

Angeles, California, certain public lands in California; and granting rights-of-way over public lands and reserved lands to the city of Los Angeles in Mono County in the State of California”, referred to in subsec. (i)(1), is act June 23, 1936, ch. 733, 49 Stat. 1892, which was not classified to the Code.

§ 543d. Ecological studies; reports to Congressional committees and to Chief of Forest Service; progress reports

The Secretary shall take such steps as may be necessary to, within one hundred and eighty days of September 28, 1984, enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences for the purpose of conducting a scientific study of the ecology of the Scenic Area. The study shall provide for consultation with knowledgeable local, State, Federal, and private persons and organizations and shall provide findings and recommendations to the Congress. Such study shall be conducted in accordance with the best scientific methodology (as set forth by the National Academy of Sciences) and shall be transmitted by the National Academy of Sciences to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate, to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Chief of the Forest Service not later than January 1, 1987. Progress reports regarding the study shall be transmitted to the above committees on January 1, 1985, and January 1 of each year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §305, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1636.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives on Jan. 5, 1993, by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Third Congress.

§ 543e. Scenic Area Advisory Board

(a) Establishment; consultations with Secretary

There is hereby established the Scenic Area Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”). The Secretary shall consult with and seek the advice and recommendations of the Board with respect to—

- (1) the administration of the Scenic Area with respect to policies, programs, and activities in accordance with sections 543 to 543h of this title;
- (2) the preparation and implementation of the comprehensive management plan; and
- (3) the location of the visitor center authorized by section 543c(f) of this title.

(b) Composition and selection

The Board shall be composed of nine members, who shall be selected as follows:

- (1) five members appointed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors;
- (2) two members appointed by the Governor of California (one of whom shall be an employee of the California Division of Parks and Recreation);
- (3) one member appointed by the mayor of the city of Los Angeles; and
- (4) one member appointed by the Secretary (who shall be an employee of the Forest Service).

(c) Terms of appointment

Each member of the Board shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years except that the initial appointments shall be for terms as follows:

- (1) of those members appointed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors one shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year, two shall be for a term of two years, and two shall be for a term of three years;
- (2) of those members appointed by the Governor of California one shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year and one shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years;
- (3) the member appointed by the mayor of the city of Los Angeles shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years; and
- (4) the member appointed by the Secretary shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years.

(d) Initial appointment; Chairman

The members of the Board shall be appointed within ninety days of September 28, 1984. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, elect a Chairman.

(e) Annual meetings and consultations with Secretary or designee

The Secretary, or a designee, shall from time to time, but at least annually, meet and consult with the Board on matters relating to the administration of the scenic area.¹

(f) Compensation; expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation as such, but the Secretary is authorized to pay, upon vouchers signed by the Chairman, the expenses reasonably incurred by the Board and its members in carrying out their duties under sections 543 to 543h of this title.

(g) Vacancies

Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(h) Quorum

A majority of those members appointed shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of all business of the Board.

(i) Termination

The Board shall terminate ten years from the date of its first meeting.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §306, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1637.)

§ 543f. Traditional Native American uses

In recognition of the past use of the Scenic Area by Indian people for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the Secretary shall insure nonexclusive access to Scenic Area lands by Indian people for such traditional cultural and religious purposes, including the harvest of the brine fly larvae. Such direction shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of August 11, 1978 (92 Stat. 469) [42 U.S.C. 1996, 1996a]. As a part of the plan prepared pursuant to section 543c(c) of

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.