

est Lands Conservation Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER LIX-G—CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

§ 410ii. Findings and purpose

- (a) The Congress finds that— (1) archeological research in the San Juan Basin conducted over the past several years has greatly increased public knowledge of the scope of the prehistoric culture referred to as Chacoan Anasazi; (2) the discoveries and the increased general interest in the Chaco phenomenon have come at a time when the San Juan Basin is experiencing extensive exploration and development for a wide variety of energy-related resources, including coal, uranium, oil, and natural gas; (3) development of the San Juan Basin’s important natural resources and the valid existing rights of private property owners will not be adversely affected by the preservation of the archeological integrity of the area; and (4) in light of the national significance of the Chacoan sites and the urgent need to protect them, continued cooperation between Federal agencies and private corporations is necessary to provide for development in the San Juan Basin in a manner compatible with preservation and archeological research.

(b) It is the purpose of this subchapter to recognize the unique archeological resources associated with the prehistoric Chacoan culture in the San Juan Basin and surrounding areas; to provide for the preservation and interpretation of these resources; and to facilitate research activities associated with these resources.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title V, §501, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3227; Pub. L. 104-11, §2, May 18, 1995, 109 Stat. 158.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-11 substituted “San Juan Basin and surrounding areas” for “San Juan Basin”.

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-413, §1, Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2325, provided that: “This Act [enacting provisions set out as a note under section 410ii-6 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Hibben Center Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-11, §1, May 18, 1995, 109 Stat. 158, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 410ii-1, 410ii-3, and 410ii-5 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Chacoan Outliers Protection Act of 1995’.”

§ 410ii-1. Establishment

(a) Abolition of Chaco Canyon National Monument

There is hereby established in the State of New Mexico, the Chaco Culture National Historical Park comprising approximately thirty three thousand nine hundred and eighty nine acres as generally depicted on the map entitled “Chaco Culture National Historical Park”, numbered 310/80,032-A and dated August 1979. The Chaco Canyon National Monument is hereby abolished,

as such, and any funds available for the purpose of the monument shall be available for the purpose of the Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

(b) Designation of Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites

(1) Thirty-nine outlying sites as generally depicted on a map entitled “Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites”, numbered 310/80,033-B and dated September 1991, are hereby designated as “Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites”. The thirty-nine archeological protection sites totaling approximately 14,372 acres<sup>1</sup> identified as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Acres. Lists 39 sites such as Allentown (380), Andrews Ranch (950), Bee Burrow (480), etc., up to Upper Kin Klizhin (60).

(2) The map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, the office of the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the office of the Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs located in Window Rock, Arizona, and the offices of the Arizona and New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officers.

(Pub. L. 96-550, title V, §502, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3227; Pub. L. 104-11, §3, May 18, 1995, 109 Stat. 158.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-11 designated existing provisions as par. (1), increased number of outlying pro-

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tection sites from 33 to 39, updated number designation and date on site designation maps, increased total acreage from 8,771 to 14,372 acres, and added par. (2).

**§ 410ii-2. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VIII, § 814(d)(1)(B), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4196**

Section, Pub. L. 96-550, title V, § 503, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3228, related to additions and deletions to Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites.

**§ 410ii-3. Acquisition of properties**

**(a) Methods of acquisition**

The Secretary is authorized to acquire lands, waters, and interests therein within the boundaries of the Chaco Culture National Historical Park (hereinafter referred to as the “park”) and the archeological protection sites as identified in section 410ii-1 of this title by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange. Property owned by the State of New Mexico or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired by exchange or donation only. Property held in trust for the benefit of any Indian tribe or for the benefit of any individual member thereof may be acquired only with the consent of such owner or beneficial owner as the case may be.

**(b) Conveyance by tribal authorities**

The respective tribal authorities are authorized to convey by exchange, purchase, on<sup>1</sup> donation the beneficial interest in any lands designated by section 410ii-1 of this title and held in trust by the United States for the respective tribes, to the Secretary, subject to such terms and conditions as the tribal authority deems necessary and which the Secretary deems as consistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

**(c) Private properties; acquisition by exchange and cooperative agreements**

(1) The Secretary shall attempt to acquire private lands or interests therein by exchange prior to acquiring lands by any other method authorized pursuant to this section.

(2) The Secretary shall seek to use a combination of land acquisition authority under this section and cooperative agreements (pursuant to section 410ii-4 of this title) to accomplish the purposes of archeological resource protection at those sites described in section 410ii-1(b) of this title that remain in private ownership.

**(d) Exchange of Federal property; pool, acreage designation**

(1) For purposes of completing an exchange pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Secretary shall designate a pool of at least three times the private acreage described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, comprised of Federal property interests of a similar resource character to property to be exchanged. Federal property shall, whenever possible, be designated in blocks of at least one section in size, but in no event shall the blocks designated be less than one-quarter of a section in size.

(2) The Secretary may include within the pool any Federal property under his jurisdiction ex-

cept units of the National Park System, National Forest System, or the National Wildlife Refuge System that are nominated by the owner of the private property to be exchanged. Exchanges shall be on the basis of equal value, and either party to the exchange may pay or accept cash in order to equalize the value of the property exchange, except that if the parties agree to an exchange and the Secretary determines it is in the public interest, such exchange may be made for other than equal values.

**(e) Federal lands exchanged for non-Federal property**

All Federal lands, waters, and interests therein excluded from the boundaries of Chaco Canyon National Monument by this subchapter may be exchanged for non-Federal property to be acquired pursuant to this subchapter. Any lands so excluded shall be managed by the Secretary under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 [43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.]. Transfer of administration of such lands to the Bureau of Land Management shall not be considered a withdrawal as that term is defined in section 103(j) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 [43 U.S.C. 1702(j)].

(Pub. L. 96-550, title V, § 504, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3228; Pub. L. 104-11, § 4, May 18, 1995, 109 Stat. 159.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 104-11 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The Secretary shall attempt to enter into cooperative agreements pursuant to section 410ii-4 of this title with owners of private property for those archeological protection sites described in section 410ii-1(b) of this title. The Secretary shall acquire fee title to any such private property only if it is necessary to prevent direct and material damage to, or destruction of, Chaco cultural resources and no cooperative agreement with the owner of the private property interest can be affected.”

**§ 410ii-4. Cooperative agreements for the protection, preservation, and maintenance of archeological resources**

The Secretary shall seek to enter into cooperative agreements with the owners, including the beneficial owners, of the properties located in whole in or in part within the park or the archeological protection sites. The purposes of such agreements shall be to protect, preserve, maintain, and administer the archeological resources and associated site regardless of whether title to the property or site is vested in the United States. Any such agreement shall contain provisions to assure that (1) the Secretary, or his representative, shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to appropriate portions of the property for the purpose of cultural resource protection and conducting research, and (2) no changes or alterations shall be permitted with respect to the cultural resources

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “or”.