

**(b) Improvement of navigation facilities at Bonneville Dam**

Except for the offsite disposal of excavation material, nothing in sections 544 to 544p of this title shall be construed to affect or modify the responsibility of the United States Army Corps of Engineers to improve navigation facilities at Bonneville Dam pursuant to Federal law.

**(c) Rights and responsibilities of non-Federal timber land owners**

Except for the management, utilization, or disposal of timber resources of non-Federal lands within the special management areas, nothing in sections 544 to 544p of this title shall affect the rights and responsibilities of non-Federal timber land owners under the Oregon and Washington Forest Practices Acts or any county regulations which under applicable State law supersede such Acts.

**(d) Interstate compacts**

Mandatory language in sections 544 to 544p of this title respecting the powers and responsibilities of the Commission shall be interpreted as conditions precedent to congressional consent to the interstate compact described in section 544c of this title.

**(e) Failure to establish Columbia River Gorge Commission; responsibility of Secretary**

In the event that the States of Washington and Oregon fail to comply with the provisions of section 544c of this title, the Secretary shall not be obligated to take actions which are predicated upon the establishment of the Commission.

**(f) Actions of Secretary as major Federal actions affecting the environment**

(1) Actions by the Secretary pursuant to subsections (f), (g), and (h) of section 544d of this title; subsections (f), (j), (k), and (l) of section 544f of this title; section 544g of this title; and subsections (a) and (b)(2) of section 544h of this title shall neither be considered major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332) nor require the preparation of an environmental assessment in accordance with that Act [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.].

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, nothing in sections 544 to 544p of this title shall expand, restrict, or otherwise alter the duties of the Secretary under the National Environmental Policy Act.

(Pub. L. 99-663, §17, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4300.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 13(c), referred to in subsec. (a)(2) to (4), is section 13(c) of Pub. L. 99-663, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4294, which amended section 1274(a) of this title.

The National Forest Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(9), is Pub. L. 94-588, Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2949, as amended, which enacted sections 472a, 521b, 1600, and 1611 to 1614 of this title, amended sections 500, 515, 516, 518, 576b, 581h, and 1601 to 1610 of this title, repealed sections 476, 513, and 514 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 476, 513, 528, 594-2, and 1600 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1976 Amendment note set out under section 1600 of this title and Tables.

The National Environmental Policy Act, referred to in subsec. (f), probably means the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

**§ 544p. Severability**

(a)<sup>1</sup> If any provision of sections 544 to 544p of this title or the application thereof to any person, State, Indian tribe, entity, or circumstance is held invalid, neither the remainder of sections 544 to 544p of this title, nor the application of any provisions herein to other persons, States, Indian tribes, entities, or circumstances, shall be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 99-663, §18, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4302.)

**§ 545. Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area; purposes**

The purposes of sections 545 and 545a of this title with respect to the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area are to—

(1) ensure appropriate protection and preservation of the scenic quality, water quality, natural characteristics, and water resources;

(2) protect and manage vegetation to provide wildlife and fish habitat, consistent with paragraph (1);

(3) provide areas that may develop characteristics of old-growth forests; and

(4) provide a variety of recreation opportunities that are not inconsistent with the preceding purposes.

(Pub. L. 103-314, §2, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1703; Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §915, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1187.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area” for “George Washington National Forest Mount Pleasant Scenic Area” in introductory provisions.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 103-314, §1, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1703, as amended by Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §915, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1187, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 545 and 545a of this title] may be cited as the ‘Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area Act.’”

**§ 545a. Establishment of Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area**

**(a) In general**

**(1) Establishment**

There is hereby established in the George Washington National Forest, Virginia, the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area (in this section referred to as the “scenic area”).

**(2) Lands included in scenic area**

The scenic area shall consist of certain lands in the George Washington National Forest, Virginia, which comprise approximately seven thousand five hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area—Proposed”, dated June 21, 1993.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.