

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.)

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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

natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects of the heritage of the United States, there is established a National Heritage Area System through the administration of which the Secretary may provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage Areas.

(b) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM COMPONENTS.—The National Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

(1) each National Heritage Area, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cultural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route, and National Heritage Partnership designated by Congress before or on the date of enactment of this chapter; and

(2) each National Heritage Area designated by Congress after the date of enactment of this chapter.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYSTEM.—

(1) RELATIONSHIP TO SYSTEM UNITS.—The Secretary shall—

(A) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, participation and assistance by any administrator of the System unit that is located near or encompassed by a National Heritage Area in local initiatives for the National Heritage Area to conserve and interpret resources consistent with the applicable management plan for the National Heritage Area; and

(B) work with local coordinating entities to promote public enjoyment of System units and System-related resources.

(2) TREATMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A National Heritage Area shall not be—

(i) considered to be a System unit; or

(ii) subject to the authorities applicable to System units.

(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the administration of a System unit located within the boundaries of a National Heritage Area.

(d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may—

(1) conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility studies in accordance with section 120103(a);

(2) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of, and submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations regarding the role of the Service with respect to, each National Heritage Area, in accordance with section 120104;

(3) enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments, local governments, local coordinating entities, and other interested individuals and entities to achieve the purposes of the National Heritage Area System;

(4) provide information, promote understanding, and encourage research regarding National Heritage Areas, in partnership with local coordinating entities; and

(5) provide national oversight, analysis, coordination, technical and financial assistance,

and support to ensure consistency and accountability of the National Heritage Area System.

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

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117-339, which was approved Jan. 5, 2023.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, Illinois.—Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§441-451, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 818-824; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6002, Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 776; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(e), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(33), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, Alabama.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(7), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163.

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, Maryland and West Virginia.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(1), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 768.

Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, Georgia.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§231-242, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1795-1800; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(25), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§211-221, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1791-1795; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(24), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6168; Pub. L. 118-177, §1, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2611.

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, Georgia.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title III, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4249; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §203, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §461, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(2), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2551; Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title I, §117(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title I, §117, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 233; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(h), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(7), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(7), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6166.

Automobile National Heritage Area (see MotorCities National Heritage Area, Michigan).

Baltimore National Heritage Area, Maryland.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8005, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1247; Pub. L. 114-289, title VI, §601(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1490; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(40), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, North Carolina.—Pub. L. 108-108, title I, §140, Nov. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1274; Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title I, §115(a), May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 461; Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title I, §117(b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(d), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(k), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§5(a)(20), 6(k), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6168, 6172.

Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area, Illinois.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(8), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6164.

Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area, Colorado.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8002, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1229; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(37), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Cane River National Heritage Area, Louisiana.—[See 16 U.S.C. 410ccc-21 et seq.]

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS—CONTINUED

Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, New Jersey.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§297-297J, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1837-1844; Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, §7116(i), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(32), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Downeast Maine National Heritage Area, Maine.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(9), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6164.

Essex National Heritage Area, Massachusetts.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title V, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4257; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §204, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §461, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(iii), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(1), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2550; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(b), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(3), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§5(a)(9), 6(b), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6167, 6172.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, Kansas and Missouri.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§261-269, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1807-1813; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(27), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8006, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1253; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(41), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6171.

Great Basin National Heritage Area [formerly Great Basin National Heritage Route], Nevada and Utah.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§291-291L, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1824-1831; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(30), 7(b), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169, 6173.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (see Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, New York).

Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.—Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§401-411, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 802-809; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(e), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(34), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Alaska.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8010, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(45), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6171.

Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 106-278, title I, Oct. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 108-352, §2, Oct. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 1395; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(d), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(d), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(D)(i), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802; Pub. L. 116-260, div. G, title I, §113(b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1505; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(g)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(15), 6(j), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6167, 6172.

Maritime Washington National Heritage Area, Washington.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(2), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 769.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS—CONTINUED

Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area [formerly Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area], New York.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title IX, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4275; Pub. L. 105-83, title III, §§317, 324, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1595, 1597; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §206, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §461, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(vi), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801, 3802; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(k), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 779; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(6), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(13), 6(f), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6167, 6172.

Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area, Mississippi.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8008, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1267; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(43), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6171.

Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, Mississippi.—Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title VII, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3374.

Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area, Mississippi.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8007, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1260; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(42), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6171.

Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, Utah.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§251-260, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1800-1807; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(26), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

MotorCities National Heritage Area [formerly Automobile National Heritage Area], Michigan.—Pub. L. 105-355, title I, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3247; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(C), (2), (c)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802, 3805; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(e), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(f), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(14), 6(g), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6167, 6172.

Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area, Washington.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(3), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 769.

Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, Alabama.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8009, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1275; Pub. L. 114-289, title VI, §601(h), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1491; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(44), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6171.

