

the designated river segments, and authorized the appropriation of the funds necessary to carry out Pub. L. 102-271, which amended sections 1274 and 1276 of this title.

**PUERTO RICO; RIVERS OF CARIBBEAN NATIONAL FOREST; SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS; PRESERVATION OF COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITY**

Pub. L. 107-365, §2(c), (d), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3028, provided that the amendment by section 2(b) of Pub. L. 107-365 to this section and the applicability of this chapter to segments of the rivers of Caribbean National Forest (now El Yunque National Forest) were not to be construed to prevent various scientific research activities within the boundaries of these river segments, but that those activities were subject to such conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture considered desirable, and provided that section 2 of Pub. L. 107-365, amending this section, did not limit the authority of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico over its waters and natural channels of public domain.

**SOUTH DAKOTA AND NEBRASKA; ADMINISTRATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEGMENTS OF NIOBRARA AND MISSOURI RIVERS**

Pub. L. 102-50, §§4-7, 8, formerly §9, May 24, 1991, 105 Stat. 255-258; §9 renumbered §8, Pub. L. 105-362, title IX, §901(g)(2), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3290, set acreage limits on lands acquired by Secretary of the Interior along the segments of the Niobrara River designated under section 2 of Pub. L. 102-50, provided for establishment of the Niobrara Scenic River Advisory Commission, required establishment of a recreational river advisory group by Secretary to be consulted in the administration of the segment of the Missouri River designated under section 2 of Pub. L. 102-50, directed that the designation of the river segment not place any additional requirements on placement of bridges, authorized use of erosion control techniques to protect water resource values along designated river segment, called for study of feasibility and suitability of possible designation of lands in Knox and Boyd Counties, Nebraska, as a national recreation area, and authorized appropriation of sums necessary to carry out provisions of Pub. L. 102-50.

**UTAH; INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED NON-FEDERAL LAND**

Pub. L. 111-11, title I, §1976(b), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1088, provided that: "If the United States acquires any non-Federal land within or adjacent to Zion National Park that includes a river segment that is contiguous to a river segment of the Virgin River designated as a wild, scenic, or recreational river by paragraph (204) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) (as added by subsection (a)), the acquired river segment shall be incorporated in, and be administered as part of, the applicable wild, scenic, or recreational river."

**WEST VIRGINIA; WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEGMENTS OF BLUESTONE AND MEADOW RIVERS; PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Pub. L. 100-534, title IV, §403, Oct. 26, 1988, 102 Stat. 2707, directed Secretary of the Interior to establish a public awareness program to be carried out in Mercer, Nicholas, and Greenbrier Counties, West Virginia, in cooperation with State and local agencies, landowners, and other concerned organizations, to further public understanding of the effects of designation as components of National Wild and Scenic Rivers System of segments of Bluestone and Meadow Rivers which were found eligible in studies completed by National Park Service in August 1983 but which were not designated as units of such system, with Secretary to submit a report to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of United States House of Representatives and to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of United States Senate by Dec. 31, 1992, describing the program.

**WYOMING; DEFINITIONS; ADMINISTRATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEGMENTS OF SNAKE RIVER HEADWATERS**

Pub. L. 111-11, title V, §5002(c), (e), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1148, 1150, provided for administration of Wild and Scenic River segments of Snake River Headwaters; required Secretary concerned to develop a management plan for each such river segment and apply for quantification of water rights reserved by each such river segment; allowed such Secretary to carry out activities at United States Geological Survey stream gauges on the Snake River; prohibited such Secretary's acquisition of property or interest in property within such river segments without owner's consent; and enacted savings provisions.

**§ 1275. Additions to national wild and scenic rivers system**

**(a) Reports by Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; recommendations to Congress; contents of reports**

The Secretary of the Interior or, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture or, in appropriate cases, the two Secretaries jointly shall study and submit to the President reports on the suitability or non-suitability for addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system of rivers which are designated herein or hereafter by the Congress as potential additions to such system. The President shall report to the Congress his recommendations and proposals with respect to the designation of each such river or section thereof under this chapter. Such studies shall be completed and such reports shall be made to the Congress with respect to all rivers named in section 1276(a) (1) through (27) of this title no later than October 2, 1978. In conducting these studies the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall give priority to those rivers (i) with respect to which there is the greatest likelihood of developments which, if undertaken, would render the rivers unsuitable for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system, and (ii) which possess the greatest proportion of private lands within their areas. Every such study and plan shall be coordinated with any water resources planning involving the same river which is being conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act [42 U.S.C. 1962 et seq.].

