

SUBCHAPTER CVIII—GAULEY RIVER
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

§ 460ww. Establishment

(a) In general

In order to protect and preserve the scenic, recreational, geological, and fish and wildlife resources of the Gauley River and its tributary, the Meadow River, there is hereby established the Gauley River National Recreation Area (hereinafter in this Act referred¹ to as the "recreation area").

(b) Area included

The recreation area shall consist of the land, waters, and interests therein generally depicted on the boundary map entitled "Gauley River National Recreation Area", numbered NRA-GR/20,000A and dated July 1987 and on the boundary map depicting the Meadow River, numbered WSR-MEA/20,000A and dated July 1988. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(c) Boundary modifications

Within five years after October 26, 1988, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the "Secretary") shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate a report containing any boundary modifications which the Secretary recommends, together with the reasons therefor.

(Pub. L. 100-534, title II, §201, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2702; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(d)(21), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 100-534, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2699, known as the West Virginia National Interest River Conservation Act of 1987, which enacted this subchapter and sections 460m-26 to 460m-29 of this title, amended sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note set out under section 460m-15 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted "Natural Resources" for "Interior and Insular Affairs" after "Committee on".

§ 460ww-1. Administration

(a) In general

The recreation area shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title.

(b) Hunting and fishing; fish stocking

The Secretary shall permit hunting, trapping and fishing on lands and waters within the recreation area in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws. The Secretary may,

after consultation with the State of West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, designate zones where, and establish periods when, such activities will not be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, fish and wildlife habitat or public use and enjoyment subject to such terms and conditions as he deems necessary in the furtherance of this Act. The Secretary shall permit the State of West Virginia to undertake or continue fish stocking activities carried out by the State in consultation with the Secretary on waters within the boundaries of the recreation area. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of West Virginia with respect to fish and wildlife¹

(c) Cooperative agreements with State

In administering the recreation area the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of West Virginia, or any political subdivision thereof, for the rendering, on a reimbursable basis, of rescue, firefighting, and law enforcement services and cooperative assistance by nearby law enforcement and fire preventive agencies.

(d) Application of other provisions

The provisions of section 1278(a) of this title,² shall apply to the recreation area in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to river segments referred to in such provisions.

(e) Recreational access

(1) Existing public roads

The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of West Virginia under which the Secretary shall be authorized to maintain and improve existing public roads and public rights-of-way within the boundaries of the national recreation area to the extent necessary to facilitate and improve reasonable access to the recreation area at existing access points where such actions would not unreasonably diminish the scenic and natural values of the area.

(2) Facilities adjacent to dam

In order to accommodate visitation to the recreation area, the Secretary shall construct such facilities as necessary to enhance and improve access, vehicle parking and related facilities, and provide river access for white-water recreation and for other recreational activities, immediately downstream of the Summersville Dam, to the extent that such facilities are not provided pursuant to section 460ww-4 of this title and such facilities are within the boundaries of the recreation area. Such construction shall be subject to the memorandum of understanding referred to in subsection (f) of this section.

(3) Other locations

In addition, in order to provide reasonable public access and vehicle parking for public use and enjoyment of the recreation area, consistent with the preservation and enhance-

¹ So in original. Should be "referred".

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

² So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

ment of the natural and scenic values of the recreation area, the Secretary may, with the consent of the owner thereof, acquire such lands and interests in lands to construct such parking and related facilities at other appropriate locations outside the boundaries of, but within one mile of the recreation area as may be necessary and appropriate. Any such lands shall be managed in accordance with the management provisions for the recreation area as defined in subsection (a) of this section.

(4) Access to river

(A) In order to facilitate public safety, use, and enjoyment of the recreation area, and to protect, to the maximum extent feasible, the scenic and natural resources of the area, the Secretary is authorized and directed to acquire such lands or interests in lands and to take such actions as are necessary to provide access by noncommercial entities on the north side of the Gauley River at the area known as Woods Ferry utilizing existing roads and rights-of-way. Such actions by the Secretary shall include the construction of parking and related facilities in the vicinity of Woods Ferry for noncommercial use on lands acquired pursuant to paragraph (3) or on lands acquired with the consent of the owner thereof within the boundaries of the recreation area.

(B) If necessary, in the discretion of the Secretary, in order to minimize environmental impacts, including visual impacts, within portions of the recreation area immediately adjacent to the river, the Secretary may, by contract or otherwise, provide transportation services for noncommercial visitors, at reasonable cost, between such parking facilities and the river.

(C) Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall affect the rights of any person to continue to utilize, pursuant to a lease in effect on April 1, 1993, any right of way acquired pursuant to such lease which authorizes such person to use an existing road referred to in subparagraph (A). Except as provided under paragraph (2) relating to access immediately downstream of the Summersville project, until there is compliance with this paragraph the Secretary is prohibited from acquiring or developing any other river access points within the recreation area.

(f) Properties and facilities of Federal agencies

After consultation with any other Federal agency managing lands and waters within or contiguous to the recreation area, the Secretary shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with such other Federal agency to identify those areas within the recreation area which are (1) under the administrative jurisdiction of such other agency; (2) directly related to the operation of the Summersville project; and (3) essential to the operation of such project. The memorandum of understanding shall also include provisions regarding the management of all such lands and waters in a manner consistent with the operation of such project and the management of the recreation area.

(Pub. L. 100-534, title II, §202, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2702; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title IV, §406(c)(2), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4150.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), is Pub. L. 100-534, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2699, known as the West Virginia National Interest River Conservation Act of 1987, which enacted this subchapter and sections 460m-26 to 460m-29 of this title, amended sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note set out under section 460m-15 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 104-333 added par. (4).

§ 460ww-2. Miscellaneous

(a) Lands and waters

The Secretary may acquire lands or interests in lands within the boundaries of the recreation area by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange. When any tract of land is only partly within such boundaries, the Secretary may acquire all or any portion of the land outside of such boundaries in order to minimize the payment of severance costs.

(b) Jurisdiction

Lands, waters and interests therein within the recreation area which are administered by any other agency of the United States and which are not identified under section 460ww-1 of this title as directly related to the Summersville project and essential to the operation of that project shall be transferred without reimbursement to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(c) Protection of existing project

Nothing in this Act shall impair or affect the requirements of section 1102 of Public Law 99-662 or otherwise affect the authorities of any department or agency of the United States to carry out the project purposes of the Summersville project, including recreation. In releasing water from such project, in order to protect public health and safety and to provide for enjoyment of the resources within the recreation area, other departments and agencies of the United States shall cooperate with the Secretary to facilitate and enhance whitewater recreational use and other recreational use of the recreation area.

(Pub. L. 100-534, title II, §203, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2704.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 100-534, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2699, known as the West Virginia National Interest River Conservation Act of 1987, which enacted this subchapter and sections 460m-26 to 460m-29 of this title, amended sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 460m-15 and 1274 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note set out under section 460m-15 of this title and Tables.

Section 1102 of Public Law 99-662, referred to in subsec. (c), is section 1102 of Pub. L. 99-662, title XI, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4225, which is not classified to the Code.

§ 460ww-3. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this subchapter.