

(g) Assistance

Upon the request of the Governor of the State of Florida, the Secretary is authorized to provide technical assistance and personnel to assist in the acquisition of lands and waters within the Kissimmee River/Lake Okeechobee/Everglades Hydrologic Basin, including the Big Cypress Swamp, through the provision of Federal land acquisition personnel, practices, and procedures. The State of Florida shall reimburse the Secretary for such assistance in such amounts and at such time as agreed upon by the Secretary and the State. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, reimbursement received by the Secretary for such assistance shall be retained by the Secretary and shall be available without further appropriation for purposes of carrying out any authorized activity of the Secretary within the boundaries of the park.

(h) Land exchanges**(1) Definitions**

In this subsection:

(A) Administrator

The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of General Services.

(B) County

The term “County” means Miami-Dade County, Florida.

(C) County land

The term “County land” means the 2 parcels of land owned by the County totaling approximately 152.93 acres that are designated as “Tract 605-01” and “Tract 605-03”.

(D) District

The term “District” means the South Florida Water Management District.

(E) District land

The term “District land” means the approximately 1,054 acres of District land located in the Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area and identified on the map as “South Florida Water Management District Exchange Lands”.

(F) General Services Administration land

The term “General Services Administration land” means the approximately 595.28 acres of land designated as “Site Alpha” that is declared by the Department of the Navy to be excess land.

(G) Map

The term “map” means the map entitled “Boundary Modification for C-111 Project, Everglades National Park”, numbered 160/80,007A, and dated May 18, 2004.

(H) National Park Service land

The term “National Park Service land” means the approximately 1,054 acres of land located in the Rocky Glades area of the park and identified on the map as “NPS Exchange Lands”.

(2) Exchange of General Services Administration land and County land

The Administrator shall convey to the County fee title to the General Services Adminis-

tration land in exchange for the conveyance by the County to the Secretary of fee title to the County land.

(3) Exchange of National Park Service land and District land**(A) In general**

As soon as practicable after the completion of the exchange under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall convey to the District fee title to the National Park Service land in exchange for fee title to the District land.

(B) Use of National Park Service land

The National Park Service land conveyed to the District shall be used by the District for the purposes of the C-111 project, including restoration of the Everglades natural system.

(C) Boundary adjustment

On completion of the land exchange under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall modify the boundary of the park to reflect the exchange of the National Park Service land and the District land.

(4) Availability of map

The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(Pub. L. 101-229, title I, §102, Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1947; Pub. L. 108-483, §1, Dec. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 3919.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “section 100506(c) of title 54” substituted for “section 7(c) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 [sic] and following)” on authority of Pub. L. 113-287, §6(e), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272, which Act enacted Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

In subsec. (d), “chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377)” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, which Act enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-483, §1(1), designated first sentence as par. (1), designated second sentence as par. (2), inserted par. headings, and added par. (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 108-483, §1(2), added subsec. (h).

§ 410r-7. Administration**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall administer the areas within the addition in accordance with sections 410r-5 to 410r-8 of this title and other provisions of law applicable to the Everglades National Park, and with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the national park system, including the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4).¹ In order to further preserve and protect Everglades National Park, the Secretary

¹ See References in Text note below.

shall utilize such other statutory authority as may be available to him for the preservation of wildlife and natural resources as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 410r-5 to 410r-8 of this title.

(b) Protection of ecosystem

The Secretary shall manage the park in order to maintain the natural abundance, diversity, and ecological integrity of native plants and animals, as well as the behavior of native animals, as a part of their ecosystem.

(c) Protection of flora and fauna

The park shall be closed to the operation of airboats—

(1) except as provided in subsection (d); and

(2) except that within a limited capacity and on designated routes within the addition, owners of record of registered airboats in use within the addition as of January 1, 1989, shall be issued nontransferable, nonrenewable permits, for their individual lifetimes, to operate personally-owned airboats for noncommercial use in accordance with rules prescribed by the Secretary to determine ownership and registration, establish uses, permit conditions, and penalties, and to protect the biological resources of the area.