Each report, including maps and illustrations, shall show among other things the area included within the report; the characteristics which do or do not make the area a worthy addition to the system; the current status of land ownership and use in the area; the reasonably foreseeable potential uses of the land and water which would be enhanced, foreclosed, or curtailed if the area were included in the national wild and scenic rivers system; the Federal agency (which in the case of a river which is wholly or substantially within a national forest, shall be the Department of Agriculture) by which it is proposed the area, should it be added to the system, be administered; the extent to which it is proposed that such administration, including the costs thereof, be shared by State and local agencies; and the estimated cost to the United States of acquiring necessary lands and interests in land and of administering the area, should it be added to the system. Each such report shall be printed as a Senate or House document.

**(b) Study of report by affected Federal and State officials; recommendations and comments; transmittal to President and Congress**

Before submitting any such report to the President and the Congress, copies of the proposed report shall, unless it was prepared jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, be submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture or by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior, as the case may be, and to the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Energy, the head of any other affected Federal department or agency and, unless the lands proposed to be included in the area are already owned by the United States or have already been authorized for acquisition by Act of Congress, the Governor of the State or States in which they are located or an officer designated by the Governor to receive the same. Any recommendations or comments on the proposal which the said officials furnish the Secretary or Secretaries who prepared the report within ninety days of the date on which the report is submitted to them, together with the Secretary's or Secretaries' comments thereon, shall be included with the transmittal to the President and the Congress.

**(c) Publication in Federal Register**

Before approving or disapproving for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system any river designated as a wild, scenic or recreational river by or pursuant to an act of a State legislature, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit the proposal to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Energy, and the head of any other affected Federal department or agency and shall evaluate and give due weight to any recommendations or comments which the said officials furnish him within ninety days of the date on which it is submitted to them. If he approves the proposed inclusion, he shall publish notice thereof in the Federal Register.

**(d) Areas comprised by boundaries; scope of study report**

The boundaries of any river proposed in section 1276(a) of this title for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System shall generally comprise that area measured within one-quarter mile from the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river. In the case of any designated river, prior to publication of boundaries pursuant to section 1274(b) of this title, the boundaries also shall comprise the same area. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the possible scope of the study report to address areas which may lie more than one-quarter mile from the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §4, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 909; Pub. L. 93-279, §1(b)(1), May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 122; Pub. L. 93-621, §1(d), Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2096; Pub. L. 94-486, title V, §501, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2330; Pub. L. 95-91, title III, §301(b), Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 578; Pub. L. 99-590, title V, §502, Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3335.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Water Resources Planning Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 89-80, July 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 244,

as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 19B (§1962 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 1962 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-590 added subsec. (d).

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-486 struck out provision which directed that no river be added to the national wild and scenic river system after October 2, 1968, until the close of the next full session of the State legislature or legislatures, if more than one State was involved, which began following submission of the proposed addition to the President.

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-621, in first paragraph, designated provision relating to the developments, which, if undertaken, would render the rivers unsuitable for inclusion in the system as cl. (i), and added cl. (ii).

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-279, in first paragraph, substituted provisions requiring submission of reports to the President on the suitability or nonsuitability for addition to the national wild and scenic river system of rivers designated by Congress as potential additions to such system, and submission by President of recommendations and proposals to the Congress, for provisions for submission of proposals to the President and the Congress, struck out reference to section 1273(b) of this title and administration by an agency of the United States, inserted provisions that the studies relating to rivers named in section 1276(a) of this title be completed by Oct. 2, 1978, and that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture give priority to rivers which may be unsuitable for inclusion in the national wild and scenic river system if developments were undertaken, and in second paragraph, substantially incorporated the existing provisions with minor changes.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Secretary of Energy” substituted for “Chairman of the Federal Power Commission” in subssecs. (b) and (c) pursuant to Pub. L. 95-91, §301(b), which is classified to section 7151(b) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Federal Power Commission terminated and its functions, personnel, property, funds, etc., transferred to Secretary of Energy (except for certain functions transferred to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) by sections 7151(b), 7171(a), 7172(a), 7291, and 7293 of Title 42.

**§ 1276. Rivers constituting potential additions to national wild and scenic rivers system**

**(a) Enumeration of designated rivers**

The following rivers are hereby designated for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system:

(1) Allegheny, Pennsylvania: The segment from its mouth to the town of East Brady, Pennsylvania.

(2) Bruneau, Idaho: The entire main stem.

(3) Buffalo, Tennessee: The entire river.

(4) Chattooga, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia: The entire river.

(5) Clarion, Pennsylvania: The segment between Ridgway and its confluence with the Allegheny River.

(6) Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York: The segment from Hancock, New York, to Matamoras, Pennsylvania.

(7) Flathead, Montana: The North Fork from the Canadian border downstream to its confluence with the Middle Fork; the Middle Fork from its headwaters to its confluence with the