

refuges, Federal funding for the refuges can be supplemented and the System can fully benefit from the amendments made by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and

“(4) by encouraging refuge educational programs, public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of those resources can be promoted.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

“(1) to encourage the use of volunteers to assist the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the management of refuges within the System;

“(2) to facilitate partnerships between the System and non-Federal entities to promote public awareness of the resources of the System and public participation in the conservation of those resources; and

“(3) to encourage donations and other contributions by persons and organizations to the System.”

PILOT PROJECTS

Pub. L. 105-242, §4(a), Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1575, as amended, formerly set out as a note under this section, was transferred and is classified to section 742f-1 of this title.

§ 742f-1. National Volunteer Coordination Program

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, and in conformance with the strategy developed under paragraph (2) and consistent with the authorities regarding gifts, volunteer services, community partnerships, and refuge education enhancement under section 742f of this title, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall carry out a National Volunteer Coordination Program within the National Wildlife Refuge System to—

(A) augment and support the capabilities and efforts of Federal employees to implement resource management, conservation, and public education programs and activities across the National Wildlife Refuge System;

(B) provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers to support the resource management, conservation, and public education programs and activities of national wildlife refuges or complexes of geographically related national wildlife refuges in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region; and

(C) fulfill the purpose and mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

(2) Volunteer coordination strategy

(A) In general

No later than one year after January 4, 2011, the Director shall publish in the Federal Register a national strategy for the coordination and utilization of volunteers within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(B) Consultation required

The strategy shall be developed in consultation with State fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, refuge friends groups or similar volunteer organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.

(C) Volunteer coordinators

The Director shall provide, subject to the availability of appropriations, no less than one

regional volunteer coordinator for each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region to implement the strategy published under this paragraph. Such coordinators may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing and implementing volunteer projects and activities under cooperative agreements under section 742f(d) of this title.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2014.

(Pub. L. 105-242, §4(a), Oct. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 1575; Pub. L. 108-327, §3, Oct. 16, 2004, 118 Stat. 1271; Pub. L. 111-357, §§3, 4(b), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3979, 3981.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, referred to in par. (1)(C), consists of sections 4 and 5 of Pub. L. 89-669, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 927 and is classified to sections 668dd and 668ee of this title. For further details, see Short Title note set out under section 668dd of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 742f of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-357, §3(1), substituted “National Volunteer Coordination Program” for “Projects” in section catchline.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-357, §3(2), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior shall carry out a project at 2 or more national wildlife refuges or complexes of geographically related refuges in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region.”

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-357, §3(3), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Each project shall provide for the employment of a full-time volunteer coordinator for the refuge or complex of geographically related refuges. The volunteer coordinator shall be responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers. The volunteer coordinator may be responsible for assisting partner organizations in developing projects and programs under cooperative agreements under section 742f(d) of this title and coordinating volunteer activities with partner organizations to carry out the projects and programs.”

Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-357, §4(b), redesignated par. (4) as (3) and struck out former par. (3) relating to reports.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 111-357, §4(b), redesignated par. (4) as (3).

Pub. L. 111-357, §3(4), substituted “for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2014” for “for for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2009”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-327, §3(1), struck out “Pilot” before “Projects” in section catchline.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(2), (3), substituted “project” for “pilot project” and struck out “, but not more than 20 pilot projects nationwide” before period at end.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(2), substituted “project” for “pilot project”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(4), substituted “after October 16, 2004, and every 3 years thereafter” for “after October 5, 1998” and “projects” for “pilot projects”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 108-327, §3(5), substituted “for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2009” for “each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002”.

§ 742g. Cooperation with State Department

(a) Representation at international meetings

The Secretary shall cooperate to the fullest practicable extent with the Secretary of State