

maximum extent practicable, the reduction in or prohibition against the use of motorized vehicles in the Natural Area (including the removal of roads and a prohibition against motorized use on Federal land in the area on the western side of the Rio Grande River from Lobatos Bridge south to the New Mexico State line).

**(b) Changes in streamflow**

The Secretary is encouraged to negotiate with the State of Colorado, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, and affected water users in the State to determine if changes in the streamflow that are beneficial to the Natural Area may be accommodated.

**(c) Private land**

The management plan prepared under section 460rrr-4(b)(2)(A) of this title shall apply to private land in the Natural Area only to the extent that the private landowner agrees in writing to be bound by the management plan.

**(d) Withdrawal**

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land in the Natural Area is withdrawn from—

- (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) disposition under the mineral leasing laws (including geothermal leasing laws).

**(e) Acquisition of land**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may acquire from willing sellers by purchase, exchange, or donation land or an interest in land in the Natural Area.

**(2) Administration**

Any land or interest in land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be administered in accordance with the management plan and this subchapter.

**(f) Applicable law**

Section 1276(d)(1) of this title shall not apply to the Natural Area.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §7, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1780.)

**§ 460rrr-6. Effect**

Nothing in this subchapter—

- (1) amends, modifies, or is in conflict with the Rio Grande Compact, consented to by Congress in the Act of May 31, 1939 (53 Stat. 785, ch. 155);
- (2) authorizes the regulation of private land in the Natural Area;
- (3) authorizes the imposition of any mandatory streamflow requirements;
- (4) creates an express or implied Federal reserved water right;
- (5) imposes any Federal water quality standard within or upstream of the Natural Area that is more restrictive than would be applicable had the Natural Area not been established; or
- (6) prevents the State of Colorado from acquiring an instream flow through the Natural Area under the terms, conditions, and limitations of State law to assist in protecting the

natural environment to the extent and for the purposes authorized by State law.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §8, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1781.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of May 31, 1939, referred to in par. (1), is act May 31, 1939, ch. 155, 53 Stat. 785, which is not classified to the Code.

**§ 460rrr-7. Authorization of appropriations**

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

(Pub. L. 109-337, §9, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1782.)

**§ 460rrr-8. Termination of Commission**

The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after October 12, 2006.

(Pub. L. 109-337, §10, Oct. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 1782.)

SUBCHAPTER CXXX—COW MOUNTAIN  
RECREATION AREA

**§ 460sss. Cow Mountain Recreation Area, Lake and Mendocino Counties, California**

**(a) Establishment**

In order to enhance the recreational and scenic values of the Cow Mountain area in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California, while conserving the wildlife and other natural resource values of the area, there is hereby established the Cow Mountain Recreation Area (in this section referred to as the “recreation area”) consisting of approximately 51,513 acres of land in such counties, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Cow Mountain Recreation Area” and dated July 22, 2006, including the following:

- (1) The “South Cow Mountain OHV Management Area”, as generally depicted on the map.
- (2) The “North Cow Mountain Recreation Area”, as generally depicted on the map.

**(b) Legal descriptions; correction of errors**

**(1) Preparation and submission**

As soon as practicable after October 17, 2006, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a map and legal descriptions of the boundaries of the recreation area. The Secretary shall submit the map and legal descriptions to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

**(2) Legal effect**

The map and legal descriptions of the recreation area shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map and legal descriptions. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

**(c) Administration**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the recreation area in accordance with this section and the laws and regulations generally applicable to the public lands, including