

and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report regarding the amount of any additional funding required to implement this section.

(Pub. L. 107-216, § 5, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1060.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 539I-3. Loop trail study; authorization

(a) Study

Not later than three years after funds are first made available for this purpose, the Secretary, in consultation with interested parties, shall complete a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing, consistent with the purpose set forth in section 539I(a)(2) of this title, a loop trail for mechanized and other nonmotorized recreation connecting the trail designated as “Rogers Pass” and the trail designated as “Rollins Pass Road”.

(b) Establishment

If the results of the study required by subsection (a) indicate that establishment of such a loop trail would be suitable and feasible, consistent with the purpose set forth in section 539I(a)(2) of this title, the Secretary shall establish the loop trail in a manner consistent with that purpose.

(Pub. L. 107-216, § 6, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1060.)

§ 539I-4. Other administrative provisions

(a) Buffer zones

The designation by this Act or by amendments made by this Act of wilderness areas and the Protection Area in the State of Colorado shall not create or imply the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around any wilderness area or the Protection Area. The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from within a wilderness area or Protection Area shall not, of itself, preclude such activities or uses up to the boundary of the wilderness area or the Protection Area.

(b) Rollins Pass Road

If requested by one or more of the Colorado Counties of Grand, Gilpin, and Boulder, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance and otherwise cooperate with respect to repairing the Rollins Pass road in those counties sufficiently to allow two-wheel-drive vehicles to travel between Colorado State Highway 119 and U.S. Highway 40. If this road is repaired to such extent, the Secretary shall close the motorized roads and trails on Forest Service land indicated on the map entitled “Rollins Pass Road Reopening: Attendant Road and Trail Closures”, dated September 2001.

(Pub. L. 107-216, § 7, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1060.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 107-216, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1055, which is classified principally to sections 539I to 539I-5 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 539I of this title and Tables.

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§ 539I-5. Wilderness potential

(a) In general

Nothing in this Act shall preclude or restrict the authority of the Secretary to evaluate the suitability of lands in the Protection Area for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System or to make recommendations to Congress for such inclusion.

(b) Evaluation of certain lands

In connection with the first revision of the land and resources management plan for the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest after August 21, 2002, the Secretary shall evaluate the suitability of the lands managed under the management prescription referred to in section 539I(d)(1)(F) of this title for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and make recommendations to Congress regarding such inclusion.

(Pub. L. 107-216, § 8, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1061.)

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§ 539m. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) in 1748, the Pueblo of Sandia received a grant from a representative of the King of Spain, which grant was recognized and confirmed by Congress in 1858 (11 Stat. 374); and

(2) in 1994, the Pueblo filed a civil action against the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (Civil No. 1:94CV02624), asserting that Federal surveys of the grant boundaries erroneously excluded certain land within the Cibola National Forest, including a portion of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title are—

(1) to establish the Tʉuf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area in the Cibola National Forest;

(2) to confirm the status of national forest land and wilderness land in the Area while resolving issues associated with the civil action referred to in subsection (a)(2) and the opinions of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior dated December 9, 1988 (M-36963; 96 I.D. 331) and January 19, 2001 (M-37002); and

(3) to provide the Pueblo, the parties to the civil action, and the public with a fair and just settlement of the Pueblo's claim.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title IV, § 402, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 279.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this title”, meaning