

administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act [16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.] governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to December 11, 1991.

(Pub. L. 102-217, §2, Dec. 11, 1991, 105 Stat. 1667.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Wilderness Act, referred to in text, 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.

Section 2(2) of the Georgia Wilderness Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is section 2(2) of Pub. L. 99-555, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3129, which enacted provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

The effective date of the Wilderness Act, referred to in subsec. (b), means Sept. 3, 1964, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 88-577, which enacted chapter 23 of this title.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-217, §1, Dec. 11, 1991, 105 Stat. 1667, provided that: "This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Chattahoochee National Forest Protection Act of 1991'."

SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 102-217, §6, Dec. 11, 1991, 105 Stat. 1670, provided that: "Privately held lands within the areas designated by this Act [enacting this subchapter] will not be administered as wilderness, a national scenic area, or a national recreation area, as appropriate, unless such lands are acquired by the Secretary."

REDESIGNATION OF NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Pub. L. 102-456, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2264, provided that:

"SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

"Springer Mountain National Recreation Area in the Chattahoochee National Forest, in the State of Georgia, is hereby redesignated as 'Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area'.

"SEC. 2. LEGAL REFERENCES.

"Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to Springer Mountain National Recreation Area is deemed to be a reference to Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area."

§ 460ggg-1. National scenic area

(a) Designation and purposes

For the purposes of protecting and enhancing the natural beauty, special ecological features, watershed integrity, mature-forest habitat, scenic recreation opportunities and other distinctive values of certain lands in Georgia, the lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 7,100 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Coosa Bald Scenic Area—Proposed", dated July 1991, are designated as a national scenic area and shall be known as the Coosa Bald National Scenic Area (hereafter in this section referred to as the "scenic area").

(b) Administration

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall administer the scenic area in ac-

cordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National Forest System in such a way as to further the purposes of this section.

(2) The Secretary may permit additional road construction in the scenic area in furtherance of the purposes for which the scenic area is established. Except as provided in this section, the Secretary may not conduct timber harvesting in the scenic area. The Secretary may remove timber in the scenic area in furtherance of this section, but only in a manner which does not impair the purposes for which the scenic area is established. Salvage or sanitation harvesting of timber stands which are substantially damaged by fire, windthrow or other catastrophe, or are in imminent danger from insect or disease attack, is authorized to maintain forest health. Timber harvesting is authorized to provide for visitor safety.

(3) By virtue of this designation alone, the Secretary need not change patterns of public access or closure on existing permanent national forest development roads. At his discretion, however, the Secretary may open or close such existing roads for public use for reasons of sound resource management.

(4) Nothing in this section shall prevent the completion of existing timber sales under contract.

(5) The scenic area is hereby withdrawn from the operation of all laws pertaining to mineral leasing.

(6) The Secretary may also permit, in his discretion, the continued maintenance of existing wildlife openings, in cooperation with the State of Georgia and other Federal, State, and private cooperators, and may permit new wildlife openings in furtherance of the purposes for which the scenic area is established.

(7) The Secretary shall protect, enhance, and promote the public's opportunities for primitive and semiprimitive experiences in the scenic area.

(Pub. L. 102-217, §3, Dec. 11, 1991, 105 Stat. 1667.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The laws pertaining to mineral leasing, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), are classified generally to Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining.

§ 460ggg-2. Recreation area

(a) Designation and purposes

For the purposes of ensuring the protection of certain natural, scenic, fish and wildlife, historic and archaeological, wildland and watershed values, and providing for the enhancement of the recreation opportunities associated with these values, certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 23,330 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Springer Mountain National Recreation Area—Proposed", dated October 1991, are hereby designated as a national recreation area and shall be known as Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area (hereafter in this section referred to as the "recreation area").

(b) Administration

(1) Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall administer the recreation area in