

leges, universities, schools, scientific institutions, researchers, and scientists to conduct research and provide educational and interpretive services within the Conservation Area.

**(b) Withdrawals**

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal surface and subsurface land within the Conservation Area and all land and interests in the land that are acquired by the United States after March 30, 2009, for inclusion in the Conservation Area, are withdrawn from—

- (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the general land laws;
- (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (3) operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.

**(c) Management plan**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 2 years after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the long-term management of the Conservation Area.

**(2) Purposes**

The management plan shall—

- (A) describe the appropriate uses and management of the Conservation Area;
- (B) incorporate, as appropriate, decisions contained in any other management or activity plan for the land within or adjacent to the Conservation Area;
- (C) take into consideration any information developed in studies of the land and resources within or adjacent to the Conservation Area; and
- (D) provide for a cooperative agreement with Lincoln County, New Mexico, to address the historical involvement of the local community in the interpretation and protection of the resources of the Conservation Area.

**(d) Research and interpretive facilities**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may establish facilities for—

- (A) the conduct of scientific research; and
- (B) the interpretation of the historical, cultural, scientific, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of the Conservation Area.

**(2) Cooperative agreements**

The Secretary may, in a manner consistent with this subchapter, enter into cooperative agreements with the State of New Mexico and other institutions and organizations to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

**(e) Water rights**

Nothing in this subchapter constitutes an express or implied reservation of any water right. (Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2203, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1100.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B)(ii), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, which is classified prin-

cipally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

**§ 460yyy-3. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2204, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1101.)

SUBCHAPTER CXXXVII—DOMINGUEZ-ESCALANTE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

**§ 460zzz. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area established by section 460zzz-1(a)(1) of this title.

**(2) Council**

The term “Council” means the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council established under section 460zzz-6 of this title.

**(3) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan developed under section 460zzz-5 of this title.

**(4) Map**

The term “Map” means the map entitled “Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area” and dated September 15, 2008.

**(5) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

**(6) State**

The term “State” means the State of Colorado.

**(7) Wilderness**

The term “Wilderness” means the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area designated by section 460zzz-2(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2401, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1102.)

**§ 460zzz-1. Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area**

**(a) Establishment**

**(1) In general**

There is established the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area in the State.

**(2) Area included**

The Conservation Area shall consist of approximately 209,610 acres of public land, as generally depicted on the Map.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of the Conservation Area are to conserve and protect for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations—