

any recommendations for legislation in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

**(e) Competitive status**

**(1) In general**

Nothing in subsection (a) provides that any person hired pursuant to the program established under that subsection is not eligible for competitive status in the same manner as any other employee hired as part of the competitive service.

**(2) Conversion to competitive service**

Employees who satisfactorily complete two years of continuous service in a permanent appointment made under subsection (a) and who meet satisfactory performance and competitive service qualification requirements shall have their appointment converted to competitive service career-conditional or career employment as appropriate. This paragraph applies to individuals appointed on or after March 30, 2009. An employee who does not meet competitive service qualification requirements after two years of continuous service in an appointment made under subsection (a) shall be converted upon meeting such qualification requirements. Temporary and time-limited appointments will be made in the excepted service. There is no provision for conversion to competitive service when appointments are time-limited.

**(3) Redesignation of certain positions**

**(A) Persons serving in original positions**

Not later than 60 days after March 30, 2009, with respect to any person hired into a permanent position pursuant to the program established under subsection (a) who is serving in that position as of March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall redesignate that position and the person serving in that position as having been part of the competitive service as of the date that the person was hired into that position.

**(B) Persons no longer serving in original positions**

With respect to any person who was hired pursuant to the program established under subsection (a) that is no longer serving in that position as of March 30, 2009—

(i) the person may provide to the Secretary a request for redesignation of the service as part of the competitive service that includes evidence of the employment; and

(ii) not later than 90 days of the submission of a request under clause (i), the Secretary shall redesignate the service of the person as being part of the competitive service.

(Pub. L. 96-487, title XIII, §1308, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2480; Pub. L. 100-689, title IV, §401, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4177; Pub. L. 102-415, §16, Oct. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 2124; Pub. L. 108-199, div. H, §147, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 445; Pub. L. 111-11, title VI, §6101, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1170; Pub. L. 112-74, div. E, title I, §121(b), Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1012.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-74, §121(b)(1), substituted “establish an excepted service appointment

authority,” for “establish a program” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-74, §121(b)(2), substituted “excepted service as defined in section 2103 of such title” for “competitive service as defined in section 2102 of such title for which such person is eligible under subchapter I of chapter 33 of such title, in selection to such position”.

Subsec. (e)(2), (3). Pub. L. 112-74, §121(b)(3), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

2009—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-11 added subsec. (e).

2004—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 108-199 added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-415 substituted “public lands” for “a conservation system unit” and substituted “public lands” for “such unit” in two places.

1988—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 100-689 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 106-488, §2, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2205, provided that:

“(a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 3197, 3198] and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act [25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.], the Secretary [of the Interior] shall—

“(1) implement pilot programs to employ residents of local communities at the following units of the National Park System located in northwest Alaska—

“(A) Bering Land Bridge National Preserve,

“(B) Cape Krusenstern National Monument,

“(C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and

“(D) Noatak National Preserve; and

“(2) report on the results of the programs within one year to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States [Senate] and the Committee on Resources [now Committee on Natural Resources] of the House of Representatives.

“(b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary shall consult with the Native Corporations, nonprofit organizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, involve such groups in the development of interpretive materials and the pilot programs relating to such units.”

LOCAL HIRE REPORT

Pub. L. 105-333, §11, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3135, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 31, 1998], the Secretary of the Interior shall transmit to Congress a report.

“(b) LOCAL HIRE.—The report required by subsection (a) shall—

“(1) indicate the actions taken in carrying out subsection (b) of section 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3198);

“(2) address the recruitment processes that may restrict employees hired under subsection (a) of such section from successfully obtaining positions in the competitive service; and

“(3) describe the actions of the Secretary of the Interior in contracting with Alaska Native Corporations to provide services with respect to public lands in Alaska.

“(c) COOPERATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall cooperate with the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out this section with respect to the Forest Service.”

