which are not owned by the State of California or any political subdivision thereof (including the city of Los Angeles) may be acquired only with the consent of the owner thereof unless the Secretary determines, after written notice to the owner and after opportunity for comment, that the property is being developed, or proposed to be developed, in a manner which is detrimental to the integrity of the Scenic Area or which is otherwise incompatible with the purposes of sections 543 to 543h of this title.

##### (b) Guidelines; detrimental or incompatible use

(1) Not later than six months after September 28, 1984, the Secretary shall publish specific guidelines under which determinations shall be made under paragraph (2) of subsection (a). No use which existed prior to June 1, 1984, within the area included in the Scenic Area shall be treated under such guidelines as a detrimental or incompatible use within the meaning of such paragraph (2).

(2) For purposes of subsection (a)(2), any development or proposed development of private property within the boundary of the Scenic Area that is significantly different from, or a significant expansion of, development existing as of June 1, 1984, shall be considered by the Sec-