

contained in public-land deposits considered as valuable under the coal-land classification standards established by the Secretary of the Interior and prescribed in section 30, Code of Federal Regulations, part 201; and "source material" shall mean uranium, thorium, or any other material which is determined by the Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to the provisions of section 61 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to be source material.

30 CFR Part 201.

68 Stat. 932.
42 USC 2091.

SEC. 7. All moneys received under the provisions of this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States and distributed in the same manner as provided in section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, and section 9 of the Alaska Coal Leasing Act of October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741).

41 Stat. 450.
30 USC 191.

48 USC 437-439.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to amend or repeal any provisions of the Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 708), or any right granted thereunder.

30 USC 521-531.

SEC. 10. Twenty years after the effective date of this Act, all lands subject to the provisions of section 1 shall be withdrawn from all forms of entry under this Act. All claims made pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall expire at that time, except for (1) claims for which patent has already been issued, and (2) claims on which application for patent has already been made and on which patent is subsequently issued: *Provided*, That, if the President shall so provide by Executive order, the provisions of this section shall not become effective until thirty years after the effective date of this Act.

Approved August 11, 1955.

Public Law 358

CHAPTER 796

AN ACT

August 11, 1955
[S. 1395]

To amend the Joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton", approved August 20, 1954.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton", approved August 20, 1954, is amended to read as follows:

Alexander Ham-
ilton.
Bicentennial
Commission.
68 Stat. 747.

"Sec. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed \$150,000 in addition to the sum of \$25,000 heretofore appropriated, as the Congress may determine to be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution."

Appropriation.
Ante, p. 460.

Approved August 11, 1955.

Public Law 359

CHAPTER 797

AN ACT

August 11, 1955
[H. R. 100]

To permit the mining, development, and utilization of the mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955".

Mining Claims
Rights Restoration
Act of 1955.

SEC. 2. All public lands belonging to the United States heretofore, now or hereafter withdrawn or reserved for power development or power sites shall be open to entry for location and patent of mining claims and for mining, development, beneficiation, removal, and utilization of the mineral resources of such lands under applicable Federal statutes: *Provided*, That all power rights to such lands shall be retained by the United States: *Provided further*, That locations made under this Act within the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon grant lands shall also be subject to the provisions of the Act of April 8, 1948, Public Law 477 (Eightieth Congress, second session): *And provided further*, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to open for the purposes described in this section any lands (1) which are included in any project operating or being constructed under a license or permit issued under the Federal Power Act or other Act of Congress, or (2) which are under examination and survey by a prospective licensee of the Federal Power Commission, if such prospective licensee holds an uncanceled preliminary permit issued under the Federal Power Act authorizing him to conduct such examination and survey with respect to such lands and such permit has not been renewed in the case of such prospective licensee more than once.

(b) The locator of a placer claim under this Act, however, shall conduct no mining operations for a period of sixty days after the filing of a notice of location pursuant to section 4 of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior, within sixty days from the filing of the notice of location, notifies the locator by registered mail of the Secretary's intention to hold a public hearing to determine whether placer mining operations would substantially interfere with other uses of the land included within the placer claim, mining operations on that claim shall be further suspended until the Secretary has held the hearing and has issued an appropriate order. The order issued by the Secretary of the Interior shall provide for one of the following: (1) a complete prohibition of placer mining; (2) a permission to engage in placer mining upon the condition that the locator shall, following placer operations, restore the surface of the claim to the condition in which it was immediately prior to those operations; or (3) a general permission to engage in placer mining. No order by the Secretary with respect to such operations shall be valid unless a certified copy is filed in the same State or county office in which the locator's notice of location has been filed in compliance with the United States mining laws.

The Secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as he deems desirable concerning bonds and deposits with respect to the restoration of lands to their condition prior to placer mining operations. Moneys received from any bond or deposit shall be used for the restoration of the surface of the claim involved, and any money received in excess of the amount needed for the restoration of the surface of that claim shall be refunded.

(c) Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity of withdrawals or reservations for purposes other than power development.

SEC. 3. Prospecting and exploration for and the development and utilization of mineral resources authorized in this Act shall be entered into or continued at the financial risk of the individual party or parties undertaking such work: *Provided*, That the United States, its permittees and licensees shall not be responsible or held liable or incur any liability for the damage, destruction, or loss of any mining claim, mill site, facility installed or erected, income, or other property or investments resulting from the actual use of such lands or portions thereof for power development at any time where such power develop-

62 Stat. 162.

41 Stat. 1063; 49
Stat. 863,
16 USC 791a.

ment is made by or under the authority of the United States, except where such damage, destruction, or loss results from the negligence of the United States, its permittees and licensees.

SEC. 4. The owner of any unpatented mining claim located on land described in section 2 of this Act shall file for record in the United States district land office of the land district in which the claim is situated (1) within one year after the effective date of this Act, as to any or all locations heretofore made, or within sixty days of location as to locations hereafter made, a copy of the notice of location of the claim; (2) within sixty days after the expiration of any annual assessment year, a statement as to the assessment work done or improvements made during the previous assessment year.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to limit or restrict the rights of the owner or owners of any valid mining claim located prior to the date of withdrawal or reservation: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or restrict the rights of the owner or owners of any mining claim who are diligently working to make a discovery of valuable minerals at the time any future withdrawal or reservation for power development is made.

SEC. 6. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, all mining claims and mill sites or mineral rights located under the terms of this Act or otherwise contained on the public lands as described in section 2 shall be used only for the purposes specified in section 2 and no facility or activity shall be erected or conducted thereon for other purposes.

Approved August 11, 1955.

Public Law 360

CHAPTER 798

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 83, Eighty-third Congress.

August 11, 1955
[S. 2098]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 341 and the following, *supp.* 1), is further amended as follows:

(a) By adding a new section, following section 7, to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. (a) The Congress finds that there exists special circumstances in certain agricultural areas which cause such areas to be at a disadvantage insofar as agricultural development is concerned, which circumstances include the following: (1) There is concentration of farm families on farms either too small or too unproductive or both; (2) such farm operators because of limited productivity are unable to make adjustments and investments required to establish profitable operations; (3) the productive capacity of the existing farm unit does not permit profitable employment of available labor; (4) because of limited resources, many of these farm families are not able to make full use of current extension programs designed for families operating economic units nor are extension facilities adequate to provide the assistance needed to produce desirable results.

“(b) In order to further the purposes of section 2 in such areas and to encourage complementary development essential to the welfare of such areas, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress from time to time shall determine to be necessary for payments to the States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico on the basis of special needs in such areas as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(c) In determining that the area has such special need, the Secretary shall find that it has a substantial number of disadvantaged farms

Smith-Lever Act
amendments.
38 Stat. 372.
7 USC 341-343,
344-348.
Disadvantaged
farms.

Appropriation.

Assistance.