

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Section 103 of Pub. L. 103-433 provided in part that in this subchapter “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SUBCHAPTER CXLIII—ALABAMA HILLS
NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

§ 460ffff. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Management plan

The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Scenic Area developed under section 460ffff-2(a) of this title.

(2) Map

The term “Map” means the map entitled “Proposed Alabama Hills National Scenic Area” and dated November 7, 2018.

(3) Motorized vehicle

The term “motorized vehicle” means a motorized or mechanized vehicle and includes, when used by a utility, mechanized equipment, a helicopter, and any other aerial device necessary to maintain electrical or communications infrastructure.

(4) Scenic area

The term “Scenic Area” means the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area established by section 460ffff-1(a) of this title.

(5) State

The term “State” means the State of California.

(6) Tribe

The term “Tribe” means the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

(Pub. L. 103-433, title XIV, §1401, as added Pub. L. 116-9, title I, §1441, Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 706.)

§ 460ffff-1. Alabama Hills National Scenic Area,
California**(a) Establishment**

Subject to valid existing rights, there is established in Inyo County, California, the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area, to be comprised of the approximately 18,610 acres generally depicted on the Map as “National Scenic Area”.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of the Scenic Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of present and future generations the nationally significant scenic, cultural, geological, educational, biological, historical, recreational, cinematographic, and scientific resources of the Scenic Area managed consistent with section 302(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732(a)).

(c) Map; legal descriptions**(1) In general**

As soon as practicable after March 12, 2019, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of the Scenic Area with—

(A) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(2) Force of law

The map and legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct any clerical and typographical errors in the map and legal descriptions.

(3) Public availability

Each map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

(d) Administration

The Secretary shall manage the Scenic Area—

(1) as a component of the National Landscape Conservation System;

(2) so as not to impact the future continuing operation and maintenance of any activities associated with valid, existing rights, including water rights;

(3) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the resources and values of the Scenic Area described in subsection (b); and

(4) in accordance with—

(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

(B) this subchapter; and

(C) any other applicable laws.

(e) Management**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the Scenic Area as the Secretary determines would further the purposes of the Scenic Area as described in subsection (b).

(2) Recreational activities

Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter or other applicable law, or as the Secretary determines to be necessary for public health and safety, the Secretary shall allow existing recreational uses of the Scenic Area to continue, including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, sightseeing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and appropriate authorized motorized vehicle use in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) Motorized vehicles

Except as otherwise specified in this subchapter, or as necessary for administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency, the use of motorized vehicles in the Scenic Area shall be permitted only on—

(A) roads and trails designated by the Secretary for use of motorized vehicles as part of a management plan sustaining a semi-primitive motorized experience; or

(B) county-maintained roads in accordance with applicable State and county laws.

(f) No buffer zones**(1) In general**

Nothing in this subchapter creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Scenic Area.

(2) Activities outside Scenic Area

The fact that an activity or use on land outside the Scenic Area can be seen or heard