

(D) provide for a cooperative agreement with Lincoln County, New Mexico, to address the historical involvement of the local community in the interpretation and protection of the resources of the Conservation Area.

**(d) Research and interpretive facilities**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may establish facilities for—

- (A) the conduct of scientific research; and
- (B) the interpretation of the historical, cultural, scientific, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of the Conservation Area.

**(2) Cooperative agreements**

The Secretary may, in a manner consistent with this subchapter, enter into cooperative agreements with the State of New Mexico and other institutions and organizations to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

**(e) Water rights**

Nothing in this subchapter constitutes an express or implied reservation of any water right.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2203, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1100.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B)(ii), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

**§ 460yyy-3. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2204, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1101.)

SUBCHAPTER CXXXVII—DOMINGUEZ-  
ESCALANTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION  
AREA

**§ 460zzz. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area established by section 460zzz-1(a)(1) of this title.

**(2) Council**

The term “Council” means the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council established under section 460zzz-6 of this title.

**(3) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan developed under section 460zzz-5 of this title.

**(4) Map**

The term “Map” means the map entitled “Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area” and dated September 15, 2008.

**(5) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

**(6) State**

The term “State” means the State of Colorado.

**(7) Wilderness**

The term “Wilderness” means the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area designated by section 460zzz-2(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2401, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1102.)

**§ 460zzz-1. Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area**

**(a) Establishment**

**(1) In general**

There is established the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area in the State.

**(2) Area included**

The Conservation Area shall consist of approximately 209,610 acres of public land, as generally depicted on the Map.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of the Conservation Area are to conserve and protect for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations—

(1) the unique and important resources and values of the land, including the geological, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, natural, scientific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian, historical, educational, and scenic resources of the public land; and

(2) the water resources of area streams, based on seasonally available flows, that are necessary to support aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial species and communities.

**(c) Management**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall manage the Conservation Area—

(A) as a component of the National Landscape Conservation System;

(B) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources and values of the Conservation Area described in subsection (b); and

(C) in accordance with—

(i) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

(ii) this subchapter; and

(iii) any other applicable laws.

**(2) Uses**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Conservation Area as the Secretary determines would further the purposes for which the Conservation Area is established.

**(B) Use of motorized vehicles**

**(i) In general**

Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area shall be allowed—

(I) before the effective date of the management plan, only on roads and trails designated for use of motor vehicles in the management plan that applies on March 30, 2009, to the public land in the Conservation Area; and

(II) after the effective date of the management plan, only on roads and trails designated in the management plan for the use of motor vehicles.

**(ii) Administrative and emergency response use**

Clause (i) shall not limit the use of motor vehicles in the Conservation Area for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency.

**(iii) Limitation**

This subparagraph shall not apply to the Wilderness.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2402, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1102.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(C)(i), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

**§ 460zzz-2. Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area**

**(a) In general**

In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the approximately 66,280 acres of public land in Mesa, Montrose, and Delta Counties, Colorado, as generally depicted on the Map, is designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to be known as the “Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area”.

**(b) Administration of Wilderness**

The Wilderness shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this subchapter, except that—

(1) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be a reference to March 30, 2009; and

(2) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2403, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1103.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Wilderness Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 88-577, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 890, 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.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 2403 of Pub. L. 111-11. Section 2403 also enacted provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title.

**§ 460zzz-3. Maps and legal descriptions**

**(a) In general**

As soon as practicable after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of the Conservation Area and the Wilderness with—

(1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

**(b) Force and effect**

The Map and legal descriptions filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the Map and legal descriptions.

**(c) Public availability**

The Map and legal descriptions filed under subsection (a) shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2404, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1103.)

**§ 460zzz-4. Management of Conservation Area and Wilderness**

**(a) Withdrawal**

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within the Conservation Area and the Wilderness and all land and interests in land acquired by the United States within the Conservation Area or the Wilderness is withdrawn from—

(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

**(b) Grazing**

**(1) Grazing in Conservation Area**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall issue and administer any grazing leases or permits in the Conservation Area in accordance with the laws (including regulations) applicable to the issuance and administration of such leases and permits on other land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

**(2) Grazing in Wilderness**

The grazing of livestock in the Wilderness, if established as of March 30, 2009, shall be permitted to continue—

(A) subject to any reasonable regulations, policies, and practices that the Secretary determines to be necessary; and

(B) in accordance with—

(i) section 1133(d)(4) of this title; and

(ii) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept. 101-405).