

mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed as service upon or notice to the Foundation.

**(c) Seal**

The Foundation shall have an official seal selected by the Board which shall be judicially noticed.

**(d) Powers**

To carry out its purposes, the Foundation shall have, in addition to powers otherwise authorized under this subchapter, the usual powers of a corporation in the District of Columbia, including the power to—

(1) accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust, or real or personal property or any income therefrom or other interest therein;

(2) acquire by donation, gift, devise, purchase or exchange any real or personal property or interest therein;

(3) unless otherwise required by the instrument of transfer, sell, donate, lease, invest, reinvest, retain or otherwise dispose of any property or income therefrom;

(4) borrow money and issue bonds, debentures, or other debt instruments;

(5) sue and be sued, and complain and defend itself in any court of competent jurisdiction (except that the Directors of the Board shall not be personally liable, except for gross negligence);

(6) enter into contracts or other arrangements with public agencies, private organizations, and persons and to make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the purposes thereof; and

(7) do any and all acts necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the Foundation.

**(e) Property**

(1) The Foundation may acquire, hold and dispose of lands, waters, or other interests in real property by donation, gift, devise, purchase or exchange. For the purposes of this subchapter, an interest in real property shall include, but not be limited to, mineral and water rights, rights of way, and easements appurtenant or in gross. A gift, devise, or bequest may be accepted by the Foundation even though it is encumbered, restricted, or subject to beneficial interests of private persons if any current or future interest therein is for the benefit of the Foundation.

(2) No lands or waters, or interests therein, that are owned by the Foundation and are determined by the Chief of the United States Forest Service to be valuable for purposes established in this subchapter shall be subject to condemnation by any State or political subdivision, or any agent or instrumentality thereof.

(3) The Foundation and any income or property received or owned by it, and all transactions relating to such income or property, shall be exempt from all Federal, State, and local taxation with respect thereto.

(4) Contributions, gifts, and other transfers made to or for the use of the Foundation shall be treated as contributions, gifts, or transfers to an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of title 26.

(Pub. L. 101-593, title IV, § 404, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2971; Pub. L. 114-54, title II, § 201(c)(1), Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 516.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 114-54, § 201(c)(1)(A), inserted “notice or” after “authorized to accept”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-54, § 201(c)(1)(B), substituted “by subsection (a)(4)” for “under this paragraph”.

**§ 583j-3. Administrative services and support**

**(a) Startup funds**

For purposes of assisting the Foundation in establishing an office and meeting initial administrative, project, and other startup expenses, the Secretary is authorized to provide to the Foundation \$500,000, from funds appropriated pursuant to section 583j-8(a) of this title, per year for the two years beginning October 1, 1992. Such funds shall remain available to the Foundation until they are expended for authorized purposes.

**(b) Matching funds**

In addition to the startup funds provided under subsection (a) of this section, during fiscal years 2016 through 2018, the Secretary is authorized to provide matching funds for administrative and project expenses incurred by the Foundation as authorized by section 583j-8(b) of this title including reimbursement of expenses under section 583j-1 of this title, not to exceed then current Federal Government per diem rates.

**(c) Administrative expenses**

At any time, the Secretary may provide the Foundation use of Department of Agriculture personnel, facilities, and equipment, with partial or no reimbursement, with such limitations and on such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall establish.

(Pub. L. 101-593, title IV, § 405, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2972; Pub. L. 103-106, § 3(a), Oct. 12, 1993, 107 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 114-54, title II, § 201(a), Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 515.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-54 substituted “during fiscal years 2016 through 2018” for “for a period of five years beginning October 1, 1992”.

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-106, § 3(a)(1), inserted “project,” after “administrative” and substituted “beginning October 1, 1992” for “following November 16, 1990”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-106, § 3(a)(2), substituted “beginning October 1, 1992” for “from November 16, 1990” and inserted “and project” after “administrative”.

PURPOSE OF PUB. L. 103-106

Pub. L. 103-106, § 2, Oct. 12, 1993, 107 Stat. 1031, provided that: “It is the purpose of this Act [see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note set out under section 583j of this title]—

“(1) to provide for start-up and matching funds for project expenses to carry out the National Forest Foundation Act [16 U.S.C. 583j et seq.]; and

“(2) to extend the funding authorization for start-up expenses for 1 year.”

**§ 583j-4. Volunteers**

The Secretary may accept, without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules and regulations, any director, officer, employee or agent of the Foundation as a volunteer for pur-