

State waste disposal laws (including regulations) and any other applicable law.

(G) Provisions requiring the Secretary to honor each valid existing oil and gas lease for lands within the boundaries of the Preserve (as described in section 698u-2(b) of this title) that is in effect on November 12, 1996.

(H) Provisions requiring the Secretary to offer to enter into an agreement with each individual who, as of November 12, 1996, holds rights for cattle grazing within the boundaries of the Preserve (as described in section 698u-2(b) of this title).

(4) Hunting and fishing

The Secretary may allow hunting and fishing on Federal lands within the Preserve.

(5) Financial analysis

As part of the development of the general management plan, the Secretary shall prepare a financial analysis indicating how the management of the Preserve may be fully supported through fees, private donations, and other forms of non-Federal funding.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1005, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4205; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §122(3), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Tort Claims Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), is title IV of act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, 60 Stat. 842, which was classified principally to chapter 20 (§§921, 922, 931-934, 941-946) of former Title 28, Judicial Code and Judiciary. Title IV of act Aug. 2, 1946, was substantially repealed and reenacted as sections 1346(b) and 2671 et seq. of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, by act June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 992, the first section of which enacted Title 28. The Federal Tort Claims Act is also commonly used to refer to chapter 171 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Tables. For distribution of former sections of Title 28 into the revised Title 28, see Table at the beginning of Title 28.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 106-176, §122(3)(A), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title.

Subsec. (g)(3)(A). Pub. L. 106-176, §122(3)(B), substituted “the tallgrass prairie” for “the tall grass prairie”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 698u-4. Limited authority to acquire

(a) In general

The Secretary shall acquire, by donation, not more than 180 acres of real property within the boundaries of the Preserve (as described in section 698u-2(b) of this title) and the improvements on the real property.

(b) Payments in lieu of taxes

For the purposes of payments made under chapter 69 of title 31, the real property described in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed

to have been acquired for the purposes specified in section 6904(a) of that title.

(c) Prohibitions

No property may be acquired under this section without the consent of the owner of the property. The United States may not acquire fee ownership of any lands within the Preserve other than lands described in this section.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1006, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4208; Pub. L. 108-352, §17, Oct. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 1398.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-352 substituted “subsection (a)” for “subsection (a)(1)”.

§ 698u-5. Advisory Committee

(a) Establishment

There is established an advisory committee to be known as the “Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee”.

(b) Duties

The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary and the Director of the National Park Service concerning the development, management, and interpretation of the Preserve. In carrying out those duties, the Advisory Committee shall provide timely advice to the Secretary and the Director during the preparation of the general management plan under section 698u-3(g) of this title.

(c) Membership

The Advisory Committee shall consist of 13 members, who shall be appointed by the Secretary as follows:

(1) Three members shall be representatives of the Trust.

(2) Three members shall be representatives of local landowners, cattle ranchers, or other agricultural interests.

(3) Three members shall be representatives of conservation or historic preservation interests.

(4)(A) One member shall be selected from a list of persons recommended by the Chase County Commission in the State of Kansas.

(B) One member shall be selected from a list of persons recommended by appropriate officials of Strong City, Kansas, and Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

(C) One member shall be selected from a list of persons recommended by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

(5) One member shall be a range management specialist representing institutions of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20) in the State of Kansas.

(d) Terms

(1) In general

Each member of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed to serve for a term of 3 years, except that the initial members shall be appointed as follows:

(A) Four members shall be appointed, one each from paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to serve for a term of 3 years.

(B) Four members shall be appointed, one each from paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to serve for a term of 4 years.

(C) Five members shall be appointed, one each from paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (c) of this section, to serve for a term of 5 years.

(2) Reappointment

Each member may be reappointed to serve a subsequent term.

(3) Expiration

Each member shall continue to serve after the expiration of the term of the member until a successor is appointed.

(4) Vacancies

A vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment is made. The member appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term in which the vacancy occurred.

(e) Chairperson

The members of the Advisory Committee shall select 1 of the members to serve as Chairperson.

(f) Meetings

Meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or the majority of the Advisory Committee. Meetings shall be held at such locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate opportunity for public involvement. In compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), the Advisory Committee shall choose an appropriate means of providing interested members of the public advance notice of scheduled meetings.

(g) Quorum

A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(h) Compensation

Each member of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation, except that while engaged in official business of the Advisory Committee, the member shall be entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5.

(i) Charter

The rechartering provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (15¹ U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Advisory Committee.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1007, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4208; Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(4), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1618.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (f), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted “section 1001 of title 20” for “section 1141(a) of title 20”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “5”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of Title 20, Education.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees 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 committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 698u-6. Restriction on authority

Nothing in sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title shall give the Secretary authority to regulate lands outside the land area acquired by the Secretary under section 698u-4(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1008, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4209.)

§ 698u-7. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1009, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4209.)

§ 698v. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) the Baca ranch comprises most of the Valles Caldera in central New Mexico, and constitutes a unique land mass, with significant scientific, cultural, historic, recreational, ecological, wildlife, fisheries, and productive values;

(2) the Valles Caldera is a large resurgent lava dome with potential geothermal activity;

(3) the land comprising the Baca ranch was originally granted to the heirs of Don Luis Maria Cabeza de Vaca in 1860;

(4) historical evidence, in the form of old logging camps and other artifacts, and the history of territorial New Mexico indicate the importance of this land over many generations for domesticated livestock production and timber supply;

(5) the careful husbandry of the Baca ranch by the current owners, including selective timbering, limited grazing and hunting, and the use of prescribed fire, have preserved a mix of healthy range and timber land with significant species diversity, thereby serving as a model for sustainable land development and use;

(6) the Baca ranch's natural beauty and abundant resources, and its proximity to large municipal populations, could provide numerous recreational opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, cross-country skiing, and hunting;