

SUBCHAPTER LIX-T—MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

§ 410vv. Purposes

The purposes of this subchapter are—

- (1) to interpret the history and evolution of conservation stewardship in America;
- (2) to recognize and interpret the contributions and birthplace of George Perkins Marsh, pioneering environmentalist, author of *Man and Nature*, statesman, lawyer, and linguist;
- (3) to recognize and interpret the contributions of Frederick Billings, conservationist, pioneer in reforestation and scientific farm management, lawyer, philanthropist, and railroad builder, who extended the principles of land management introduced by Marsh;
- (4) to preserve the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion and its surrounding lands; and
- (5) to recognize the significant contributions of Julia Billings, Mary Billings French, Mary French Rockefeller, and Laurance Spelman Rockefeller in perpetuating the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller heritage.

(Pub. L. 102-350, §2, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 934; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title I, §143], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-267.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pars. (4), (5). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller” for “Marsh-Billings”.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-350, §1, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 934, as amended by Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title I, §143], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-267, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Establishment Act’.”

§ 410vv-1. Establishment

(a) In general

There is established as a unit of the National Park System the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Windsor County, Vermont (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “park”).

(b) Boundaries and map

(1) The park shall consist of a historic zone, including the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion, surrounding buildings and a portion of the area known as “Mt. Tom”, comprising approximately 555 acres, and a protection zone, including the areas presently occupied by the Billings Farm and Museum, comprising approximately 88 acres, all as generally depicted on the map entitled “Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Boundary Map” and dated November 19, 1991.

(2) The map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 102-350, §3, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 934; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title I, §143], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-267.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller” for “Marsh-Billings” wherever appearing.

§ 410vv-2. Administration

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall administer the park in accordance with this subchapter, and laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including, but not limited to sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title.

(b) Acquisition of lands

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands or interests therein within the park only by donation.

(2) If the Secretary determines that lands within the protection zone are being used, or there is an imminent threat that such lands will be used, for a purpose that is incompatible with the purposes of this subchapter, the Secretary may acquire such lands or interests therein by means other than donation.

(3) The Secretary may acquire lands within the historic zone subject to terms and easements providing for the management and commercial operation of existing hiking and cross-country ski trails by the grantor, and the grantor’s successors and assigns, such terms and easements shall be in a manner consistent with the purposes of the historic zone. Any changes in the operation and management of existing trails shall be subject to approval by the Secretary.

(c) Historic zone

The primary purposes of the historic zone shall be preservation, education, and interpretation.

(d) Protection zone

(1) The primary purpose of the protection zone shall be to preserve the general character of the setting across from the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion in such a manner and by such means as will continue to permit current and future compatible uses.

(2) The Secretary shall pursue protection and preservation alternatives for the protection zone by working with affected State and local governments and affected landowners to develop and implement land use practices consistent with this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 102-350, §4, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 934; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title I, §143], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-267.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller” for “Marsh-Billings”.

§ 410vv-3. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Scenic Zone

(a) In general

There is established the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Scenic Zone (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “scenic zone”), which shall include those lands as generally depicted on the map entitled “Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Scenic Zone Map” and dated November 19, 1991.