

21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-400 substituted “McInnis Canyons” for “Colorado Canyons”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-400 effective Jan. 1, 2005, see section 1(g) of Pub. L. 108-400, set out as a note under section 460mmm of this title.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COUNCILS

Advisory councils established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a council established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such council is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a council established by Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 460mmm-7. Public access

(a) In general

The Secretary shall continue to allow private landowners reasonable access to inholdings in the Conservation Area and Wilderness.

(b) Glade Park

The Secretary shall continue to allow public right of access, including commercial vehicles, to Glade Park, Colorado, in accordance with the decision in Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County v. Watt (634 F. Supp. 1265 (D.Colo.; May 2, 1986)).

(Pub. L. 106-353, §9, Oct. 24, 2000, 114 Stat. 1380.)

SUBCHAPTER CXXV—STEENS MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION AREA

§ 460nnn. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Advisory council

The term “advisory council” means the Steens Mountain Advisory Council established by part D of this subchapter.¹

(2) Cooperative management agreement

An agreement to plan or implement (or both) cooperative recreation, ecological, grazing, fishery, vegetation, prescribed fire, cultural site protection, wildfire or other measures to beneficially meet public use needs and the public land and private land objectives of this subchapter.

(3) Cooperative Management and Protection Area

The term “Cooperative Management and Protection Area” means the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area designated by part A of this subchapter.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(4) Easements

(A) Conservation easement

The term “conservation easement” means a binding contractual agreement between the Secretary and a landowner in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area under which the landowner, permanently or during a time period specified in the agreement, agrees to conserve or restore habitat, open space, scenic, or other ecological resource values on the land covered by the easement.

(B) Nondevelopment easement

The term “nondevelopment easement” means a binding contractual agreement between the Secretary and a landowner in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area that will, permanently or during a time period specified in the agreement—

- (i) prevent or restrict development on the land covered by the easement; or
- (ii) protect open space or viewshed.

(5) Ecological integrity

The term “ecological integrity” means a landscape where ecological processes are functioning to maintain the structure, composition, activity, and resilience of the landscape over time, including—

- (A) a complex of plant communities, habitats and conditions representative of variable and sustainable successional conditions; and
- (B) the maintenance of biological diversity, soil fertility, and genetic interchange.

(6) Management plan

The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Cooperative Management and Protection Area and the Wilderness Area required to be prepared by section 460nnn-21(b) of this title.

(7) Redband Trout Reserve

The term “Redband Trout Reserve” means the Donner und Blitzen Redband Trout Reserve designated by section 460nnn-72 of this title.

(8) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management.

(9) Science committee

The term “science committee” means the committee of independent scientists appointed under section 460nnn-53 of this title.

(10) Wilderness Area

The term “Wilderness Area” means the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area designated by part B of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §2, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1656.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Part D of this subchapter, referred to in par. (1), probably should be a reference to subpart 4 of part A of this

subchapter. Part D of this subchapter does not relate to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-399, §1(a), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title and amending section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000.’”

PURPOSES

Pub. L. 106-399, §1(b), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, provided that: “The purposes of this Act [see Short Title note above] are the following:

“(1) To maintain the cultural, economic, ecological, and social health of the Steens Mountain area in Harney County, Oregon.

“(2) To designate the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area.

“(3) To designate the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

“(4) To provide for the acquisition of private lands through exchange for inclusion in the Wilderness Area and the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

“(5) To provide for and expand cooperative management activities between public and private landowners in the vicinity of the Wilderness Area and surrounding lands.

“(6) To authorize the purchase of land and development and nondevelopment rights.

“(7) To designate additional components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

“(8) To establish a reserve for redband trout and a wildlands juniper management area.

“(9) To establish a citizens’ management advisory council for the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

“(10) To maintain and enhance cooperative and innovative management practices between the public and private land managers in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

“(11) To promote viable and sustainable grazing and recreation operations on private and public lands.

“(12) To conserve, protect, and manage for healthy watersheds and the long-term ecological integrity of Steens Mountain.

“(13) To authorize only such uses on Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area that are consistent with the purposes of this Act.”

§ 460nnn-1. Maps and legal descriptions

(a) Preparation and submission

As soon as practicable after October 30, 2000, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress maps and legal descriptions of the following:

- (1) The Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- (2) The Wilderness Area.
- (3) The wild and scenic river segments and redband trout reserve designated by part C of this subchapter.
- (4) The mineral withdrawal area designated by part D of this subchapter.
- (5) The wildlands juniper management area established by part E of this subchapter.
- (6) The land exchanges required by part F of this subchapter.

(b) Legal effect and correction

The maps and legal descriptions referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except the Secretary may correct clerical

and typographical errors in such maps and legal descriptions.

(c) Public availability

Copies of the maps and legal descriptions referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Oregon.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §3, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1657.)

§ 460nnn-2. Valid existing rights

Nothing in this subchapter shall effect¹ any valid existing right.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §4, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

§ 460nnn-3. Protection of tribal rights

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish tribal rights, including those of the Burns Paiute Tribe, regarding access to Federal lands for tribal activities, including spiritual, cultural, and traditional food gathering activities.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §5, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

PART A—STEENS MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION AREA

SUBPART 1—DESIGNATION AND PURPOSES

§ 460nnn-11. Designation of Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area

(a) Designation

The Secretary shall designate the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area consisting of approximately 425,550 acres of Federal land located in Harney County, Oregon, in the vicinity of Steens Mountain, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Steens Mountain Boundary Map” and dated September 18, 2000.

(b) Contents of map

In addition to the general boundaries of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area, the map referred to in subsection (a) of this section also depicts the general boundaries of the following:

- (1) The no livestock grazing area described in section 460nnn-23(e) of this title.
- (2) The mineral withdrawal area designated by part D of this subchapter.
- (3) The wildlands juniper management area established by part E of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §101, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

§ 460nnn-12. Purpose and objectives of Cooperative Management and Protection Area

(a) Purpose

The purpose of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area is to conserve, protect, and

¹ So in original. Probably should be “affect”.