(d) Concession contracts

The Secretary is authorized to negotiate and enter into concession contracts with the owners of commercial airboat and tour facilities in existence on or before January 1, 1989, located within the addition for the provision of such services at their current locations under such rules and conditions as he may deem necessary for the accommodation of visitors and protection of biological resources of the area.

(e) Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center

The Secretary is authorized and directed to expedite the construction of the visitor center facility at Everglades City, Florida, as described in the Development Concept Plan, Gulf Coast, dated February 1989, and upon construction shall designate the visitor center facility as “The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Center” in commemoration of the vision and leadership shown by Mrs. Douglas in the protection of the Everglades and Everglades National Park.

(f) Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center

On completion of construction of the main visitor center facility at the headquarters of Everglades National Park, the Secretary shall designate the visitor center facility as the “Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center”, to commemorate the vision and leadership shown by Mr. Coe in the establishment and protection of Everglades National Park.

(Pub. L. 101-229, title I, §103, Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1948; Pub. L. 105-82, §§4, 5, Nov. 13, 1997, 111 Stat. 1541, 1542.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4), referred to in subsec. (a), is act Aug. 25, 1916, ch. 408, 39 Stat. 535, known as the National Park Service Organic Act, which enacted sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title and provisions set out

as a note under section 100101 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs. Sections 1 to 4 of the Act were repealed and restated as section 1865(a) of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, and section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of Title 54 by Pub. L. 113-287, §§3, 4(a)(1), 7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3094, 3260, 3272. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables. For disposition of former sections of this title, see Disposition Table preceding section 100101 of Title 54.

AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-82, §5(1), substituted “personally-owned” for “personally-owned”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-82, §5(2), substituted “Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center” for “Visitor Center” in heading.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-82, §4, added subsec. (f).

FINDINGS AND PURPOSE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-82, §2, Nov. 13, 1997, 111 Stat. 1540, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1)(A) Marjory Stoneman Douglas, through her book, ‘The Everglades: River of Grass’ (published in 1947), defined the Everglades for the people of the United States and the world;

“(B) Mrs. Douglas’s book was the first to stimulate widespread understanding of the Everglades ecosystem and ultimately served to awaken the desire of the people of the United States to restore the ecosystem’s health;

“(C) in her 107th year, Mrs. Douglas is the sole surviving member of the original group of people who devoted decades of selfless effort to establish the Everglades National Park;

“(D) when the water supply and ecology of the Everglades, both within and outside the park, became threatened by drainage and development, Mrs. Douglas dedicated the balance of her life to the defense of the Everglades through extraordinary personal effort and by inspiring countless other people to take action;

“(E) for these and many other accomplishments, the President awarded Mrs. Douglas the Medal of Freedom on Earth Day, 1994; and

“(2)(A) Ernest F. Coe (1886-1951) was a leader in the creation of Everglades National Park;

“(B) Mr. Coe organized the Tropic Everglades National Park Association in 1928 and was widely regarded as the father of Everglades National Park;

“(C) as a landscape architect, Mr. Coe’s vision for the park recognized the need to protect south Florida’s diverse wildlife and habitats for future generations;

“(D) Mr. Coe’s original park proposal included lands and waters subsequently protected within the Everglades National Park, the Big Cypress National Preserve, and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; and

“(E)(i) Mr. Coe’s leadership, selfless devotion, and commitment to achieving his vision culminated in the authorization of the Everglades National Park by Congress in 1934;

“(ii) after authorization of the park, Mr. Coe fought tirelessly and lobbied strenuously for establishment of the park, finally realizing his dream in 1947; and

“(iii) Mr. Coe accomplished much of the work described in this paragraph at his own expense, which dramatically demonstrated his commitment to establishment of Everglades National Park.

“(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act [see Short Title of 1997 Amendment note set out under section 410r-5 of this title] to commemorate the vision, leadership, and enduring contributions of Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Ernest F. Coe to the protection of the Everglades and the establishment of Everglades National Park.”

