

SUBCHAPTER LIX-DD—BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK AND GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

§ 410fff. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument was established for the preservation of its spectacular gorges and additional features of scenic, scientific, and educational interest;

(2) the Black Canyon of the Gunnison and adjacent upland include a variety of unique ecological, geological, scenic, historical, and wildlife components enhanced by the serenity and rural western setting of the area;

(3) the Black Canyon of the Gunnison and adjacent land provide extensive opportunities for educational and recreational activities, and are publicly used for hiking, camping, and fishing, and for wilderness value, including solitude;

(4) adjacent public land downstream of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument has wilderness value and offers unique geological, paleontological, scientific, educational, and recreational resources;

(5) public land adjacent to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument contributes to the protection of the wildlife, viewshed, and scenic qualities of the Black Canyon;

(6) some private land adjacent to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument has exceptional natural and scenic value that would be threatened by future development pressures;

(7) the benefits of designating public and private land surrounding the national monument as a national park include greater long-term protection of the resources and expanded visitor use opportunities; and

(8) land in and adjacent to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison Gorge is—

(A) recognized for offering exceptional multiple use opportunities;

(B) recognized for offering natural, cultural, scenic, wilderness, and recreational resources; and

(C) worthy of additional protection as a national conservation area, and with respect to the Gunnison Gorge itself, as a component of the national wilderness system.

(Pub. L. 106-76, § 2, Oct. 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 1126.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-128, § 1, Nov. 17, 2003, 117 Stat. 1355, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 410fff-2, 410fff-3, and 410fff-5 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 410fff-2 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Black Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act of 2003’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-76, § 1, Oct. 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 1126, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and amending provisions listed in a table of National Monuments Established Under Presidential Proclamation set out under section 431 of this title and provisions listed in a table of Wilderness Areas set out under section 1132 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Black Canyon of the

Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999’.”

§ 410fff-1. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) **Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, consisting of approximately 57,725 acres surrounding the Gunnison Gorge as depicted on the Map.

(2) **Map**

The term “Map” means the map entitled “Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge NCA—1/22/99”. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Department of the Interior.

(3) **Park**

The term “Park” means the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park established under section 410fff-2 of this title and depicted on the Map.

(4) **Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 106-76, § 3, Oct. 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 1127.)

§ 410fff-2. Establishment of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

(a) **Establishment**

(1) There is hereby established the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in the State of Colorado as generally depicted on the map identified in section 410fff-1 of this title. The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument is hereby abolished as such, the lands and interests therein are incorporated within and made part of the new Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, and any funds available for purposes of the monument shall be available for purposes of the park.¹

(2) The boundary of the Park is revised to include the addition of approximately 2,530 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge NCA Boundary Modifications” and dated April 2, 2003.

(b) **Administration**

Upon enactment of this subchapter, the Secretary shall transfer the lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management which are identified on the map for inclusion in the park¹ to the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The Secretary shall administer the park¹ in accordance with this subchapter and laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4),² and the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and

¹So in original. The word “park” probably should be capitalized.

²See References in Text note below.