

(B) Four members shall be appointed, one each from paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (c) of this section, to serve for a term of 4 years.

(C) Five members shall be appointed, one each from paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (c) of this section, to serve for a term of 5 years.

(2) Reappointment

Each member may be reappointed to serve a subsequent term.

(3) Expiration

Each member shall continue to serve after the expiration of the term of the member until a successor is appointed.

(4) Vacancies

A vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment is made. The member appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term in which the vacancy occurred.

(e) Chairperson

The members of the Advisory Committee shall select 1 of the members to serve as Chairperson.

(f) Meetings

Meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or the majority of the Advisory Committee. Meetings shall be held at such locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate opportunity for public involvement. In compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), the Advisory Committee shall choose an appropriate means of providing interested members of the public advance notice of scheduled meetings.

(g) Quorum

A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(h) Compensation

Each member of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation, except that while engaged in official business of the Advisory Committee, the member shall be entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5.

(i) Charter

The rechartering provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (15¹ U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Advisory Committee.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1007, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4208; Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(4), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1618.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (f), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted “section 1001 of title 20” for “section 1141(a) of title 20”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “5”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of Title 20, Education.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 698u-6. Restriction on authority

Nothing in sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title shall give the Secretary authority to regulate lands outside the land area acquired by the Secretary under section 698u-4(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1008, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4209.)

§ 698u-7. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 698u to 698u-7 of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1009, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4209.)

§ 698v. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) the Baca ranch comprises most of the Valles Caldera in central New Mexico, and constitutes a unique land mass, with significant scientific, cultural, historic, recreational, ecological, wildlife, fisheries, and productive values;

(2) the Valles Caldera is a large resurgent lava dome with potential geothermal activity;

(3) the land comprising the Baca ranch was originally granted to the heirs of Don Luis Maria Cabeza de Vaca in 1860;

(4) historical evidence, in the form of old logging camps and other artifacts, and the history of territorial New Mexico indicate the importance of this land over many generations for domesticated livestock production and timber supply;

(5) the careful husbandry of the Baca ranch by the current owners, including selective timbering, limited grazing and hunting, and the use of prescribed fire, have preserved a mix of healthy range and timber land with significant species diversity, thereby serving as a model for sustainable land development and use;

(6) the Baca ranch's natural beauty and abundant resources, and its proximity to large municipal populations, could provide numerous recreational opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, cross-country skiing, and hunting;