National Aviation Heritage Area, Ohio.—Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title V, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3361; Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, §7117(d), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1204; Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, §113(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2713; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(f), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4789; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(21), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6168.

National Coal Heritage Area, West Virginia.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title I, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4243; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §201, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 109-338, title IX, §901, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1862; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§461, 471, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824, 825; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(i), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801, 3802; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(f), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4789; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(5), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6166.

Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, New York.—Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§421-432, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 809-818; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(e), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(35), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS—CONTINUED

Northern Neck National Heritage Area, Virginia.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(10), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6164.

Northern Plains National Heritage Area, North Dakota.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8004, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1240; Pub. L. 111-88, div. A, title I, §120, Oct. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 2929; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(b)(2), 5(a)(39), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6162, 6170.

Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, New Mexico.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§201-209, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1787-1790; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(23), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6168.

Oil Region National Heritage Area, Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title VI, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3368; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(j), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 779; Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, §113(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2713; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(g), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4789; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(22), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6168.

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area [formerly Steel Industry American Heritage Area], Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title IV, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4252; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title I, §116], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-158; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§461, 472, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824, 826; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(ii), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801, 3802; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(1), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2550; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(a), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(2), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(8), 6(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6166, 6172.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, California.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(4), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 770.

St. Croix National Heritage Area, U.S. Virgin Islands.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(11), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6165.

Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Colorado.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8001, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(36), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, Arizona.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(5), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 771.

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 106-278, title II, Oct. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 819; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(D)(ii), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(g)(2), (o), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378, 379; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(16), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6168.

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area [formerly America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership], Iowa.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title VII, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4264; Pub. L. 106-176, title III, §309, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §461, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(iv), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801; Pub. L. 116-260, div. G, title I, §113(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1505; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(4), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§5(a)(11), 6(d), 7(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6167, 6172, 6173.

Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Maryland.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(13), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6165.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS—CONTINUED

South Park National Heritage Area, Colorado.—Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8003, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1235; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(38), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6170.

Steel Industry American Heritage Area (see Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Pennsylvania).

Susquehanna National Heritage Area, Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(6), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 771.

Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, Tennessee.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title II, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4245; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §202, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §461, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(2), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2551; Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title I, §117(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title I, §117, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 233; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(g), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(9), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(6), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6166.

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, Connecticut and Massachusetts.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§271-280B, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1813-1819; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(2), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(28), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

Wheeling National Heritage Area, West Virginia.—Pub. L. 106-291, title I, §157, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 963; Pub. L. 113-235, div. F, title I, §120(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2421; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(E), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2550; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(f), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(h), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(d), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(17), 6(h), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6168, 6172.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, Arizona.—Pub. L. 106-319, Oct. 19, 2000, 114 Stat. 1280; Pub. L. 109-318, §1, Oct. 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 1745; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(F), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(i), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(18), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6168.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AND RIVER CORRIDORS

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (see John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Massachusetts and Rhode Island).

Cache La Poudre Corridor, Colorado.—Pub. L. 104-323, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3889; repealed by Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8002(j), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1235.

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Pennsylvania.—Pub. L. 100-692, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4552; Pub. L. 105-355, title IV, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3258; Pub. L. 108-199, div. H, §141, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8202, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1292; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(c), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(c), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(A), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801, 3802; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(c), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(3), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6166.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AND RIVER CORRIDORS—CONTINUED

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, New York.—Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title VIII], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-295; Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8203, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(G), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802; Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title I, §115(b), May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 461; Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, §113(e), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2714; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(j), (m), (p), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378, 379; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(19), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6168.

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§295-295L, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1832-1837; Pub. L. 114-233, §1, Oct. 7, 2016, 130 Stat. 962; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), (q), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378, 379; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(31), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, Illinois.—Pub. L. 98-398, title I, Aug. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 1456; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title IX, §902, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4204; Pub. L. 105-355, title V, §502, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3261; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §126], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-229; Pub. L. 109-338, title IV, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1850; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(a), (n), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 377, 378; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(h), (i), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4789; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(1), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6165.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor [formerly Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor], Massachusetts and Rhode Island.—Pub. L. 99-647, Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3625; Pub. L. 101-441, Oct. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 1017; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, §118, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1013; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(d) [title I, §115], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-181, 3009-201; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title IX, §901, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4201; Pub. L. 105-355, title V, §501, Nov. 6, 1998, 112 Stat. 3261; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title III, §343], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-202; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §121, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 109-338, title VII, §§701, 702, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1857; Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8204, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1295; Pub. L. 112-10, div. B, title VII, §1767, Apr. 15, 2011, 125 Stat. 155; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(b), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(b), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(b), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3803; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(b), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(2), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6166.

Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor (see Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway, Ohio).

Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor (see The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, Connecticut and Massachusetts).

