

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title IV of div. F of Pub. L. 108-7, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 279, which is classified generally to sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 539m of this title and Tables.

§ 539n. Crystal Springs Watershed Special Resources Management Unit

(1) Establishment

(A) In general

On completion of the land exchange under section 1206(a)(2),¹ there shall be established a special resources management unit in the State consisting of certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Crystal Springs Watershed Special Resources Management Unit”, dated June 2006 (referred to in this section as the “map”), to be known as the “Crystal Springs Watershed Special Resources Management Unit” (referred to in this section as the “Management Unit”).

(B) Exclusion of certain land

The Management Unit does not include any National Forest System land otherwise covered by subparagraph (A) that is designated as wilderness by section 1202.¹

(C) Withdrawal

(i) In general

Subject to valid rights in existence on March 30, 2009, the Federal land designated as the Management Unit is withdrawn from all forms of—

- (I) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;
- (II) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (III) disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

(ii) Exception

Clause (i)(I) does not apply to the parcel of land generally depicted as “HES 151” on the map.

(2) Purposes

The purposes of the Management Unit are—

- (A) to ensure the protection of the quality and quantity of the Crystal Springs watershed as a clean drinking water source for the residents of Hood River County, Oregon; and
- (B) to allow visitors to enjoy the special scenic, natural, cultural, and wildlife values of the Crystal Springs watershed.

(3) Map and legal description

(A) Submission of legal description

As soon as practicable after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of the Management Unit with—

- (i) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and
- (ii) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(B) Force of law

The map and legal description filed under subparagraph (A) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subtitle, except that the Secretary may correct typographical errors in the map and legal description.

(C) Public availability

The map and legal description filed under subparagraph (A) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(4) Administration

(A) In general

The Secretary shall—

(i) administer the Management Unit—

- (I) in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and rules applicable to units of the National Forest System; and
- (II) consistent with the purposes described in paragraph (2); and

(ii) only allow uses of the Management Unit that are consistent with the purposes described in paragraph (2).

(B) Fuel reduction in proximity to improvements and primary public roads

To protect the water quality, water quantity, and scenic, cultural, natural, and wildlife values of the Management Unit, the Secretary may conduct fuel reduction and forest health management treatments to maintain and restore fire-resilient forest structures containing late successional forest structure characterized by large trees and multistoried canopies, as ecologically appropriate, on National Forest System land in the Management Unit—

(i) in any area located not more than 400 feet from structures located on—

- (I) National Forest System land; or
- (II) private land adjacent to National Forest System land;

(ii) in any area located not more than 400 feet from the Cooper Spur Road, the Cloud Cap Road, or the Cooper Spur Ski Area Loop Road; and

(iii) on any other National Forest System land in the Management Unit, with priority given to activities that restore previously harvested stands, including the removal of logging slash, smaller diameter material, and ladder fuels.

(5) Prohibited activities

Subject to valid existing rights, the following activities shall be prohibited on National Forest System land in the Management Unit:

(A) New road construction or renovation of existing non-System roads, except as necessary to protect public health and safety.

(B) Projects undertaken for the purpose of harvesting commercial timber (other than activities relating to the harvest of merchantable products that are byproducts of activities conducted to further the purposes described in paragraph (2)).

(C) Commercial livestock grazing.

(D) The placement of new fuel storage tanks.

(E) Except to the extent necessary to further the purposes described in paragraph (2), the

¹ See References in Text note below.

application of any toxic chemicals (other than fire retardants), including pesticides, rodenticides, or herbicides.

(6) Forest road closures

(A) In general

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary may provide for the closure or gating to the general public of any Forest Service road within the Management Unit.

(B) Exception

Nothing in this section requires the Secretary to close the road commonly known as “Cloud Cap Road”, which shall be administered in accordance with otherwise applicable law.

(7) Private land

(A) Effect

Nothing in this section affects the use of, or access to, any private property within the area identified on the map as the “Crystal Springs Zone of Contribution” by—

- (i) the owners of the private property; and
- (ii) guests to the private property.

(B) Cooperation

The Secretary is encouraged to work with private landowners who have agreed to cooperate with the Secretary to further the purposes of this section.

(8) Acquisition of land

(A) In general

The Secretary may acquire from willing landowners any land located within the area identified on the map as the “Crystal Springs Zone of Contribution”.

(B) Inclusion in Management Unit

On the date of acquisition, any land acquired under subparagraph (A) shall be incorporated in, and be managed as part of, the Management Unit.

(Pub. L. 111–11, title I, § 1205(a), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1014.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1206(a)(2), referred to in par. (1)(A), is section 1206(a)(2) of Pub. L. 111–11, title I, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1018, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 1202, referred to in par. (1)(B), is section 1202 of Pub. L. 111–11, which enacted provisions listed in a table of National Memorials set out under section 320301 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs, and enacted and amended provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

This subtitle, referred to in par. (3)(B), is subtitle C (§§ 1201–1207) of title I of Pub. L. 111–11, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1007, which enacted this section and subchapter CXXXII of chapter 1 of this title, amended sections 544k and 1274 of this title, enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 460uuu and 1274 of this title, enacted provisions listed in a table of National Memorials set out under section 320301 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs, 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 C to the Code, see Tables.

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of terms used in this section, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 111–11, set out as a note under section 460uuu of this title.

§ 539o. Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest

(a) Designation

To conserve and protect the Ancient Bristlecone Pines by maintaining near-natural conditions and to ensure the survival of the Pines for the purposes of public enjoyment and scientific study, the approximately 31,700 acres of public land in the State, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest—Proposed” and dated July 16, 2008, is designated as the “Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest”.

(b) Map and legal description

(1) In general

As soon as practicable, but not later than 3 years after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall file a map and legal description of the Forest with—

- (A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) Force of law

The map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subtitle, except that the Secretary may correct any errors in the map and legal description.

(3) Public availability

The map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(c) Management

(1) In general

The Secretary shall administer the Forest—

(A) in a manner that—

- (i) protect¹ the resources and values of the area in accordance with the purposes for which the Forest is established, as described in subsection (a); and
- (ii) promotes the objectives of the applicable management plan (as in effect on March 30, 2009), including objectives relating to—

(I) the protection of bristlecone pines for public enjoyment and scientific study;

(II) the recognition of the botanical, scenic, and historical values of the area; and

(III) the maintenance of near-natural conditions by ensuring that all activities are subordinate to the needs of protecting and preserving bristlecone pines and wood remnants; and

(B) in accordance with the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.), this section, and any other applicable laws.

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(2) Uses

(A) In general

The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Forest as the Secretary determines

¹ So in original. Probably should be “protects”.