

**(2) Exceptions**

The Secretary may authorize the use of motorized vehicles—

(A) to carry out administrative activities that further the purposes of the scenic areas, as described in subsection (b);

(B) to assist wildlife management projects in existence on March 30, 2009; and

(C) during deer and bear hunting seasons—  
(i) on Forest Development Roads 49410 and 84b; and

(ii) on the portion of Forest Development Road 6261 designated on the map described in subsection (a)(2) as “open seasonally”.

**(j) Wildfire suppression**

Wildfire suppression within the scenic areas shall be conducted—

(1) in a manner consistent with the purposes of the scenic areas, as described in subsection (b); and

(2) using such means as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(k) Water**

The Secretary shall administer the scenic areas in a manner that maintains and enhances water quality.

**(l) Withdrawal**

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land in the scenic areas is withdrawn from—

(1) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(2) operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title I, § 1104, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1004.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subtitle, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(A), is subtitle B (§§ 1101-1107) of title I of Pub. L. 111-11, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1002, which enacted this section and section 546b-1 of this title, enacted provisions set out as a note below, and enacted and amended provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title. For complete classification of subtitle B to the Code, see Tables.

## DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 111-11, title I, § 1101, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1002, provided that: “In this subtitle [subtitle B (§§ 1101-1107) of title I of Pub. L. 111-11, enacting this section and section 546b-1 of this title and enacting and amending provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title]:

“(1) SCENIC AREAS.—The term ‘scenic areas’ means the Seng Mountain National Scenic Area and the Bear Creek National Scenic Area.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”

**§ 546b-1. Maps and boundary descriptions****(a) In general**

As soon as practicable after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall file with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives maps and boundary descriptions of—

(1) the scenic areas;

(2) the wilderness areas designated by paragraphs (9) through (20) of section 1 of Public Law 100-326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note) (as added by section 1102(a)(5));

(3) the wilderness study area designated by section 6(a)(5) of the Virginia Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98-586) (as added by section 1102(b)(2)(D)); and

(4) the potential wilderness area designated by section 1103(a).<sup>1</sup>

**(b) Force and effect**

The maps and boundary descriptions filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subtitle, except that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in the maps and boundary descriptions.

**(c) Availability of map and boundary description**

The maps and boundary descriptions filed under subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

**(d) Conflict**

In the case of a conflict between a map filed under subsection (a) and the acreage of the applicable areas specified in this subtitle, the map shall control.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title I, § 1106, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1007.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Paragraphs (9) through (20) of section 1 of Public Law 100-326 as added by section 1102(a)(5), referred to in subsec. (a)(2), means paragraphs (9) through (20) of section 1 of Public Law 100-326 as added by section 1102(a)(5) of Pub. L. 111-11, which enacted and amended provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

Section 6(a)(5) of the Virginia Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-586) (as added by section 1102(b)(2)(D)), referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is section 6(a)(5) of Pub. L. 98-586, as added by section 1102(b)(2)(D) of Pub. L. 111-11, title I, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1004, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 1103(a), referred to in subsec. (a)(4), means section 1103(a) of Pub. L. 111-11, which amended provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

This subtitle, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (d), is subtitle B (§§ 1101-1107) of title I of Pub. L. 111-11, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1002, which enacted this section and section 546b of this title, enacted provisions set out as a note under section 546b of this title, and enacted and amended provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

## DEFINITIONS

For definitions of terms used in this section, see section 1101 of Pub. L. 111-11, set out as a note under section 546b of this title.

**CHAPTER 3—FORESTS; FOREST SERVICE; REFORESTATION; MANAGEMENT****SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Sec.

551. Protection of national forests; rules and regulations.

551a. Cooperation by Secretary of Agriculture with States and political subdivisions in law enforcement.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

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551d.	Wildland firefighter safety.	562a.	Forest experiment station in Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.
552.	Consent to agreement by States for conservation of forests and water supply.	562b.	Forest experiment station in Pennsylvania.
552a.	Restoration of withdrawn national forest lands to appropriation.	563.	Cooperation with States for fire protection on private or State forest lands upon the watersheds of navigable rivers.
552b.	Administration of withdrawn lands; rules and regulations.	564, 565.	Repealed.
552c.	Reimbursement of United States for loss of revenue.	565a.	Cooperation by Secretary of Agriculture with Territories.
552d.	Punishment of violations of regulations.	565a-1.	Cooperative agreements between Secretary of Agriculture and public or private agencies, organizations, institutions, and persons covering Forest Service programs; authority; funding.
553.	Duties of officials of Forest Service; stock laws; protection of fish and game.	565a-2.	Federal employee status of cooperators.
553a.	Repealed.	565a-3.	Agreements otherwise authorized by law.
554.	Forest supervisors and rangers.	565b.	Transfer of fire lookout towers and other improvements for fire control to States, political subdivisions or agencies; reversion.
554a.	Employees to be appointed without regard to political affiliations.	566, 566a.	Repealed.
554b.	Medical care for employees engaged in hazardous work; notification and transportation of employees.	566b.	Annual appropriations; limitation on use of other funds for the purposes of sections 564, 565, and 566.
554c.	Care of employees' graves.	567.	Repealed.
554d.	Recreation facilities for employees of Forest Service and their immediate families.	567a.	Cooperation by Secretary of Agriculture with States in acquisition and administration of State forests.
554e.	Employment of workers for emergencies.	567b.	Conditions and requirements for cooperation in acquisition and management of State forests.
555.	Forest headquarters, ranger stations, dwellings, or other needed sites.	567c.	Authorization of appropriation for cooperation in acquisition and management of State forests.
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555b.	Street improvements; availability of Forest Service funds.	568a.	Cooperation by Secretary of Agriculture with Territories and other possessions.
556.	Appropriations for Forest Service; use for transportation or traveling expenses; preparation or publication of newspaper or magazine articles.	568b to 568g.	Repealed or Omitted.
556a.	Omitted.	569.	Donations to United States of lands for timber purposes.
556b.	Use of appropriations for expenses of transporting automobiles of employees between points in Alaska.	570.	Ascertainment by Secretary of Agriculture of public lands valuable for stream-flow protection and report thereof.
556c.	Reimbursement of employees for property losses resulting from fires, floods, or other casualties.	571 to 571b.	Repealed or Omitted.
556d.	Advances of public moneys to Forest Service for fighting forest fires in emergency cases.	571c.	Erection of permanent facilities on land not owned by United States; long term leases.
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556i.	Transfer of funds made available to Forest Service.	575.	Search for lost persons, and transportation of sick, injured, or dead persons, within national forests; authorization to incur expense.
557.	Employees of Forest Service; subsistence furnished to; personal equipment; supplies, and medical attention.	576.	Reforestation; establishment of forest tree nurseries; tree planting; seed sowing and forest improvement work.
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