

**(4) Easements****(A) Conservation easement**

The term “conservation easement” means a binding contractual agreement between the Secretary and a landowner in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area under which the landowner, permanently or during a time period specified in the agreement, agrees to conserve or restore habitat, open space, scenic, or other ecological resource values on the land covered by the easement.

**(B) Nondevelopment easement**

The term “nondevelopment easement” means a binding contractual agreement between the Secretary and a landowner in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area that will, permanently or during a time period specified in the agreement—

- (i) prevent or restrict development on the land covered by the easement; or
- (ii) protect open space or viewshed.

**(5) Ecological integrity**

The term “ecological integrity” means a landscape where ecological processes are functioning to maintain the structure, composition, activity, and resilience of the landscape over time, including—

- (A) a complex of plant communities, habitats and conditions representative of variable and sustainable successional conditions; and
- (B) the maintenance of biological diversity, soil fertility, and genetic interchange.

**(6) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Cooperative Management and Protection Area and the Wilderness Area required to be prepared by section 460nnn-21(b) of this title.

**(7) Redband Trout Reserve**

The term “Redband Trout Reserve” means the Donner und Blitzen Redband Trout Reserve designated by section 460nnn-72 of this title.

**(8) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management.

**(9) Science committee**

The term “science committee” means the committee of independent scientists appointed under section 460nnn-53 of this title.

**(10) Wilderness Area**

The term “Wilderness Area” means the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area designated by part B.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §2, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1656.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Part D, referred to in par. (1), was in the original “title IV”, meaning title IV of Pub. L. 106-399, but

probably should have been a reference to subtitle D of title I of that Act, which is classified generally to subpart 4 of part A of this subchapter. Part D of this subchapter does not relate to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-399, §1(a), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title and amending section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000.’”

## PURPOSES

Pub. L. 106-399, §1(b), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, provided that: “The purposes of this Act [see Short Title note above] are the following:

- “(1) To maintain the cultural, economic, ecological, and social health of the Steens Mountain area in Harney County, Oregon.
- “(2) To designate the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area.
- “(3) To designate the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- “(4) To provide for the acquisition of private lands through exchange for inclusion in the Wilderness Area and the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- “(5) To provide for and expand cooperative management activities between public and private landowners in the vicinity of the Wilderness Area and surrounding lands.
- “(6) To authorize the purchase of land and development and nondevelopment rights.
- “(7) To designate additional components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- “(8) To establish a reserve for redband trout and a wildlands juniper management area.
- “(9) To establish a citizens’ management advisory council for the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- “(10) To maintain and enhance cooperative and innovative management practices between the public and private land managers in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- “(11) To promote viable and sustainable grazing and recreation operations on private and public lands.
- “(12) To conserve, protect, and manage for healthy watersheds and the long-term ecological integrity of Steens Mountain.
- “(13) To authorize only such uses on Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area that are consistent with the purposes of this Act.”

**§ 460nnn-1. Maps and legal descriptions****(a) Preparation and submission**

As soon as practicable after October 30, 2000, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress maps and legal descriptions of the following:

- (1) The Cooperative Management and Protection Area.
- (2) The Wilderness Area.
- (3) The wild and scenic river segments and redband trout reserve designated by part C.
- (4) The mineral withdrawal area designated by part D.
- (5) The wildlands juniper management area established by part E.
- (6) The land exchanges required by part F.

**(b) Legal effect and correction**

The maps and legal descriptions referred to in subsection (a) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except the

Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in such maps and legal descriptions.

**(c) Public availability**

Copies of the maps and legal descriptions referred to in subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Oregon.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §3, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1657.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

**§ 460nnn-2. Valid existing rights**

Nothing in this subchapter shall effect<sup>1</sup> any valid existing right.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §4, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

**§ 460nnn-3. Protection of tribal rights**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish tribal rights, including those of the Burns Paiute Tribe, regarding access to Federal lands for tribal activities, including spiritual, cultural, and traditional food gathering activities.

(Pub. L. 106-399, §5, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

PART A—STEENS MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION AREA

SUBPART 1—DESIGNATION AND PURPOSES

**§ 460nnn-11. Designation of Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area**

**(a) Designation**

The Secretary shall designate the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area consisting of approximately 425,550

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

acres of Federal land located in Harney County, Oregon, in the vicinity of Steens Mountain, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Steens Mountain Boundary Map” and dated September 18, 2000.

**(b) Contents of map**

In addition to the general boundaries of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area, the map referred to in subsection (a) also depicts the general boundaries of the following:

- (1) The no livestock grazing area described in section 460nnn-23(e) of this title.
- (2) The mineral withdrawal area designated by part D.
- (3) The wildlands juniper management area established by part E.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §101, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

**§ 460nnn-12. Purpose and objectives of Cooperative Management and Protection Area**

**(a) Purpose**

The purpose of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area is to conserve, protect, and manage the long-term ecological integrity of Steens Mountain for future and present generations.

**(b) Objectives**

To further the purpose specified in subsection (a), and consistent with such purpose, the Secretary shall manage the Cooperative Management and Protection Area for the benefit of present and future generations—

- (1) to maintain and enhance cooperative and innovative management projects, programs and agreements between tribal, public, and private interests in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area;
- (2) to promote grazing, recreation, historic, and other uses that are sustainable;
- (3) to conserve, protect and to ensure traditional access to cultural, gathering, religious, and archaeological sites by the Burns Paiute Tribe on Federal lands and to promote cooperation with private landowners;
- (4) to ensure the conservation, protection, and improved management of the ecological, social, and economic environment of the Cooperative Management and Protection Area, including geological, biological, wildlife, riparian, and scenic resources; and
- (5) to promote and foster cooperation, communication, and understanding and to reduce conflict between Steens Mountain users and interests.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title I, §102, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1658.)

SUBPART 2—MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL LANDS

**§ 460nnn-21. Management authorities and purposes**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall manage all Federal lands included in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and other applicable provisions of