

the projected need for any additional facilities required for the unit.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-625, §604(4), substituted “or of five years or more” for “or exceeding five years”.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (b) of this section relating to submitting to Congress, on January 1 each year, a list indicating the current status of general management plans, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 110 of House Document No. 103-7.

§ 1a-7a. National Park System crime prevention assistance

(a) Availability of funds

There are authorized to be appropriated out of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, not to exceed \$10,000,000, for the Secretary of the Interior to take all necessary actions to seek to reduce the incidence of violent crime in the National Park System.

(b) Recommendations for improvement

The Secretary shall direct the chief official responsible for law enforcement within the National Park Service to—

- (1) compile a list of areas within the National Park System with the highest rates of violent crime;
- (2) make recommendations concerning capital improvements, and other measures, needed within the National Park System to reduce the rates of violent crime, including the rate of sexual assault; and
- (3) publish the information required by paragraphs (1) and (2) in the Federal Register.

(c) Distribution of funds

Based on the recommendations and list issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall distribute the funds authorized by subsection (a) of this section throughout the National Park System. Priority shall be given to those areas with the highest rates of sexual assault.

(d) Use of funds

Funds provided under this section may be used—

- (1) to increase lighting within or adjacent to National Park System units;
- (2) to provide emergency phone lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in areas within or adjacent to National Park System units;
- (3) to increase security or law enforcement personnel within or adjacent to National Park System units; or
- (4) for any other project intended to increase the security and safety of National Park System units.

(Pub. L. 91-383, §13, as added Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §40132, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1917.)

§ 1a-7b. Protecting Americans from violent crime

(a) Congressional findings

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The Second Amendment to the Constitution provides that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed”.

(2) Section 2.4(a)(1) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, provides that “except as otherwise provided in this section and parts 7 (special regulations) and 13 (Alaska regulations), the following are prohibited: (i) Possessing a weapon, trap or net (ii) Carrying a weapon, trap or net (iii) Using a weapon, trap or net”.

(3) Section 27.42 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, provides that, except in special circumstances, citizens of the United States may not “possess, use, or transport firearms on national wildlife refuges” of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(4) The regulations described in paragraphs (2) and (3) prevent individuals complying with Federal and State laws from exercising the second amendment rights of the individuals while at units of—

- (A) the National Park System; and
- (B) the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(5) The existence of different laws relating to the transportation and possession of firearms at different units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System entrapped law-abiding gun owners while at units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(6) Although the Bush administration issued new regulations relating to the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens in units of the National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System that went into effect on January 9, 2009—

- (A) on March 19, 2009, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia granted a preliminary injunction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the new regulations; and
- (B) the new regulations—
 - (i) are under review by the administration; and
 - (ii) may be altered.

(7) Congress needs to weigh in on the new regulations to ensure that unelected bureaucrats and judges cannot again override the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens on 83,600,000 acres of National Park System land and 90,790,000 acres of land under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(8) The Federal laws should make it clear that the second amendment rights of an individual at a unit of the National Park System or the National Wildlife Refuge System should not be infringed.

(b) Protecting the right of individuals to bear arms in units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System

The Secretary of the Interior shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm including an assembled or functional firearm in any unit of the National Park System or the National Wildlife Refuge System if—

- (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm; and
- (2) the possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the State in which the