

store, and protect the natural, historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, wildlife, and recreational resources of the Natural Area.

(b) Boundaries

The Natural Area shall include the Rio Grande River from the southern boundary of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge to the New Mexico State border, extending $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on either side of the bank of the River.

(c) Map and legal description

(1) In general

As soon as practicable after October 12, 2006, the Secretary shall prepare a map and legal description of the Natural Area.

(2) Effect

The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in the map and legal description.

(3) Public availability

The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §3, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1777.)

§ 460rrr-2. Establishment of the Commission

(a) Establishment

There is established the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission.

(b) Purpose

The Commission shall—

- (1) advise the Secretary with respect to the Natural Area; and
- (2) prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area under section 460rrr-4(b)(2)(A) of this title.

(c) Membership

The Commission shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

- (1) 1 member shall represent the Colorado State Director of the Bureau of Land Management;
- (2) 1 member shall be the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, ex officio;
- (3) 3 members shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Governor of Colorado, of whom—
 - (A) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Wildlife;
 - (B) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Water Resources; and
 - (C) 1 member shall represent the Rio Grande Water Conservation District; and

(4) 4 members shall—

- (A) represent the general public;
- (B) be citizens of the local region in which the Natural Area is established; and
- (C) have knowledge and experience in the fields of interest relating to the preservation, restoration, and use of the Natural Area.

(d) Terms of office

(1) In general

Except for the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be 5 years.

(2) Reappointment

A member may be reappointed to the Commission on completion of the term of office of the member.

(e) Compensation

A member of the Commission shall serve without compensation for service on the Commission.

(f) Chairperson

The Commission shall elect a chairperson of the Commission.

(g) Meetings

(1) In general

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chairperson.

(2) Public meetings

A meeting of the Commission shall be open to the public.

(3) Notice

Notice of any meeting of the Commission shall be published in advance of the meeting.

(h) Technical assistance

The Secretary and the heads of other Federal agencies shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide any information and technical services requested by the Commission to assist in carrying out the duties of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §4, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1777.)

§ 460rrr-3. Powers of the Commission

(a) Hearings

The Commission may hold such hearings, meet and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Cooperative agreements

(1) In general

For purposes of carrying out the management plan on non-Federal land in the Natural Area, the Commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Colorado, a political subdivision of the State, or any person.

(2) Requirements

A cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall establish procedures for providing notice to the Commission of any action proposed by the State of Colorado, a political subdivision of the State, or any person that may affect the implementation of the management plan on non-Federal land in the Natural Area.

(3) Effect

A cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall not enlarge or diminish any right or duty of a Federal agency under Federal law.

(c) Prohibition of acquisition of real property

The Commission may not acquire any real property or interest in real property.

(d) Implementation of management plan

(1) In general

The Commission shall assist the Secretary in implementing the management plan by car-