

(c) CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Secretary shall diligently pursue the consummation of arrangements with each State or territory within which a System unit is located so that insofar as practicable the United States shall exercise concurrent legislative jurisdiction within System units.

(Pub. L. 113-287, §3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3111.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
100754	16 U.S.C. 1a-3.	Pub. L. 91-383, §6, as added Pub. L. 94-458, §2, Oct. 7, 1976, 90 Stat. 1939; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(a)(1), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4583.

In this section, the words “territory (including a possession)” are substituted for “territory, or possession” the 1st time the words appear for clarity, because a possession is a category of territory, that is, one that has very little local autonomy. In subsequent instances, the word “territory” is used in an equivalent sense. The word “Commonwealth” is omitted as being included in “territory (including a possession)”.

§ 100755. Applicability of other laws

(a) IN GENERAL.—This section and sections 100501, 100901(d) to (h), 101302(b)(2), 101901(c), and 102711 of this title, and the various authorities relating to the administration and protection of System units, including the provisions of law listed in subsection (b), shall, to the extent that those provisions are not in conflict with any such specific provision, be applicable to System units, and any reference in any of these provisions to a System unit does not limit those provisions to that System unit.

(b) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—The provisions of law referred to in subsection (a) are—

(1) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, 101101, 101102, 101511, 102101, 102712, 102901, 104905, and 104906, and chapter 2003 of this title;

(2) the Act of March 4, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961); and

(3) chapter 3201 of this title.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
100755	16 U.S.C. 1c(b).	Aug. 8, 1953, ch. 384, §2(b), 67 Stat. 496; Pub. L. 91-383, §2(b), Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 826.

In subsection (a), the words “reference in such Act” are interpreted to mean “reference in such Acts” for clarity.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “relating to donation of land and money”, “relating to roads and trails”, “relating to approach roads to national monuments”, “relating to conveyance of roads to States”, “relating to acquisitions of inholdings”, and “relating to aid to visitors in emergencies” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 873; 16 U.S.C. 10), relating to arrests” are omitted because the Act was repealed by section 10(a)(2) of the Act of August 18, 1970 (known as the National Park System General Authorities Act) (Public Law 91-383), as added by section 2 of the Act of October 7, 1976 (Public Law 94-458, 90 Stat. 1941). The words “relating to services or other accommodations for the public, emergency supplies and

services to concessioners, acceptability of travelers checks, care and removal of indigents” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 696; 16 U.S.C. 20-20g), relating to concessions” are omitted because the Act was repealed by section 415(a) of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391, 112 Stat. 3515).

In subsection (b)(2), the words “relating to rights of way” are omitted as unnecessary.

Subsection (b)(3) is added for clarity because many of the laws that established a System unit provided that the Secretary, in addition to administering the unit in accordance with the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 3, 3, and 4) and with laws generally applicable to System units, administer the unit in accordance with the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 to 467).

CHAPTER 1008—EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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§ 100801. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) INTERPRETATION.—The term “interpretation”—

(A) means providing opportunities for people to form intellectual and emotional connections to gain awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the resources of the System; and

(B) may refer to the professional career field of Service employees, volunteers, and partners who interpret the resources of the System.

(2) EDUCATION.—The term “education” means enhancing public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the resources of the System through learner-centered, place-based materials, programs, and activities that achieve specific learning objectives as identified in a curriculum.

(3) RELATED AREAS.—The term “related areas” means—

(A) national wild and scenic rivers and national trails;

(B) national heritage areas; and

(C) affiliated areas administered in connection with the System.

(Added Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §301(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1486.)

§ 100802. Interpretation and education authority

The Secretary shall ensure that management of System units and related areas is enhanced by the availability and use of a broad program of the highest quality interpretation and education.

(Added Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §301(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1487.)

§ 100803. Interpretation and education evaluation and quality improvement

The Secretary may undertake a program of regular evaluation of interpretation and education programs to ensure that they—

(1) adjust to how people learn and engage with the natural world and shared heritage as embodied in the System;

(2) reflect different cultural backgrounds, ages, education, gender, abilities, ethnicity, and needs;

(3) demonstrate innovative approaches to management and appropriately incorporate emerging learning and communications technology; and

(4) reflect current scientific and academic research, content, methods, and audience analysis.

(Added Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §301(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1487.)

§ 100804. Improved use of partners and volunteers in interpretation and education

The Secretary may—

(1) coordinate with park partners and volunteers in the delivery of quality programs and services to supplement those provided by the Service as part of a park's Long Range Interpretive Plan;

(2) support interpretive partners by providing opportunities to participate in interpretive training; and

(3) collaborate with other Federal and non-Federal public or private agencies, organizations, or institutions for the purposes of developing, promoting, and making available educational opportunities related to resources of the System and programs.

(Added Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §301(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1487.)

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2025—Pub. L. 118-234, title I, §125(a)(2), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2851, added item 100905 and struck out former item 100905 “Commercial filming”.

§ 100901. Authority of Secretary to carry out certain activities

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—To facilitate the administration of the System, the Secretary, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may consider advisable, may carry out the activities described in this section.

(b) **SERVICES, RESOURCES, OR WATER CONTRACTS.**—The Secretary may enter into contracts that provide for the sale or lease to persons, States, or political subdivisions of States, of services, resources, or water available within a System unit, as long as the activity does not jeopardize or unduly interfere with the primary natural or historic resource of the System unit, if the person, State, or political subdivision—

(1) provides public accommodations or services within the immediate vicinity of the System unit to individuals visiting the System unit; and

(2) demonstrates to the Secretary that there are no reasonable alternatives by which to acquire or perform the necessary services, resources, or water.

(c) **VEHICULAR AIR CONDITIONING.**—The Secretary may acquire, and have installed, air conditioning units for any Government-owned passenger motor vehicles used by the Service, where assigned duties necessitate long periods in automobiles or in regions of the United States where high temperatures and humidity are common and prolonged.

(d) **UTILITY FACILITIES.**—The Secretary may erect and maintain fire protection facilities, water lines, telephone lines, electric lines, and other utility facilities adjacent to any System unit, where necessary, to provide service in the System unit.

(e) **SUPPLIES AND RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT.**—The Secretary may furnish, on a reimbursement of appropriation basis, supplies, and rent equipment, to persons and agencies that, in cooperation with and subject to the approval of the Secretary, render services or perform functions that facilitate or supplement the activities of the Department of the Interior in the administration of the System. The reimbursements may be credited to the appropriation current at the time reimbursements are received.

(f) **CONTRACTS FOR UTILITY FACILITIES.**—The Secretary may contract, under terms and conditions that the Secretary considers to be in the interest of the Federal Government, for the sale, operation, maintenance, repair, or relocation of Government-owned electric and telephone lines and other utility facilities used for the administration and protection of the System, regardless of whether the lines and facilities are located within or outside the System.

(g) **RIGHTS OF WAY NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, AND MAINTAIN ROADS.**—The Secretary may acquire—

(1) rights of way necessary to construct, improve, and maintain roads within the authorized boundaries of any System unit; and

(2) land and interests in land adjacent to the rights of way, when—

(A) considered necessary by the Secretary—

(i) to provide adequate protection of natural features; or

(ii) to avoid traffic and other hazards resulting from private road access connections; or

(B) the acquisition of adjacent residual tracts, which otherwise would remain after acquiring the rights of way, would be in the public interest.

(h) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may operate, repair, maintain, and replace motor and other equipment on a reimbursable basis when the equipment is used on Federal projects of the System, chargeable to other appropriations, or on work of other Federal agencies, when requested by the agencies.