Public Law 99-402
99th Congress

An Act

Aug. 27, 1986
[S. 1888]

To provide for a program of cleanup and maintenance on Federal lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Federal Lands Cleanup Act of 1985.
Environmental protection.
36 USC 169i note.

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Lands Cleanup Act of 1985".

FINDINGS

36 USC 169i note.

SEC. 2. Congress finds that—

(1) Federal lands, parks, recreation areas, and waterways provide recreational opportunities for millions of Americans each year;

(2) the Federal lands administered by the several Federal land management agencies contain valuable wildlife, scenery, natural and historic features, and other resources which may be damaged by litter and misuse;

(3) it is in the best interest of our country and its citizens to maintain and preserve the beauty, safety, and availability of these Federal lands;

(4) these land management agencies have been designated as the caretakers of these Federal lands and have been given the responsibility for maintaining and preserving these areas and facilities;

(5) there is great value in volunteer involvement in maintaining and preserving Federal lands for recreational use;

(6) the Federal land management agencies should be concerned with promoting a sense of pride and ownership among citizens toward these lands;

(7) the use of citizen volunteers in a national cleanup effort promotes these goals and encourages the thoughtful use of these Federal lands and facilities;

(8) the positive impact of annual cleanup events held at various recreation sites has already been proven by steadily declining levels of litter at these sites; and

(9) a national program for cleaning and maintaining Federal lands using volunteers will save millions of tax dollars.

DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LANDS CLEANUP DAY

President of U.S.

SEC. 3. The first Saturday after Labor Day of each year is designated as "Federal Lands Cleanup Day". The President shall issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Federal Lands Cleanup Day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities: *Provided, however,* That the activities associated with Federal Lands Cleanup Day may be undertaken in individual States on a day other than the first Saturday after Labor

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Day if the affected Federal land managers determine that because of climatological or other factors, an alternative date is more appropriate.

FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL LANDS CLEANUP DAY

SEC. 4. (a)(1) In order to observe Federal Lands Cleanup Day at the Federal level, each Federal land management agency shall organize, coordinate, and participate with citizen volunteers and State and local agencies in cleaning and providing for the maintenance of Federal public lands, recreation areas, and waterways within the jurisdiction of such agency.

Voluntarism. State and local governments. 36 USC 169i-1.

(2) For purposes of this Act, the term "Federal land management agency" shall include—

(A) the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture;

(B) the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior;

(C) the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior;

(D) the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior;

(E) the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior; and

(F) the Army Corps of Engineers.

(b) Each Federal land management agency shall plan for and carry out activities on Federal Lands National Cleanup Day which—

(1) encourage continuing public and private sector cooperation in preserving the beauty and safety of areas within the jurisdiction of such agency;

(2) increase citizens' sense of ownership and community pride in such areas;

(3) reduce litter on Federal lands, along trails and waterways, and within such areas; and

(4) maintain and improve trails, recreation areas, waterways and facilities.

Such activities shall be held in cooperation with appropriate State, county, and local government agencies.

State and local governments.

(c)(1) Within ninety days following the first Federal Lands Cleanup Day occurring after the date of enactment of this Act, each Federal land management agency shall provide a summary report to Congress briefly outlining the types of activities undertaken; the

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sites involved; the nature and extent of the volunteer involvement; the cost savings realized from the program and the overall success of such agency in observing Federal Lands Cleanup Day.

(2) Such reporting requirements shall remain in effect for two years after the submission of the first report.

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