

(6) the designation of a Great Sand Dunes National Park, which would encompass the existing Great Sand Dunes National Monument and additional land, would provide—

(A) greater long-term protection of the geological, hydrological, paleontological, scenic, scientific, educational, wildlife, and recreational resources of the area (including the sand sheet associated with the dune mass and the ground water system on which the sand dune and wetland systems depend); and

(B) expanded visitor use opportunities;

(7) land in and adjacent to the Great Sand Dunes National Monument is—

(A) recognized for the culturally diverse nature of the historical settlement of the area;

(B) recognized for offering natural, ecological, wildlife, cultural, scenic, paleontological, wilderness, and recreational resources; and

(C) recognized as being a fragile and irreplaceable ecological system that could be destroyed if not carefully protected; and

(8) preservation of this diversity of resources would ensure the perpetuation of the entire ecosystem for the enjoyment of future generations.

(Pub. L. 106-530, § 2, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2527.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-530, § 1, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2527, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and provisions listed in a table of National Wildlife Refuges set out under section 668dd of this title] may be cited as the ‘Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000’.”

§ 410hhh-1. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Advisory Council

The term “Advisory Council” means the Great Sand Dunes National Park Advisory Council established under section 410hhh-6(a)¹ of this title.

(2) Luis Maria Baca Grant No. 4

The term “Luis Maria Baca Grant No. 4” means those lands as described in the patent dated February 20, 1900, from the United States to the heirs of Luis Maria Baca recorded in book 86, page 20, of the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Saguache County, Colorado.

(3) Map

The term “map” means the map entitled “Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve”, numbered 140/80,032 and dated September 19, 2000.

(4) National monument

The term “national monument” means the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, including lands added to the monument pursuant to this subchapter.

(5) National park

The term “national park” means the Great Sand Dunes National Park established in section 410hhh-2 of this title.

(6) National wildlife refuge

The term “wildlife refuge” means the Baca National Wildlife Refuge established in section 410hhh-4 of this title.

(7) Preserve

The term “preserve” means the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve established in section 410hhh-3 of this title.

(8) Resources

The term “resources” means the resources described in section 410hhh of this title.

(9) Secretary

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

(10) Uses

The term “uses” means the uses described in section 410hhh of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-530, § 3, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2528.)

§ 410hhh-2. Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado

(a) Establishment

When the Secretary determines that sufficient land having a sufficient diversity of resources has been acquired to warrant designation of the land as a national park, the Secretary shall establish the Great Sand Dunes National Park in the State of Colorado, as generally depicted on the map, as a unit of the National Park System. Such establishment shall be effective upon publication of a notice of the Secretary’s determination in the Federal Register.

(b) Availability of map

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

(c) Notification

Until the date on which the national park is established, the Secretary shall annually notify the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives of—

(1) the estimate of the Secretary of the lands necessary to achieve a sufficient diversity of resources to warrant designation of the national park; and

(2) the progress of the Secretary in acquiring the necessary lands.

(d) Abolishment of National Monument

(1) On the date of establishment of the national park pursuant to subsection (a), the Great Sand Dunes National Monument shall be abolished, and any funds made available for the purposes of the national monument shall be available for the purposes of the national park.

(2) Any reference in any law (other than this subchapter), regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to “Great Sand Dunes National Monument” shall be considered a reference to “Great Sand Dunes National Park”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be section “410hhh-8(a)”.