

and regulations applicable to the national forests in such manner as will best further the purposes of this section, as set forth in subsection (a). Timber management practices within the area shall promote a mixed hardwood and conifer forest with species and age class diversity approximating natural succession and with significant mast production and den trees for wildlife. Unevenaged management shall be the timber management practice in the area, except that the Secretary is authorized to use evenaged management practices in order to promote public safety or to mitigate the effects of fire, insects, and disease.

(Pub. L. 100-499, § 11, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2496.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives on Jan. 5, 1993, by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Third Congress.

§ 460vv-10. Nomenclature

The wilderness areas, the national recreation area, the national scenic and wildlife area, the national scenic area, and the botanical areas designated in this subchapter shall be referred to as the “Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area”.

(Pub. L. 100-499, § 12, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2497.)

§ 460vv-11. Timber management report

The Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate a report on the timber management program on those lands of the Ouachita National Forest located in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, each year after October 18, 1988, for a period of 20 years. Each such report shall include information on timber management practices, sale preparation, harvest levels, reforestation, forest pest and damage problems, multiple use mitigation practices, including wildlife enhancement, recreation, protection of scenery, vegetation conversion, roads, and vegetative cover along streams, roads and trails. The report shall also include an economic impact statement of the Ouachita National Forest in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, on the timber industry and the tourism and recreation industry.

(Pub. L. 100-499, § 13, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2497; Pub. L. 103-437, § 6(d)(20), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs” after “Committee on”.

§ 460vv-12. Advisory committee

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), no later than 90 days after October 18, 1988, the Secretary is directed to establish an advisory committee for Ouachita National Forest lands in Le Flore County, Okla-

homa. The Committee’s purpose shall be advisory in nature and the Committee shall provide information and recommendations to the Secretary regarding the operation of the Ouachita National Forest in Le Flore County. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the local area in which the Ouachita National Forest is located equally divided among conservation, timber, fish and wildlife, tourism and recreation, and economic development interests.

(Pub. L. 100-499, § 14, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2497.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 460vv-13. Planning

(a) Forest management plan

The Secretary shall amend the Ouachita National Forest land and resource management plan to include provisions regarding the wilderness areas, the botanical areas, the national recreation area, the national scenic and wildlife area, and the national scenic area designated by this subchapter. The amendment shall further the purposes for these areas as specified in this subchapter and shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of the National Forest Management Act, including provisions for public involvement. The Secretary shall consult with the local advisory committee established under section 460vv-12 of this title regarding the development and implementation of the amendment required under this subsection.

(b) Tourism and recreation

The plan shall include a section with provisions to promote tourism and recreation in ways consistent with the purposes for which the wilderness areas, the botanical areas, the national recreation area, the national scenic and wildlife area and the national scenic area are designated.

(c) Local advisory group

No later than 90 days after October 18, 1988, the Secretary shall designate a special advisory group from the local area in which the Ouachita National Forest is located to assist in the preparation of the tourism and recreation section of the amendment as required under subsection (b). The Secretary shall request the group to submit to the Secretary, within 12 months after its designation as an advisory group, a draft for such section. No later than 90 days after receiving

such draft, the Secretary shall make any revisions and provide them to the group for review. The Secretary shall allow at least 60 days for the group to submit to the Secretary its comments on the revisions. The Secretary shall attempt to resolve any differences prior to his approval or disapproval of the amendment to the forest plan.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$15,000,000 for tourism and recreation improvements related to the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area in Ouachita National Forest in Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

(e) Implementation

The Secretary is authorized and encouraged to seek local nonprofit entities and the private sector for development of tourism and recreation initiatives in implementing the tourism and recreation section of the plan.

(Pub. L. 100-499, §15, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2498.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Forest Management Act, referred to in subsec. (a), probably means the National Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. 94-588, Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2949, as amended, which enacted sections 472a, 521b, 1600, and 1611 to 1614 of this title, amended sections 500, 515, 516, 518, 576b, and 1601 to 1610 of this title, repealed sections 476, 513, and 514 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 476, 513, 528, 594-2, and 1600 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1976 Amendment note set out under section 1600 of this title and Tables.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY GROUPS

Advisory groups established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a group established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such group is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a group established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 460vv-14. Fire, insect, and disease

Nothing in this subchapter shall preclude the Secretary of Agriculture from carrying out such measures in the recreation area, the national scenic and wildlife area, the national scenic area, or in the botanical areas established by this subchapter as the Secretary, in his discretion, deems necessary in the event of fire, or infestation of insects or disease or for public health and safety. As provided in section 1133(d)(1) of this title, the Secretary may take such measures as may be necessary to control fire, insects, and diseases within the wilderness areas designated by this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 100-499, §16, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2498.)

§ 460vv-15. Grazing

Subject to such limitations, conditions, or regulations as he may prescribe, the Secretary of Agriculture shall permit grazing on lands

within the Ouachita National Forest, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

(Pub. L. 100-499, §17, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2499.)

§ 460vv-16. Fishing and wildlife

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to wildlife and fish in the areas designated by this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 100-499, §18, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2499.)

§ 460vv-17. Permits

The Secretary shall cooperate with other Federal agencies, with State and local public agencies and bodies, and with private individuals and organizations in the issuance of permits for facilities, services, and recreational facilities in the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area. In issuing such permits, the Secretary is authorized and encouraged to consider local nonprofit entities and the private sector.

(Pub. L. 100-499, §19, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2499.)

§ 460vv-18. Land acquisition

(a) Authority

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, any lands or interests therein, which the Secretary determines are needed to establish and manage the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area.

(b) Offers

In exercising the authority conferred by this section to acquire lands, the Secretary of Agriculture shall give prompt and careful consideration to any offer made by an individual owning any land, or interest in land, within the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area. In considering any such offer, the Secretary shall take into consideration any hardship to the owner which might result from any undue delay in acquiring the property.

(c) Additional facilities

The Secretary of Agriculture may acquire sites at locations outside such boundaries of the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area, as he determines necessary, for visitor orientation and the establishment of a lodge and additional facilities to enhance the quality of the area.

(d) Additional lands

Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 200306(a)(2) of title 54, the Secretary of Agriculture may acquire by purchase, exchange, donation or otherwise any right, title, and interest in lands in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, which are outside the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest. No such right, title or interest may be acquired without the consent of the owner thereof. All lands and interests therein acquired under this subsection shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911, commonly referred to as the Weeks Act (36 Stat. 961)