

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.<sup>1</sup>

**(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

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

this title, the Secretary shall, in consultation with appropriate Indian tribes, define the past cultural and religious uses of the Scenic Area by Indians.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §307, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, as amended, which is classified to sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1996 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### § 543g. Authorization of appropriations

In addition to other amounts available for such purposes, effective October 1, 1985, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 543 to 543h of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §308, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

#### § 543h. New spending authority

Any new spending authority described in subsection (c)(2)(A) or (B) of section 651<sup>1</sup> of title 2 which is provided under sections 543 to 543h of this title shall be effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §309, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 651 of title 2, referred to in text, was amended by Pub. L. 105-33, title X, §10116(a)(3), (5), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 691, by striking out subsec. (c) and redesignating former subsec. (d) as (c).

#### § 544. Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; definitions

As used in sections 544 to 544p of this title, the term—

(a) “adversely affect” or “adversely affecting” means, except as used in section 544m of this title, a reasonable likelihood of more than moderate adverse consequences for the scenic, cultural, recreation or natural resources of the scenic area, the determination of which is based on—

- (1) the context of a proposed action;
- (2) the intensity of a proposed action, including the magnitude and duration of an impact and the likelihood of its occurrence;
- (3) the relationship between a proposed action and other similar actions which are individually insignificant but which may have cumulatively significant impacts; and
- (4) proven mitigation measures which the proponent of an action will implement as part of the proposal to reduce otherwise significant affects to an insignificant level;

(b) “agricultural lands” means lands designated as agricultural lands pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(c) “Commission” means the Columbia River Gorge Commission established pursuant to section 544c of this title;

(d) “counties” means Hood River, Multnomah, and Wasco Counties, Oregon; and Clark, Klickitat, and Skamania Counties, Washington;

(e) “Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit” means the Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit established pursuant to section 544b of this title;

(f) “forest lands” means lands designated as forest lands pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(g) “Indian tribes” means the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation;

(h) “interim guidelines” means any interim guidelines developed by the Secretary pursuant to section 544h of this title, and any amendment, revision, or variance;

(i) “land use ordinance” or “ordinance” means any ordinance adopted by a county or by the Commission pursuant to sections 544 to 544p of this title, and includes any amendment to, revision of, or variance from such ordinance;

(j) “major development actions” means any of the following:

(1) subdivisions, partitions and short plat proposals;

(2) any permit for siting or construction outside urban areas of multifamily residential, industrial or commercial facilities, except such facilities as are included in the recreation assessment;

(3) the exploration, development and production of mineral resources unless such exploration, development or production can be conducted without disturbing the surface of any land within the boundaries of a special management area or is for sand, gravel and crushed rock used for the construction, maintenance or reconstruction of roads within the special management areas used for the production of forest products; and

(4) permits for siting or construction within a special management area of any residence or other related major structure on any parcel of land less than forty acres in size;

(k) “management plan” means the scenic area management plan adopted pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(l) “open spaces” means unimproved lands not designated as agricultural lands or forest lands pursuant to section 544d of this title and designated as open space pursuant to section 544d of this title. Open spaces include—

(1) scenic, cultural, and historic areas;

(2) fish and wildlife habitat;

(3) lands which support plant species that are endemic to the scenic area or which are listed as rare, threatened or endangered species pursuant to State or Federal Endangered Species Acts;

(4) ecologically and scientifically significant natural areas;

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.