

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-370 substituted “(7), (8), (9), and (10)” for “(7), and (8)” and inserted reference to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Pub. L. 96-199 inserted references to the North Country National Scenic Trail in two places, once by its full name and once by the designation as the trail “designated by” section 1244(a)(8) of this title, substituted “appropriated prior to October 1, 1978” for “appropriated prior to October 1, 1979”, and substituted “no funds may be expended by Federal agencies for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands outside the exterior boundaries of existing Federal area” for “no funds may be expended for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-248 inserted provisions relating to terminations respecting appropriations authorized for fiscal year 1979 and succeeding fiscal years.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-625 struck out par. (1) designation, substituted “in subsequent fiscal years” for “in the subsequent fiscal year” and struck out par. (2) which provided for transmission of a report to Congressional committees by the Appalachian Trail Conference at the close of each fiscal year, until entire acquisition program was completed, covering conduct of negotiations for acquisition program and whether larger interests in land were being acquired than were necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-625 added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATIONS
UNDER PUB. L. 98-11; CONTRACT AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 98-11, title I, §101, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 42, provided that: “Authorizations of appropriations under this Act [enacting sections 1250 and 1251 of this title, amending this section and sections 1241 to 1247 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1241 of this title] shall be effective only for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1983, and subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, authority to enter into contracts, and to make payments, under this Act shall be effective only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.”

APPROPRIATIONS FOR OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL; EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTRACT AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 96-370, §2, Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1360, provided that: “Authorizations of moneys to be appropriated under this Act [amending sections 1244 and 1249 of this title] shall be effective on October 1, 1981. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, authority to enter into contracts, to incur obligations, or to make payments under this Act shall be effective only to the extent, and in such amounts, as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.”

§ 1250. Volunteer trails assistance

(a) Volunteer planning, development, maintenance, and management of trails

(1) In addition to the cooperative agreement and other authorities contained in this chapter, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the head of any Federal agency administering Federal lands, are authorized to encourage volunteers and volunteer organizations to plan, develop, maintain, and manage, where appropriate, trails throughout the Nation.

(2) Wherever appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, the Secretaries are authorized and encouraged to utilize section 102301 of title 54, the Volunteers in the Forests Act of 1972 [16 U.S.C. 558a et seq.], and 200305¹ of title 54

¹ So in original. Probably should be preceded by “section”.

(relating to the development of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans).

(b) Scope of volunteer work

Each Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency may assist volunteers and volunteer organizations in planning, developing, maintaining, and managing trails. Volunteer work may include, but need not be limited to—

(1) planning, developing, maintaining, or managing (A) trails which are components of the national trails system, or (B) trails which, if so developed and maintained, could qualify for designation as components of the national trails system; or

(2) operating programs to organize and supervise volunteer trail building efforts with respect to the trails referred to in paragraph (1), conducting trail-related research projects, or providing education and training to volunteers on methods of trails planning, construction, and maintenance.

(c) Use of Federal facilities, equipment, tools, and technical assistance

The appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency may utilize and make available Federal facilities, equipment, tools, and technical assistance to volunteers and volunteer organizations, subject to such limitations and restrictions as the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency deems necessary or desirable.

(Pub. L. 90-543, §11, as added Pub. L. 98-11, title II, §210, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 49; amended Pub. L. 113-287, §5(d)(27), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Volunteers in the Forests Act of 1972, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), probably means the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-300, May 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 147, as amended, which is classified generally to section 558a et seq. of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 558a of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “section 102301 of title 54” for “the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969” and “200305 of title 54” for “section 4607-8 of this title”.

§ 1251. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term “high potential historic sites” means those historic sites related to the route, or sites in close proximity thereto, which provide opportunity to interpret the historic significance of the trail during the period of its major use. Criteria for consideration as high potential sites include historic significance, presence of visible historic remnants, scenic quality, and relative freedom from intrusion.

(2) The term “high potential route segments” means those segments of a trail which would afford high quality recreation experience in a portion of the route having greater than average scenic values or affording an opportunity to vicariously share the experience of the original users of a historic route.

(3) The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District

of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(4) The term “without expense to the United States” means that no funds may be expended by Federal agencies for the development of trail related facilities or for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands outside the exterior boundaries of Federal areas. For the purposes of the preceding sentence, amounts made available to any State or political subdivision under chapter 2003 of title 54 or any other provision of law shall not be treated as an expense to the United States.

(Pub. L. 90-543, §12, as added Pub. L. 98-11, title II, §210, Mar. 28, 1983, 97 Stat. 50; amended Pub. L. 113-287, §5(d)(28), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3267.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (4). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “chapter 2003 of title 54” for “the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965”.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

CHAPTER 27A—NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUND

Sec.

1261. Repealed.
1262. National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

§ 1261. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1112(c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 151

Section, Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1302, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2064; Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §337(a)-(d), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 602, 603; Pub. L. 104-88, title IV, §405(a)(5), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 957, related to national recreational trails funding program.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1301, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2064, provided that: “This part [part B (§§1301-1303) of title I of Pub. L. 102-240, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Symms National Recreational Trails Act of 1991.’”

§ 1262. National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee

(a) Establishment

There is established the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

(b) Members

There shall be 12 members of the advisory committee, consisting of—

(1) 8 members appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by recreational trail user organizations, one each representing the following recreational trail uses:

- (A) hiking,
- (B) cross-country skiing,
- (C) off-highway motorcycling,
- (D) snowmobiling,
- (E) horseback riding,

- (F) all-terrain vehicle riding,
- (G) bicycling, and
- (H) four-wheel driving;

(2) 1 member appointed by the Secretary representing individuals with disabilities;

(3) an appropriate official of government with a background in science or natural resources management, including any official of State or local government, designated by the Secretary;

(4) 1 member appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by water trail user organizations; and

(5) 1 member appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by hunting and fishing enthusiast organizations.

(c) Chairman

The Chair of the advisory committee shall be the government official referenced in subsection (b)(3) of this section, who shall serve as a non-voting member.

(d) Support for committee action

Any action, recommendation, or policy of the advisory committee must be supported by at least five of the members appointed under subsection (b)(1) of this section.

(e) Terms

Members of the advisory committee appointed by the Secretary shall be appointed for terms of three years, except that the members filling five of the eleven positions shall be initially appointed for terms of two years, with subsequent appointments to those positions extending for terms of three years.

(f) Duties

The advisory committee shall meet at least twice annually to—

(1) review utilization of allocated moneys by States;

(2) establish and review criteria for trail-side and trail-head facilities that qualify for funding under this chapter; and

(3) make recommendations to the Secretary for changes in Federal policy to advance the purposes of this chapter.

(g) Annual report

The advisory committee shall present to the Secretary an annual report on its activities.

(h) Reimbursement for expenses

Nongovernmental members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay, but, to the extent funds are available pursuant to section 1261(d)(1)(B)¹ of this title, shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(i) Report to Congress

Not later than 4 years after December 18, 1991, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, a study which summarizes the annual reports of the National Recreational Trails

¹ See References in Text note below.