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### § 671. National Bison Range

There is reserved and excepted from the unallotted lands now embraced within the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana, a parcel not to exceed twenty thousand acres of said lands, near the confluence of the Pend d'Oreille and Jocko Rivers, for a permanent National Bison Range for the herd of bison presented by the American Bison Society. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to inclose said lands with a good and substantial fence and to erect thereon the necessary sheds and buildings for the proper care and maintenance of the said bison.

(May 23, 1908, ch. 192, 35 Stat. 267; Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 301, 35 Stat. 1051; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

#### CODIFICATION

Act May 23, 1908, authorized President to reserve and except 12,800 acres, only, for the purposes of this section.

Act May 23, 1908, also made an appropriation to enable Secretary of the Interior to pay the confederated tribes of the Flathead, Kootenai, and Upper Pend d'Oreille, and such other Indians as rightfully belonged on the reservation, the appraised value of the lands which provision was omitted as temporary and executed.

Act Mar. 4, 1909, directed President to reserve and except a sufficient area to enlarge the range to not to exceed 20,000 acres.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds transferred to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### § 672. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 10, 1912, ch. 284, 37 Stat. 293, established Wind Cave National Game Preserve. Preserve abolished and property transferred to Wind Cave National Park, to be administered by Secretary of the Interior for purposes expressed in this section, see section 141b of this title.

### § 673. Wyoming Elk Reserve

There is established a winter game (elk) reserve in the State of Wyoming, which shall be located in that section of Wyoming lying south of the Yellowstone Park, and shall include not less than two thousand acres in township 41 north, ranges 115 and 116 west, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to purchase said lands with improvements, to erect necessary buildings and inclosures, and to incur other expenses necessary for the maintenance of the reserve. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to include in said refuge and to inclose not more than one thousand acres of unoccupied public lands, which when selected shall be made

to conform to the lines of the public surveys, and shall be adjacent to or partly inclosed by said refuge.

(Aug. 10, 1912, ch. 284, 37 Stat. 293; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 145, §1 (part), 37 Stat. 847; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is a combination provision, the first sentence being from act Aug. 10, 1912, and the last from act Mar. 4, 1913.

As originally enacted, the first sentence was in the form of an appropriation for the purposes thereof as was also the second sentence which began with the following words: "For the establishment and maintenance of a winter elk refuge in the State of Wyoming, \$5,000, to be available until expended, and the Secretary, etc."

Res. Feb. 25, 1927, ch. 205, 44 Stat. 1246, authorized the acceptance of title to certain lands in accordance with this section.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 671 of this title.

#### § 673a. Addition to the Wyoming Elk Reserve

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of and without expense to the United States, from the Izaak Walton League of America, or its authorized trustees, a gift of certain lands in Teton County, Wyoming, described as the south half of section 4; the east half of the southeast quarter of section 5; the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 5; the south half of the southwest quarter of section 5; the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 7; the east half of the southeast quarter of section 7; the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 7, and lot 4 of section 7; all of section 8; the north half of the northeast quarter of section 9; the north half of the northwest quarter of section 9; and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 9; the north half of the northeast quarter of section 17; lot 1 of section 18; and the east half of the northwest quarter of section 18; all in township 41 north, range 115 west, of the sixth principal meridian, including all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, subject to the conditions that they be used and administered by the United States, under the supervision and control of the Secretary of the Interior, for the grazing of, and as a refuge for, American elk and other big game animals, and that they be known as the Izaak Walton League addition to the winter elk refuge: *Provided*, That upon the conveyance of said lands to the United States, as herein provided, they shall become a part of the winter elk refuge established under section 673 of this title, and shall be subject to any laws governing the administration and protection of said refuge.

(Feb. 25, 1927, ch. 205, 44 Stat. 1246; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939,

see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 671 of this title.

#### § 673b. National Elk Refuge in Wyoming

The following-described lands of the Jackson Hole National Monument are made a part of the National Elk Refuge and shall be administered hereafter in accordance with the laws applicable to said refuge:

##### SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

Township 42 north, range 116 west: Those portions of sections 24, 25, 26, and 35 lying east of the east right-of-way line of United States Highway Numbered 187, and lying south and east of the north and west bank of the Gros Ventre River.

Township 42 north, range 115 west: Those portions of sections 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, and 19 lying south and east of the north and west bank of the Gros Ventre River; section 20; section 29, northwest quarter; section 30, north half.

Township 41 north, range 116 west: Entire portion now in Jackson Hole National Monument except that portion in section 2 lying west of the east right-of-way line of United States Highway Numbered 187.

Containing in all six thousand three hundred and seventy-six acres, more or less.

(Sept. 14, 1950, ch. 950, §2, 64 Stat. 849.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Jackson Hole National Monument, referred to in text, was created in Wyoming by Presidential Proc. No. 2578, Mar. 15, 1943, 57 Stat. 731. For provisions transferring other lands of such former national monument, see sections 406d-1 and 482m of this title.

##### REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY WITHDRAWALS OF PUBLIC LANDS

Revocation of temporary withdrawals of public lands in aid of legislation pertaining to parks, monuments, etc., adjacent to Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, see note set out under section 406d-1 of this title.

##### REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT LAWS

Repeal of laws inconsistent with act Sept. 14, 1950, see note set out under section 406d-1 of this title.

#### § 673c. Conservation of elk in Wyoming

##### (a) Creation of program; licensed hunters deputized as rangers

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the National Park Service shall devise, from technical information and other pertinent data assembled or produced by necessary field studies or investigations conducted jointly by the technical and administrative personnel of the agencies involved, and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Wyoming for their joint approval, a program to insure the permanent conservation of the elk within the Grand Teton National Park established by this Act. Such program shall include the controlled reduction of elk in such park, by hunters licensed by the State of Wyoming and deputized as rangers by the Secretary of the Interior, when it is found necessary for the purpose of proper management and protection of the elk.