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, South Carolina.—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title VI, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4260; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§461, 473, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824, 826; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(2), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2551; Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title I, §117(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title I, §117, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 233; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(i), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, §113(d), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2714; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(8), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(c), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §§5(a)(10), 6(c), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6167, 6172.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AND RIVER CORRIDORS—CONTINUED

Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, North Carolina and South Carolina.—Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(a)(12), as added Pub. L. 117-339, §4(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6165.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor [formerly Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor], Connecticut and Massachusetts.—Pub. L. 103-449, title I, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4752; Pub. L. 106-149, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1726; Pub. L. 111-11, title VIII, §8201, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1291; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(H), (2), (c)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802, 3804; Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, §113(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2714; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(d), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, §118(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4788; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(4), 6(i), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6166, 6172.

NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAYS

Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway, Ohio [formerly Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor].—Pub. L. 104-333, div. II, title VIII, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4267; Pub. L. 106-176, title II, §205, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 31; Pub. L. 110-229, title IV, §§461, 474, May 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 824, 826; Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, §7116(j), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1203; Pub. L. 113-6, div. F, title IV, §1404(a), Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, §119(a), Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 314; Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(1)(B)(v), (2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3801, 3802; Pub. L. 114-113, div. G, title I, §116(b)(1), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2550; Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6004(c), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(e)(5), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §§2(c), 5(a)(12), 6(e), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163, 6167, 6172.

NATIONAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIPS

America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (see Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area, Iowa).

Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, New York and Vermont.—Pub. L. 109-338, title II, §§281-289, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1819-1824; Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, §119(l)(1), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 117-339, §5(a)(29), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6169.

NATIONAL HERITAGE ROUTES

Great Basin National Heritage Route (see Great Basin National Heritage Area, Nevada and Utah).

MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED BY SECTION 6001(a) OF PUB. L. 116-9

Pub. L. 117-339, §4(b), (c), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6165, provided that, for purposes of section 6001(c) of Pub. L. 116-9, see below, the local coordinating entity for each of the National Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 117-339 were to submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed management plan for the applicable National Heritage Area not later than 3 years after Jan. 5, 2023, and, for purposes of section 6001(g)(4) of Pub. L. 116-9, the authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under that section for each of the National Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 117-339 would terminate on the date that is 15 years after Jan. 5, 2023.

Pub. L. 116-9, title VI, §6001(b)-(g), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 771-776, as amended by Pub. L. 117-339, §8, Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6173, related to the management of the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, Maritime Washington National Heritage Area, Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and Susquehanna National Heritage Area, including administration, man-

agement plans, relationship to other Federal agencies, private property and regulatory protections, evaluation and report, and authorization of appropriations.

CONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES

Pub. L. 113-291, div. B, title XXX, §3052(a)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3802, which made most of the amendments by section 3052(a)(1) of Pub. L. 113-291 applicable through Sept. 20, 2020, unless an evaluation and report regarding national heritage areas were completed, was repealed by Pub. L. 117-339, §2(c), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6163.

§ 120103. National Heritage Area studies and designation

(a) STUDIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or review a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of each proposed National Heritage Area for designation as a National Heritage Area.

(2) PREPARATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A study under paragraph

(1) may be carried out—

(i) by the Secretary, in consultation with State and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies; or

(ii) by interested individuals or entities, if the Secretary certifies that the completed study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

(B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a study carried out by interested individuals or entities under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall review and certify whether the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A study under paragraph (1) shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the proposed National Heritage Area—

(A) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and cultural resources that—

(i) represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States;

(ii) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use; and

(iii) would be best managed—

(I) through partnerships among public and private entities; and

(II) by linking diverse and sometimes noncontiguous resources and active communities;

(B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;

(C) provides outstanding opportunities—

(i) to conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features; and

(ii) for recreation and education;

(D) contains resources that—

(i) are important to any identified themes of the proposed National Heritage Area; and

(ii) retain a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

(E) includes a diverse group of residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments that—

(i) are involved in the planning of the proposed National Heritage Area;

(ii) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants in the proposed National Heritage Area, including the Federal Government; and

(iii) have demonstrated significant support for the designation of the proposed National Heritage Area;

(F) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with the individuals and entities described in subparagraph (E) to develop the proposed National Heritage Area while encouraging State and local economic activity; and

(G) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

(4) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For each study carried out under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that describes—

(i) any correspondence received by the Secretary demonstrating support for, or opposition to, the establishment of the National Heritage Area;

(ii) the findings of the study; and

(iii) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

(B) TIMING.—

(i) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY.—With respect to a study carried out by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out the study.

(ii) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.—With respect to a study carried out by interested individuals or entities in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary certifies under paragraph (2)(B) that the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

(b) DESIGNATION.—An area shall be designated as a National Heritage Area only by an Act of Congress.

(Added Pub. L. 117-339, §2(a), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6159.)

§ 120104. Evaluation

(a) IN GENERAL.—At reasonable and appropriate intervals, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may—

(1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of a National Heritage Area in accordance with subsection (b); and