secure the safe title in the United States to the areas which may be acquired under section 691 of this title, including purchase of options when deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Interior, and expenses incident to the location, examination, and survey of such areas and the acquisition of title thereto, but no payment shall be made for any such areas until the title thereto shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General. That the acquisition of such areas by the United States shall in no case be defeated because of rights-of-way, easements, and reservations which from their nature will in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior in no manner interfere with the use of the areas so encumbered for the purpose of section 691a of this title.

(June 12, 1930, ch. 469, §4, 46 Stat. 579; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 671 of this title.

§691d. Applicability of certain statutes

Sections 715f to 715i and 715l to $715n^{1}$ of this title are made applicable for the purposes of sections 691, 691a, and 691c of this title in the same manner and to the same extent as though they were enacted as a part of those sections.

(June 12, 1930, ch. 469, §5, 46 Stat. 579.)

References in Text

Sections 715l and 715m of this title, referred to in text, were repealed by Pub. L. 89–669, §7(d), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930. See section 668dd(f) and (e) of this title.

§692. Game sanctuaries or refuges in Ocala National Forest; creation

The President of the United States is authorized to designate as game refuges such lands of the United States within the Ocala National Forest, in the State of Florida, as in his judgment should be set aside for the protection of game animals and birds, but it is not intended that the lands so designated shall cease to be parts of the national forest within which they are located, and the establishment of such game sanctuaries or refuges shall not prevent the Secretary of Agriculture from permitting other uses of the lands under and in conformity with the laws and regulations applicable thereto so far as such uses may be consistent with the purposes for which such game sanctuaries or refuges are established.

(June 28, 1930, ch. 709, §1, 46 Stat. 827.)

PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION

Lands comprising the Ocala National Game Refuge were designated by Proclamation of July 24, 1930 (46 Stat. 3031), and Executive Order No. 5814 of Mar. 1, 1932.

§692a. Hunting, pursuing, capturing, etc., in Ocala National Forest unlawful

When such game sanctuaries or refuges have been established as provided in section 692 of this title, the hunting, pursuing, poisoning, killing, or capturing by trapping, netting, or any other means, or attempting to hunt, pursue, kill, or capture any game animals or birds upon the lands of the United States within the limits of such game sanctuaries or refuges shall be unlawful except under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time prescribe.

(June 28, 1930, ch. 709, §2, 46 Stat. 828; June 25, 1948, ch. 645, §15, 62 Stat. 861.)

Amendments

1948—Act June 25, 1948, struck out penal provisions (see section 41 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure), and inserted reference to rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1948 AMENDMENT

Section 20 of act June 25, 1948, provided that the amendment made by that act is effective Sept. 1, 1948.

§693. Game sanctuaries and refuges in Ouachita National Forest

For the purpose of providing breeding places and for the protection and administration of game animals, birds, and fish, the President of the United States is authorized, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, to establish by public proclamation certain specified areas within the Ouachita National Forest as game sanctuaries and refuges.

(June 13, 1933, ch. 63, §1, 48 Stat. 128.)

PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION

Areas comprising the Ouachita National Wildlife Preserve, formerly known as the Muddy Creek Refuge, were designated by Proclamations of Mar. 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 3439), and Oct. 29, 1938 (53 Stat. 2495).

§ 693a. Rules and regulations for administration of Ouachita National Forest; violations; penalties

The Secretary of Agriculture shall execute the provisions of this section and section 693 of this title, and he is authorized to prescribe all general rules and regulations for the administration of such game sanctuaries and refuges, and violation of such rules and regulations shall be punished by fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both.

(June 13, 1933, ch. 63, §2, 48 Stat. 128.)

§693b. Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in Ouachita National Forest; authority to establish

In order to preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about nature and to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under principles of multiple use and sustained yield and the development and progress of management of forest lands in America, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as possible after June 4, 1968, the Secretary of Agriculture

¹See References in Text note below.