

“In this Act [see Short Title note set out under section 460qqq of this title]:

“(1) AGREEMENT.—The term ‘Agreement’ means the Agreement entitled ‘Interim Cooperative Management Agreement Between the United States of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and Clark County’, dated November 4, 1992.

“(2) COUNTY.—The term ‘County’ means Clark County, Nevada.

“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means—

“(A) the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to land in the National Forest System; or

“(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to other Federal land.

“(4) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State of Nevada.”

§ 460qqq-2. Establishment

(a) In general

For the purpose described in section 460qqq of this title, there is established in the State a conservation area to be known as the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

(b) Area included

The Conservation Area shall consist of approximately 48,438 acres of public land in the County, as generally depicted on the map.

(c) Map and legal description

(1) In general

As soon as practicable after November 6, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a map and legal description of the Conservation Area.

(2) Effect

The map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this section, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description.

(3) Public availability

A copy of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 107-282, title VI, §604, Nov. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2010.)

§ 460qqq-3. Management

(a) In general

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall manage the Conservation Area—

(1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources of the Conservation Area; and

(2) in accordance with—

(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(B) other applicable law, including this Act.

(b) Management plan

(1) In general

Not later than 3 years after November 6, 2002, the Secretary, in consultation with the State, the city of Henderson, the County, and any other interested persons, shall develop a management plan for the Conservation Area.

(2) Requirements

The management plan shall—

(A) describe the appropriate uses and management of the Conservation Area;

(B)(i) authorize the use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area—

(I) for installing, repairing, maintaining, and reconstructing water development projects, including guzzlers, that would enhance the Conservation Area by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations; and

(II) subject to any limitations that are not more restrictive than the limitations on such uses authorized in wilderness areas under section 208;¹ and

(ii) include or provide recommendations on ways of minimizing the visual impacts of such activities on the Conservation Area;

(C) include a plan for litter cleanup and public lands awareness campaign on public lands in and around the Conservation Area; and

(D) include a recommendation on the location for a right-of-way for a rural roadway to provide the city of Henderson with access to the Conservation Area, in accordance with the application numbered N-65874.

(c) Uses

The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Conservation Area that the Secretary determines will further the purpose described in section 460qqq of this title.

(d) Motorized vehicles

Except as needed for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for the use of motorized vehicles by the management plan developed under subsection (b).

(e) Withdrawal

(1) In general

Subject to valid existing rights, all public land in the Conservation Area is withdrawn from—

(A) all forms of entry and appropriation under the public land laws;

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

(C) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(2) Additional land

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Secretary acquires mineral or other interests in a parcel of land within the Conservation Area after November 6, 2002, the parcel is withdrawn from operation of the laws referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of acquisition of the land.

(f) Hunting, fishing, and trapping

(1) In general

Nothing in this subchapter affects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and wildlife, including hunting, fishing, and trapping in the Conservation Area.

¹ See References in Text note below.