Public Law 98-570
98th Congress

An Act

To amend title I of the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 in order to provide for the establishment of the Russell Lakes Waterfowl Management Area as a replacement for the authorized Mishak National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title I of the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-514; 86 Stat. 964), as amended by Public Law 96-375 (94 Stat. 1507), is amended as follows:

(1) Section 101 is amended by striking out “establishing the Mishak National Wildlife Refuge and furnishing a water supply for the operation of the Mishak National Wildlife Refuge and the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and for conservation and development of other fish and wildlife resources” and inserting in lieu thereof “establishing the Russell Lakes Waterfowl Management Area and furnishing a water supply for the Russell Lakes Waterfowl Management Area by purchase of required lands with appurtenant water rights and a partial water supply for the operation of the Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge essentially as shown in the Revised Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report for the San Luis Valley project, dated June 1982”.

(2) Section 101 is amended by inserting “, and as modified by the plans essentially as shown in the Revised Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report for the San Luis Valley project, dated June 1982” after “November 1979”.

(3) Section 104(b)(2) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) To maintain the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and the Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area: Provided, That the amount of project salvaged water delivered to the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and the Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area shall not exceed five thousand three hundred acre-feet annually.”.
(4) Section 105 is amended by striking out "project plan" and inserting in lieu thereof "Revised Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report for the San Luis Valley project, dated June 1982".

(5) Section 105 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read: "Private lands required for permanent project facilities may, at the option of the United States, be acquired by fee title."


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