

mination of any state of war theretofore declared by Congress and of the national emergencies proclaimed by the President on September 8, 1939, and May 27, 1941.

**§ 315r. Rental payments in advance in case of withdrawal of lands for war or national defense purposes**

In administering the provisions of section 315q of this title, payments of rentals may be made in advance.

(Oct. 29, 1949, ch. 787, title III, §301, 63 Stat. 996.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as a part of act June 28, 1934, known as the Taylor Grazing Act, which comprises this subchapter.

SUBCHAPTER II—ALASKA

**§ 316. Declaration of policy**

It is declared to be the policy of Congress in promoting the conservation of the natural resources of Alaska to provide for the protection and development of forage plants and for the beneficial utilization thereof for grazing by livestock under such regulations as may be considered necessary and consistent with the purposes and provisions of this subchapter. In effectuating this policy the use of these lands for grazing shall be subordinated (a) to the development of their mineral resources, (b) to the protection, development, and utilization of their forests, (c) to the protection, development, and utilization of their water resources, (d) to their use for agriculture, and (e) to the protection, development, and utilization of such other resources as may be of greater benefit to the public.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, §1, 44 Stat. 1452.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 471 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SHORT TITLE

Act Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, which is classified to this subchapter, is popularly known as the "Alaska Livestock Grazing Act".

**§ 316a. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter—

(1) The term "person" means individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

(2) The term "district" means any grazing district established under the provisions of section 316b of this title.

(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) The term "lessee" means the holder of any lease.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, §2, 44 Stat. 1452.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 471a of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 316b. Grazing districts**

(a) The Secretary may establish grazing districts upon any public lands outside of the Aleutian Islands Reservation, national forests, and other reservations administered by the Sec-

retary of Agriculture and outside of national parks and monuments which, in his opinion, are valuable for the grazing of livestock. Such districts may include such areas of surveyed and unsurveyed lands as he determines may be conveniently administered as a unit, even if such areas are neither contiguous nor adjacent.

(b) The Secretary, after the establishment of a district, is authorized to lease the grazing privileges therein in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.<sup>1</sup>

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, §3, 44 Stat. 1452.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this title" and has been translated as if the reference was to "this Act" to reflect the probable intent of Congress inasmuch as the act of Mar. 4, 1927, was not divided into titles.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 471b of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 316c. Alteration of grazing districts**

After any district is established the area embraced therein may be altered in any of the following ways:

(1) The Secretary may add to such districts any public lands which, in his opinion, should be made a part of the district.

(2) The Secretary, subject to existing rights of any lessee, may exclude from such district any lands which he determines are no longer valuable for grazing purposes or are more valuable for other purposes.

(3) The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreement with any person, in respect of the administration, as a part of a district, of lands owned by such person which are contiguous or adjacent to such district or any part thereof.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, §4, 44 Stat. 1452.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 471c of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 316d. Notice of establishment and alteration of grazing district; hearings**

Before establishing or altering a district the Secretary shall publish once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each judicial division in which the district proposed to be established or altered is located, a notice describing the boundaries of the proposed district or the proposed alteration, announcing the date on which he proposes to establish such district or make such alteration and the location and date of hearings required under this section. No such alteration shall be made until after public hearings are held with respect to such alteration in each such judicial division after the publishing of such notice.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 513, §5, 44 Stat. 1453; Pub. L. 90-403, §1, July 18, 1968, 82 Stat. 358.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 471d of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

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