

visions of the California Wilderness Act (California Public Resources Code sections 5093.30–5093.40).

**(2) Withdrawal**

Subject to valid existing rights, the land transferred under subsection (a) is withdrawn from—

- (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;
- (B) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (C) disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

**(3) Reversion**

If the State ceases to manage the land transferred under subsection (a) as part of the State Park System or in a manner inconsistent with the California Wilderness Act (California Public Resources Code sections 5093.30–5093.40), the land shall revert to the Secretary at the discretion of the Secretary, to be managed as a Wilderness Study Area.

(Pub. L. 103–433, title VII, § 712, as added Pub. L. 116–9, title I, § 1451, Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 710.)

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

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

**§ 410aaa-81b. Wildlife corridors**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall—

- (1) assess the impacts of habitat fragmentation on wildlife in the California Desert Conservation Area; and
- (2) establish policies and procedures to ensure the preservation of wildlife corridors and facilitate species migration.

**(b) Study**

**(1) In general**

As soon as practicable, but not later than 2 years, after March 12, 2019, the Secretary shall complete a study regarding the impact of habitat fragmentation on wildlife in the California Desert Conservation Area.

**(2) Components**

The study under paragraph (1) shall—

- (A) identify the species migrating, or likely to migrate<sup>1</sup> in the California Desert Conservation Area;
- (B) examine the impacts and potential impacts of habitat fragmentation on—
  - (i) plants, insects, and animals;
  - (ii) soil;
  - (iii) air quality;
  - (iv) water quality and quantity; and
  - (v) species migration and survival;
- (C) identify critical wildlife and species migration corridors recommended for preservation; and
- (D) include recommendations for ensuring the biological connectivity of public land managed by the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense throughout the California Desert Conservation Area.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.

**(3) Rights-of-way**

The Secretary shall consider the information and recommendations of the study under paragraph (1) to determine the individual and cumulative impacts of rights-of-way for projects in the California Desert Conservation Area, in accordance with—

- (A) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
- (B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and
- (C) any other applicable law.

**(c) Land management plans**

The Secretary shall incorporate into all land management plans applicable to the California Desert Conservation Area the findings and recommendations of the study completed under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 103–433, title VII, § 713, as added Pub. L. 116–9, title I, § 1452, Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 711.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(A), is Pub. L. 91–190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§ 4321 et seq.) 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 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(B), is Pub. L. 93–205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§ 1531 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of this title and Tables.

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**§ 410aaa-81c. Prohibited uses of acquired, donated, and conservation land**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Acquired land**

The term “acquired land” means any land acquired within the Conservation Area using amounts from the land and water conservation fund established under section 200302 of title 54.

**(2) Conservation area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the California Desert Conservation Area.

**(3) Conservation land**

The term “conservation land” means any land within the Conservation Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general conservation plan, or State natural communities conservation plan, including—

- (A) national conservation land established pursuant to section 7202(b)(2)(D) of this title; and
- (B) areas of critical environmental concern established pursuant to section 1712(c)(3) of title 43.

**(4) Donated land**

The term “donated land” means any private land donated to the United States for conservation purposes in the Conservation Area.