

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
104907	16 U.S.C. 451a.	Sept. 14, 1950, ch. 950, §1 (proviso relating to national parks), 64 Stat. 849.

The word “further” is omitted as obsolete.

§ 104908. Bows in parks

(a) DEFINITION OF NOT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.—The term “not ready for immediate use” means—

- (1) a bow or crossbow, the arrows of which are secured or stowed in a quiver or other arrow transport case; and
- (2) with respect to a crossbow, uncocked.

(b) VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Director shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from transporting bows and crossbows that are not ready for immediate use across any System unit in the vehicle of the individual if—

- (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the bows and crossbows;
- (2) the bows or crossbows that are not ready for immediate use remain inside the vehicle of the individual throughout the period during which the bows or crossbows are transported across System land; and
- (3) the possession of the bows and crossbows is in compliance with the law of the State in which the System unit is located.

(Added Pub. L. 116–9, title II, § 2409(a), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 751.)

§ 104909. Wildlife management in parks

(a) USE OF QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS.—If the Secretary determines it is necessary to reduce the size of a wildlife population on System land in accordance with applicable law (including regulations), the Secretary may use qualified volunteers to assist in carrying out wildlife management on System land.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS.—Qualified volunteers providing assistance under subsection (a) shall be subject to—

- (1) any training requirements or qualifications established by the Secretary; and
- (2) any other terms and conditions that the Secretary may require.

(c) DONATIONS.—The Secretary may authorize the donation and distribution of meat and any other part of an animal removed pursuant to wildlife management activities carried out under this section, including the donation and distribution to Indian Tribes, qualified volunteers, food banks, and other organizations that work to address hunger, in accordance with applicable health guidelines and such terms and conditions as the Secretary may require.

(Added Pub. L. 116–9, title II, § 2410(a), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 752; amended Pub. L. 118–234, title I, § 126, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2855.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2025—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118–234 substituted “meat and any other part of an animal removed pursuant to” for “meat from”.

DIVISION B—SYSTEM UNITS AND RELATED AREAS—RESERVED

DIVISION C—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

CHAPTER 1201—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM

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§ 120101. Definition of National Heritage Area

In this chapter, the term “National Heritage Area” means a component of the National Heritage Area System described in section 120102(b).

(Added Pub. L. 117–339, § 2(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6158.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTECTIONS

Pub. L. 117–339, § 2(b)(1), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6162, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section [enacting this chapter, amending provisions listed in a table of National Heritage and River Corridors, a table of National Heritage Areas, and a table of National Heritage Canalways set out under section 120102 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 120102 of this title] (including an amendment made by this section)—

“(A) abridges any right of a public or private property owner, including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within a National Heritage Area;

“(B) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

“(C) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

“(D)(i) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

“(ii) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;

“(E) authorizes or implies the reservation or appropriation of water or water rights;

“(F) diminishes the authority of a State to manage fish and wildlife, including through the regulation of fishing and hunting within a National Heritage Area in the State; or

“(G) creates or affects any liability—

“(i) under any other provision of law; or

“(ii) of any private property owner with respect to any person injured on private property.”

§ 120102. Establishment of National Heritage Area System

(a) IN GENERAL.—To recognize certain areas of the United States that tell nationally significant stories and to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally significant stories and the