

(c) develop documents for the reporting of suspected violations of this chapter and establish when and how those documents are to be completed by officers, employees, and agents of their respective agencies.

(Pub. L. 96-95, §14, as added Pub. L. 100-555, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2778.)

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§ 470aaa. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Casual collecting

The term “casual collecting” means the collecting of a reasonable amount of common invertebrate and plant paleontological resources for non-commercial personal use, either by surface collection or the use of non-powered hand tools resulting in only negligible disturbance to the Earth’s surface and other resources. As used in this paragraph, the terms “reasonable amount”, “common invertebrate and plant paleontological resources” and “negligible disturbance” shall be determined by the Secretary.

(2) Federal land

The term “Federal land” means—

(A) land controlled or administered by the Secretary of the Interior, except Indian land; or

(B) National Forest System land controlled or administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) Indian Land

The term “Indian Land” means land of Indian tribes, or Indian individuals, which are either held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States.

(4) Paleontological resource

The term “paleontological resource” means any fossilized remains, traces, or imprints of organisms, preserved in or on the earth’s crust, that are of paleontological interest and that provide information about the history of life on earth, except that the term does not include—

(A) any materials associated with an archaeological resource (as defined in section 470bb(1) of this title;¹ or

(B) any cultural item (as defined in section 3001 of title 25).

¹ So in original. A closing parenthesis probably should precede the semicolon.

(5) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior with respect to land controlled or administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to National Forest System land controlled or administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(6) State

The term “State” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title VI, §6301, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1172.)

§ 470aaa-1. Management

(a) In general

The Secretary shall manage and protect paleontological resources on Federal land using scientific principles and expertise. The Secretary shall develop appropriate plans for inventory, monitoring, and the scientific and educational use of paleontological resources, in accordance with applicable agency laws, regulations, and policies. These plans shall emphasize inter-agency coordination and collaborative efforts where possible with non-Federal partners, the scientific community, and the general public.

(b) Coordination

To the extent possible, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall coordinate in the implementation of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title VI, §6302, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1173.)

§ 470aaa-2. Public awareness and education program

The Secretary shall establish a program to increase public awareness about the significance of paleontological resources.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title VI, §6303, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1173.)

§ 470aaa-3. Collection of paleontological resources

(a) Permit requirement

(1) In general

Except as provided in this chapter, a paleontological resource may not be collected from Federal land without a permit issued under this chapter by the Secretary.

(2) Casual collecting exception

The Secretary shall allow casual collecting without a permit on Federal land controlled or administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Forest Service, where such collection is consistent with the laws governing the management of those Federal land¹ and this chapter.

(3) Previous permit exception

Nothing in this section shall affect a valid permit issued prior to March 30, 2009.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “lands”.