

from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and all amendments thereto.

(b) The Secretary may transfer to the owner of the Old Nevada recreation facility the approximately 20 acres of Federal lands within the conservation area which, on March 1, 1994, were used to provide parking for visitors to such facility, in exchange for lands of equal or greater value within the conservation area acceptable to the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §7, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3344; Pub. L. 103-450, §2(b), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4766.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-450 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 460ccc-6. Cooperative agreements

In order to encourage unified and cost-effective management and interpretation of natural and cultural resources in the conservation area, the Secretary is authorized and encouraged to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit entities providing for the management and interpretation of natural and cultural resources in the conservation area.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §8, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3345.)

§ 460ccc-7. Coordinated management

The Secretary shall coordinate the management of the conservation area with that of surrounding State and Federal lands in such a manner as best to meet the present and future needs of the American people.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §9, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3345.)

§ 460ccc-8. Water

(a) Reservation of rights

Within the conservation area designated by this subchapter, there is hereby reserved a quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the purposes for which the conservation area is established.

(b) Priority date of reservation

The priority date of the water rights reserved in paragraph¹ (a) shall be November 16, 1990, except that as related to rights associated with lands added to the conservation area after November 16, 1990, the priority date shall be the date of enactment of the Act adding such lands to the conservation area.

(c) Protection of rights

The Secretary shall take all steps necessary to protect the water rights reserved by this section, including the filing of a claim for quantification of such rights in any appropriate water adjudication in the courts of the State of Nevada in which the United States is or may be joined and which is conducted in accordance with section 666 of title 43.

(d) Effect on previously secured rights

The Federal water rights reserved by this subchapter shall be in addition to any water rights

which may have been previously secured by the United States for purposes other than for the conservation area.

(e) Scope and construction of rights

The Federal water rights reserved by this subchapter are specific to the conservation area designated by this subchapter. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as establishing a precedent with regard to any future designations, nor shall it constitute an interpretation of any other Act or any designation.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §10, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3345; Pub. L. 103-450, §2(c), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4766.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-450 inserted before period at end “, except that as related to rights associated with lands added to the conservation area after November 16, 1990, the priority date shall be the date of enactment of the Act adding such lands to the conservation area”.

§ 460ccc-9. No buffer zones

The Congress does not intend for the establishment of the conservation area to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around the conservation area. The fact that there may be activities or uses on lands outside the conservation area that would not be permitted in the conservation area shall not preclude such activities or uses on such lands up to the boundary of the conservation area to the extent consistent with other applicable law.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §11, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3345.)

§ 460ccc-10. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 101-621, §12, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3346.)

SUBCHAPTER CXV—GILA BOX RIPARIAN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

§ 460ddd. Establishment

(a) In general

In order to conserve, protect, and enhance the riparian and associated areas described in subsection (b) of this section and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, recreational, educational, scenic, and other resources and values of such areas, there is hereby established the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (hereafter in this subchapter referred to as the “conservation area”).

(b) Areas included

The conservation area shall consist of the public lands generally depicted on a map entitled “Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area” dated February 1990, and comprising approximately 20,900 acres.

(c) Map

As soon as practicable after November 28, 1990, a map and legal description of the conservation area shall be filed by the Secretary with the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Com-

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