

to the Addition” after “October 11, 1974,” and “or the area within the Addition (as the case may be)” after “preserve” in two places.

§ 698m. Authorization of appropriations for Big Cypress Preserve and Addition

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 698f to 698m-4 of this title, but not to exceed \$156,700,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and not to exceed \$900,000 for development. Any funds donated to the United States by the State of Florida pursuant to chapter 73-131 of the Florida statutes shall be used solely for the acquisition of lands and interests in land within the preserve.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund not to exceed \$49,500,000 for the acquisition of lands within the Addition. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for development in the Addition.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 8, Oct. 11, 1974, 88 Stat. 1261; Pub. L. 95-625, title II, § 201(1), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3473; Pub. L. 100-301, § 7, Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 446.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-301, § 7(1), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (b), there” for “There”, and added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95-625 increased land acquisition appropriations authorization to \$156,700,000 from \$116,000,000.

§ 698m-1. Big Cypress National Preserve Addition

(a) Establishment

In order to—

- (1) achieve the purposes of section 698f of this title;
- (2) complete the preserve in conjunction with the planned construction of Interstate Highway 75; and
- (3) insure appropriately managed use and access to the Big Cypress Watershed in the State of Florida,

the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition is established.

(b) Location; boundaries; publication in Federal Register

The Big Cypress National Preserve Addition (referred to in sections 698f to 698m-4 of this title as the “Addition”) shall comprise approximately 146,000 acres as generally depicted on the map entitled Big Cypress National Preserve Addition, dated April, 1987, and numbered 176-91000C, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., and shall be filed with appropriate offices of Collier County in the State of Florida. The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, publish a detailed description of the boundaries of the Addition in the Federal Register.

(c) Designation; management

The area within the boundaries depicted on the map referred to in subsection (b) shall be

known as the “Big Cypress National Preserve Addition” and shall be managed in accordance with section 698i of this title.

(d) Completion of land acquisition; time

For purposes of administering the Addition and notwithstanding section 698g(c) of this title, it is the express intent of the Congress that the Secretary should substantially complete the land acquisition program contemplated with respect to the Addition in not more than five years after April 29, 1988.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 9, as added Pub. L. 100-301, § 3(a), Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 444.)

§ 698m-2. Establishment of recreational access points, roads, etc., in conjunction with creation of Big Cypress National Preserve Addition; cooperation among agencies

The Secretary and other involved Federal agencies shall cooperate with the State of Florida to establish recreational access points and roads, rest and recreation areas, wildlife protection, hunting, fishing, frogging, and other traditional recreational opportunities in conjunction with the creation of the Addition and in the construction of Interstate Highway 75. Three of such access points shall be located within the preserve (including the Addition).

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 10, as added Pub. L. 100-301, § 5, Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 445.)

§ 698m-3. Status of Big Cypress National Preserve and Addition; report to Congress; plan

Not later than two years after April 29, 1988, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a detailed report on, and further plan for, the preserve and Addition including—

- (1) the status of the existing preserve, the effectiveness of past regulation and management of the preserve, and recommendations for future management of the preserve and the Addition;
- (2) a summary of the public’s use of the preserve and the status of the access points developed pursuant to section 698m-2 of this title;
- (3) the need for involvement of other State and Federal agencies in the management and expansion of the preserve and Addition;
- (4) the status of land acquisition; and
- (5) a determination, made in conjunction with the State of Florida, of the adequacy of the number, location, and design of the recreational access points on I-75/Alligator Alley for access to the Big Cypress National Preserve, including the Addition.

The determination required by paragraph (5) shall incorporate the results of any related studies of the State of Florida Department of Transportation and other Florida State agencies. Any recommendation for significant changes in the approved recreational access points, including any proposed additions, shall be accompanied by an assessment of the environmental impact of such changes.

(Pub. L. 93-440, § 11, as added Pub. L. 100-301, § 6, Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 446.)

§ 698m-4. Oil and gas exploration, development, and production in Big Cypress National Preserve and Addition

(a) Promulgation of rules and regulations

Within nine months from April 29, 1988, the Secretary shall promulgate, subject to the requirements of subsections (b)–(e) of this section, such rules and regulations governing the exploration for and development and production of non-Federal interests in oil and gas located within the boundaries of the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition, including but not limited to access on, across, or through all lands within the boundaries of the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition for the purpose of conducting such exploration or development and production, as are necessary and appropriate to provide reasonable use and enjoyment of privately owned oil and gas interests, and consistent with the purposes for which the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition were established. Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section may be made by appropriate amendment to or in substitution of the rules and regulations respecting non-Federal oil and gas rights (currently codified at 36 CFR 9.30, et seq. (1986)).

(b) Contents of rule or regulation; permit from National Park Service

Any rule or regulation promulgated by the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section shall provide that—

(1) exploration or development and production activities may not be undertaken, except pursuant to a permit issued by the National Park Service authorizing such activities or access; and

(2) final action by the National Park Service with respect to any application for a permit authorizing such activities shall occur within 90 days from the date such an application is submitted unless—

(A) the National Park Service and the applicant agree that such final action shall occur within a shorter or longer period of time; or

(B) the National Park Service determines that an additional period of time is required to ensure that the National Park Service has, in reviewing the application, complied with other applicable law, Executive orders and regulations; or

(C) the National Park Service, within 30 days from the date of submission of such application, notifies the applicant that such application does not contain all information reasonably necessary to allow the National Park Service to consider such application and requests that such additional information be provided. After receipt of such notification to the applicant, the applicant shall supply any reasonably necessary additional information and shall advise the National Park Service that the applicant believes that the application contains all reasonably necessary information and is therefore complete, whereupon the National Park Service may—

(i) within 30 days of receipt of such notice from the applicant to the National

Park Service determine that the application does not contain all reasonably necessary additional information and, on that basis, deny the application; or

(ii) review the application and take final action within 60 days from the date that the applicant provides notification to the National Park Service that its application is complete.

(c) Activities to conform to requirements of National Park Service

Such activities shall be permitted to occur if such activities conform to requirements established by the National Park Service under authority of law.

(d) Consideration of practices used in similar habitats or ecosystems

In establishing standards governing the conduct of exploration or development and production activities within the boundaries of the Big Cypress National Preserve or the Addition, the Secretary shall take into consideration oil and gas exploration and development and production practices used in similar habitats or ecosystems within the Big Cypress National Preserve or the Addition at the time of promulgation of the rules and regulations under subsection (a) or at the time of the submission of the application seeking authorization for such activities, as appropriate.

(e) Interim agreements with owners of non-Federal oil and gas interests prior to promulgation of rules and regulations

Prior to the promulgation of rules or regulations under this section, the Secretary is authorized, consistent with the purposes of which the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition was established, to enter into interim agreements with owners of non-Federal oil and gas interests governing the conduct of oil and gas exploration, development or production activities within the boundaries of the Addition, which agreements shall be superseded by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary when applicable: *Provided*, That such agreement shall be consistent with the requirements of subsections (b)–(d) of this section and may be altered by the terms of rules and regulations subsequently promulgated by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That this provision shall not be construed to enlarge or diminish the authority of the Secretary to establish rules and regulations applicable to the conduct of exploration or development and production activities within the Big Cypress National Preserve or the Addition.

(f) Minerals Management Office; establishment; duties

There is hereby authorized to be established a Minerals Management Office within the Office of the Superintendent of the Big Cypress National Preserve, for the purpose of ensuring, consistent with the purposes for which the Big Cypress National Preserve was established, timely consideration of and final action on applications for the exploration or development and production of non-Federal oil and gas rights located beneath the surface of lands within the boundaries