

(B) cooperative assistance by law enforcement and fire preventive agencies located in the vicinity of the Preserve.

(2) Preparation of management plan

To facilitate the purposes of this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Alabama and directly affected political subdivisions of the State to provide professional assistance in the preparation of the management plan for the Preserve.

(e) DeSoto State Park

If lands within DeSoto State Park are acquired by the Secretary, at the request of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama, the Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department for the continued management by the Department of the lodge and other facilities that, as of October 21, 1992, are part of DeSoto State Park. The cooperative agreement shall provide for the management and operation of the lodge and facilities in a manner that, to the maximum extent practicable, is consistent with similar operations elsewhere in the National Park System.

(f) Public involvement

(1) Public awareness and participation program

The Secretary shall develop and conduct a program to promote and encourage awareness of and participation in the development of the general management plan for the Preserve by persons owning property in the vicinity of the Preserve, other interested groups and individuals, State, county, and municipal agencies, and the general public. Prior to final approval of the plan, the Secretary shall hold public meetings in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties.

(2) Consideration of public comment

In preparing and implementing the plan described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give full consideration to the views and comments of the individuals, groups, and agencies described in paragraph (1).

(g) Green Pitcher Plant

Upon the transfer by Alabama Power Company to the United States of any lands within the boundaries of the Preserve that contain the Green Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia oreophila*), all rights and obligations of Alabama Power Company under the agreement entered into between the company and the Department of the Interior (including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service) on May 12, 1983, in settlement of the action brought on September 24, 1980, against the Secretary and the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (Civil Action No. CV 80-C-1242-M), shall be extinguished.

(Pub. L. 102-427, §3, Oct. 21, 1992, 106 Stat. 2179.)

§ 698s. Acquisition

(a) Authorization

(1) In general

Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands, waters,

and interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(2) Consent of the owner

The Secretary may not acquire lands, waters, or interests in lands and waters for the Preserve without the consent of the owner.

(3) State lands

Lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve that are owned by the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision of the State, may be acquired only by donation or exchange.

(b) Negotiations for acquisition

(1) Commencement of negotiations

Immediately after publication of a description of the boundaries of the Preserve in accordance with section 698q(d) of this title, the Secretary shall commence negotiations for the acquisition of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(2) Report to Congress

Not later than 1 year after October 21, 1992, the Secretary shall submit, in writing, a detailed schedule of actions and a progress report regarding the acquisition to—

- (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and
- (C) the Committees on Appropriations of Congress.

(3) Acquisition deadline

The Secretary shall substantially complete the acquisition of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the Preserve, in accordance with the purposes of sections 698q to 698t of this title, not later than 2 years after October 21, 1992, subject to the availability of funds.

(c) Environmental audits

(1) Availability to owner

Promptly following completion of any environmental audit performed by or on behalf of the Secretary with respect to any property proposed to be acquired for the purposes of sections 698q to 698t of this title, the Secretary shall make available to the owner of the property a copy of the audit.

(2) Inclusion in documents transferring title

Any audit described in paragraph (1), and any environmental audit performed by the owner of the property and submitted to the Secretary prior to the date of the acquisition, shall be included as part of the documents transferring title to the property to the United States.

(d) Future additions

No lands or interest in lands may be added to the Preserve after October 21, 1992, without specific authorization by Congress and the consent of the owner of the lands or interest.

(Pub. L. 102-427, §4, Oct. 21, 1992, 106 Stat. 2181; Pub. L. 103-437, §6(d)(36), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4585.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs”.

§ 698t. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 698q to 698t of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-427, § 5, Oct. 21, 1992, 106 Stat. 2182.)

§ 698u. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: findings and purposes**(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

(1) of the 400,000 square miles of tallgrass prairie that once covered the North American Continent, less than 1 percent remains, primarily in the Flint Hills of Kansas;

(2) in 1991, the National Park Service conducted a special resource study of the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas;

(3) the study concludes that the Spring Hill Ranch—

(A) is a nationally significant example of the once vast tallgrass ecosystem, and includes buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to section 470a of this title that represent outstanding examples of Second Empire and other 19th Century architectural styles; and

(B) is suitable and feasible as a potential addition to the National Park System; and

(4) the National Park Trust, which owns the Spring Hill Ranch, has agreed to permit the National Park Service—

(A) to acquire a portion of the ranch, as specified in sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title; and

(B) to manage the ranch in order to—

(i) conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife of the ranch; and

(ii) provide for the enjoyment of the ranch in such a manner and by such means as will leave the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title are—

(1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the public an example of a tallgrass prairie ecosystem on the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas; and

(2) to preserve and interpret for the public the historic and cultural values represented on the Spring Hill Ranch.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1002, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4204; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §122(1), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a)(4)(A). Pub. L. 106-176 substituted “to acquire” for “to purchase”.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1001, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4204, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle A

(§§1001-1009) of title X of div. I of Pub. L. 104-333, enacting this section and sections 698u-1 to 698u-7 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Act of 1996’.”

§ 698u-1. Definitions

In sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title:

(1) Advisory Committee

The term “Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee established under section 698u-5 of this title.

(2) Preserve

The term “Preserve” means the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve established by section 698u-2 of this title.

(3) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) Trust

The term “Trust” means the National Park Trust, Inc., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation, or any successor-in-interest.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1003, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4205.)

§ 698u-2. Establishment of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**(a) In general**

In order to provide for the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the Spring Hill Ranch area of the Flint Hills of Kansas, for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations, there is established the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

(b) Description

The Preserve shall consist of the lands and interests in land, including approximately 10,894 acres, generally depicted on the map entitled “Boundary Map, Flint Hills Prairie National Monument” numbered NM-TGP 80,000 and dated June 1994, more particularly described in the deed filed at 8:22 a.m. on June 3, 1994, with the Office of the Register of Deeds in Chase County, Kansas, and recorded in Book L-106 at pages 328 through 339, inclusive. In the case of any difference between the map and the legal description, the legal description shall govern, except that if, as a result of a survey, the Secretary determines that there is a discrepancy with respect to the boundary of the Preserve that may be corrected by making minor changes to the map, the Secretary shall make changes to the map as appropriate, and the boundaries of the Preserve shall be adjusted accordingly. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1004, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4205; Pub. L. 106-176, title I, §122(2), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 29.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-176 substituted “on June 3, 1994,” for “of June 3, 1994,”.

§ 698u-3. Administration of National Preserve**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall administer the Preserve in accordance with sections 698u to 698u-7 of this