**§ 3199. Navigation aids and other facilities**

**(a) Existing facilities**

Within conservation system units established or expanded by this Act, reasonable access to, and operation and maintenance of, existing air

and water navigation aids, communications sites and related facilities and existing facilities for weather, climate, and fisheries research and monitoring shall be permitted in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to units of such systems, as appropriate. Reasonable access to and operation and maintenance of facilities for national defense purposes and related air and water navigation aids within or adjacent to such areas shall continue in accordance with the laws and regulations governing such facilities notwithstanding any other provision of this Act. Nothing in the Wilderness Act [16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.] shall be deemed to prohibit such access, operation and maintenance within wilderness areas designated by this Act.

**(b) New facilities**

The establishment, operation, and maintenance within any conservation system unit of new air and water navigation aids and related facilities, facilities for national defense purposes, and related air and water navigation aids, and facilities for weather, climate, and fisheries research and monitoring shall be permitted but only (1) after consultation with the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, by the head of the Federal department or agency undertaking such establishment, operation, or maintenance, and (2) in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed in order to minimize the adverse effects of such activities within such unit.

(Pub. L. 96-487, title XIII, §1310, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2481.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 96-487, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2371, as amended, known as the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

The Wilderness Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 88-577, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 890, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 23 (§1131 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1131 of this title and Tables.

**§ 3200. Denali Scenic Highway study**

**(a) Withdrawal**

Subject to valid existing rights, all public lands within an area, the centerline of which is the centerline of the Parks Highway from the entrance to Denali National Park to the Talkeetna junction which is one hundred and thirty-six miles south of Cantwell, the Denali Highway between Cantwell and Paxson, the Richardson Highway and Edgerton Highway between Paxson and Chitina, and the existing road between Chitina and McCarthy (as those highways and road are depicted on the official maps of the department of transportation of the State of Alaska) and the boundaries of which are parallel to the centerline and one mile distant therefrom on either side, are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry or appropriation under the mining laws and from operation of the mineral leasing laws of the United States. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude minor road realignment, minor road improve-

ment, or the extraction of gravel for such purposes from lands withdrawn or affected by the study mandated herein.

**(b) Study**

During the three-year period beginning on December 2, 1980, the Secretary shall study the desirability of establishing a Denali Scenic Highway to consist of all or part of the lands described in subsection (a) of this section. In conducting the studies, the Secretary, through a study team which includes representatives of the Secretary of Transportation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the State, and of each Regional Corporation within whose area of operation the lands described in subsection (a) are located, shall consider the scenic and recreational values of the lands withdrawn under this section, the importance of providing protection to those values, the desirability of providing a symbolic and actual physical connection between the national parks in south central Alaska, and the desirability of enhancing the experience of persons traveling between those parks by motor vehicles. Members of the study team who are not Federal employees shall receive from the Secretary per diem (in lieu of expenses) and travel allowances at the rates provided for employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska in grade GS-15.

**(c) Cooperation notice: hearings**

In conducting the studies required by this section, the Secretary shall cooperate with the State and shall consult with each Village Corporation within whose area of operation lands described in this section are located and to the maximum extent practicable with the owner of any lands adjoining the lands described in subsection (a) concerning the desirability of establishing a Denali Scenic Highway. The Secretary, through the National Park Service, shall also give such public notice of the study as he deems appropriate, including at least publication in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the area or areas of the lands described in subsection (a), and shall hold a public hearing or hearings at one or more locations convenient to the areas affected.

**(d) Report**

Within three years after December 2, 1980, the Secretary shall report to the President the results of the studies carried out pursuant to this section together with his recommendation as to whether the scenic highway studied should be established and, if his recommendation is to establish the scenic highway, the lands described in subsection (a) which should be included therein. Such report shall include the views and recommendations of all members of the study team. The President shall advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of his recommendations and those of the Governor of Alaska with respect to creation of the scenic highways,<sup>1</sup> together with maps thereof, a definition of boundaries thereof, an estimate of costs, recommendations on administration, and proposed legislation to create

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "highway,".