

shall be considered, including any available existing services and facilities, concessionaires, special use permits, or other means of making public access available for the purposes of sections 546 to 546a-5 of this title.

**(2) Roads**

After November 6, 2000, no new permanent roads shall be constructed within the scenic area.

**(3) Vegetation management**

No timber harvest shall be allowed within the scenic area, except as may be necessary in the control of fire, insects, and diseases, and to provide for public safety and trail access. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary may engage in vegetation manipulation practices for maintenance of wildlife habitat and visual quality. Trees cut for these purposes may be utilized, salvaged, or removed from the scenic area as authorized by the Secretary.

**(4) Motorized travel**

Motorized travel shall not be permitted within the scenic area, except on the waters of Lake Michigan, and as necessary for administrative use in furtherance of the purposes of sections 546 to 546a-5 of this title.

**(5) Fire**

Wildfires shall be suppressed in a manner consistent with the purposes of sections 546 to 546a-5 of this title, using such means as the Secretary deems appropriate.

**(6) Insects and disease**

Insect and disease outbreaks may be controlled in the scenic area to maintain scenic quality, prevent tree mortality, or to reduce hazards to visitors.

**(7) Dockage**

The Secretary shall provide through concession, permit, or other means docking facilities consistent with the management plan developed pursuant to this section.

**(8) Safety**

The Secretary shall take reasonable actions to provide for public health and safety and for the protection of the scenic area in the event of fire or infestation of insects or disease.

**(c) Consultation**

In preparing the management plan, the Secretary shall consult with appropriate State and local government officials, provide for full public participation, and consider the views of all interested parties, organizations, and individuals.

(Pub. L. 106-431, §4, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1906.)

**§ 546a-2. Fish and game**

Nothing in sections 546 to 546a-5 of this title shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Michigan with respect to fish and wildlife in the scenic area.

(Pub. L. 106-431, §5, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1907.)

**§ 546a-3. Minerals**

Subject to valid existing rights, the lands within the scenic area are hereby withdrawn

from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral leasing, including all laws pertaining to geothermal leasing. Also subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall not allow any mineral development on federally owned land within the scenic area, except that common varieties of mineral materials, such as stone and gravel, may be utilized only as authorized by the Secretary to the extent necessary for construction and maintenance of roads and facilities within the scenic area.

(Pub. L. 106-431, §6, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1907.)

**§ 546a-4. Acquisition**

**(a) Acquisition of lands within the scenic area**

The Secretary shall acquire, by purchase from willing sellers, gift, or exchange, lands, waters, structures, or interests therein, including scenic or other easements, within the boundaries of the scenic area to further the purposes of sections 546 to 546a-5 of this title.

**(b) Acquisition of other lands**

The Secretary may acquire, by purchase from willing sellers, gift, or exchange, not more than 10 acres of land, including any improvements thereon, on the mainland to provide access to and administrative facilities for the scenic area.

(Pub. L. 106-431, §7, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1907.)

**§ 546a-5. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) Acquisition of lands**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the acquisition of land, interests in land, or structures within the scenic area and on the mainland as provided in section 546a-4 of this title.

**(b) Other purposes**

In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the development and implementation of the management plan under section 546a-1(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-431, §8, Nov. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 1907.)

**§ 546b. Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, Jefferson National Forest, Virginia**

**(a) Establishment**

There are designated as National Scenic Areas—

(1) certain National Forest System land in the Jefferson National Forest, comprising approximately 5,192 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Seng Mountain and Raccoon Branch” and dated April 28, 2008, which shall be known as the “Seng Mountain National Scenic Area”; and

(2) certain National Forest System land in the Jefferson National Forest, comprising approximately 5,128 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Bear Creek” and dated April 28, 2008, which shall be known as the “Bear Creek National Scenic Area”.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of the scenic areas are—

(1) to ensure the protection and preservation of scenic quality, water quality, natural char-