§ 410r-8. Modification of certain water projects**(a) Improved water deliveries**

(1) Upon completion of a final report by the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Secretary, is authorized and directed to construct modifications to the Central and Southern Florida Project to improve water deliveries into the park and shall, to the extent practicable, take steps to restore the natural hydrological conditions within the park.

(2) Such modifications shall be based upon the findings of the Secretary's experimental program authorized in section 1302 of the 1984 Supplemental Appropriations Act (97 Stat. 1292) and generally as set forth in a General Design Memorandum to be prepared by the Jacksonville District entitled "Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park". The Draft of such Memorandum and the Final Memorandum, as prepared by the Jacksonville District, shall be submitted as promptly as practicable to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the United States House of Representatives.

(3) Construction of project modifications authorized in this subsection and flood protection systems authorized in subsections (c) and (d) are justified by the environmental benefits to be derived by the Everglades ecosystem in general and by the park in particular and shall not require further economic justification.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the operation of project facilities to achieve their design objectives, as set forth in the Congressional authorization and any modifications thereof.

(b) Determination of adverse effect

(1) Upon completion of the Final Memorandum referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the South Florida Water Management District, shall make a determination as to whether the residential area within the East Everglades known as the "Eight and One-Half Square Mile Area" or adjacent agricultural areas, all as generally depicted on the map referred to in section 410r-6(a) of this title, will be adversely affected by project modifications authorized in subsection (a).

(2) In determining whether adjacent agricultural areas will be adversely affected, the Secretary of the Army shall consider the impact of any flood protection system proposed to be implemented pursuant to subsection (c) on such agricultural areas.

(c) Flood protection; Eight and One-Half Square Mile Area

If the Secretary of the Army makes a determination pursuant to subsection (b) that the "Eight and One-Half Square Mile Area" will be adversely affected, the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to construct a flood protection system for that portion of presently developed land within such area.

(d) Flood protection; adjacent agricultural area

(1) If the Secretary of the Army determines pursuant to subsection (b) that an adjacent agri-

cultural area will be adversely affected, the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to construct a flood protection system for such area. Such determination shall be based on a finding by the Secretary of the Army that:

(A) the adverse effect will be attributable solely to a project modification authorized in subsection (a) or to a flood protection system implemented pursuant to subsection (c), or both; and

(B) such modification or flood protection system will result in a substantial reduction in the economic utility of such area based on its present agricultural use.

(2) No project modification authorized in subsection (a) which the Secretary of the Army determines will cause an adverse effect pursuant to subsection (b) shall be made operational until the Secretary of the Army has implemented measures to prevent such adverse effect on the adjacent agricultural area: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Army or the South Florida Water Management District may operate the modification to the extent that the Secretary of the Army determines that such operation will not adversely affect the adjacent agricultural area: *Provided further*, That any preventive measure shall be implemented in a manner that presents the least prospect of harm to the natural resources of the park.

(3) Any flood protection system implemented by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to this subsection shall be required only to provide for flood protection for present agricultural uses within such adjacent agricultural area.

(4) The acquisition of land authorized in section 410r-6 of this title shall not be considered a project modification.

(e) Periodic review

(1) Not later than 18 months after the completion of the project modifications authorized in subsection (a), and periodically thereafter, the Secretary of the Army shall review the determination of adverse effect for adjacent agricultural areas.

(2) In conducting such review, the Secretary of the Army shall consult with all affected parties, including, but not limited to, the Secretary, the South Florida Water Management District and agricultural users within adjacent agricultural areas.

(3) If, on the basis of such review, the Secretary of the Army determines that an adjacent agricultural area has been, or will be adversely affected, the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d), to construct a flood protection system for such area: *Provided*, That the provisions of subsection (d)(2) shall be applicable only to the extent that the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, determines that the park will not be adversely affected.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall only be applicable if the Secretary of the Army has previously made a determination that such adjacent agricultural area will not be adversely affected.

(f) Current canal operating levels

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or prohibit the Secretary of the Army or