

(b) Offer to prior owner

Any land to be leased by the Secretary under this section shall be offered first for such lease to the person who owned such land immediately before its acquisition by the United States.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §14A, as added Pub. L. 95-625, title VII, §764, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3534.)

§ 1285b. Establishment of boundaries for certain component rivers in Alaska; withdrawal of minerals

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in sections 1274 and 1280 of this title, with respect to components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in Alaska designated by paragraphs (38) through (50) of section 1274(a) of this title —

(1) the boundary of each such river shall include an average of not more than six hundred and forty acres per mile on both sides of the river. Such boundary shall not include any lands owned by the State or a political subdivision of the State nor shall such boundary extend around any private lands adjoining the river in such manner as to surround or effectively surround such private lands; and

(2) the withdrawal made by paragraph (iii) of section 1280(a) of this title shall apply to the minerals in Federal lands which constitute the bed or bank or are situated within one-half mile of the bank of any river designated a wild river by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §15, as added Pub. L. 96-487, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2416.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 96-487, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2371, as amended. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

§ 1286. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(a) “River” means a flowing body of water or estuary or a section, portion, or tributary thereof, including rivers, streams, creeks, runs, kills, rills, and small lakes.

(b) “Free-flowing”, as applied to any river or section of a river, means existing or flowing in natural condition without impoundment, diversion, straightening, rip-rapping, or other modification of the waterway. The existence, however, of low dams, diversion works, and other minor structures at the time any river is proposed for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system shall not automatically bar its consideration for such inclusion; *Provided*, That this shall not be construed to authorize, intend, or encourage future construction of such structures within components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

(c) “Scenic easement” means the right to control the use of land (including the air space above such land) within the authorized boundaries of a component of the wild and scenic rivers system, for the purpose of protecting the natural qualities of a designated wild, scenic or recreational river area, but such control shall

not affect, without the owner’s consent, any regular use exercised prior to the acquisition of the easement. For any designated wild and scenic river, the appropriate Secretary shall treat the acquisition of fee title with the reservation of regular existing uses to the owner as a scenic easement for purposes of this chapter. Such an acquisition shall not constitute fee title ownership for purposes of section 1277(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §16, formerly §15, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 93-279, §1(c), May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 123; renumbered Pub. L. 96-487, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2416; Pub. L. 99-590, title V, §510, Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3337.)

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-590 inserted provisions relating to function of appropriate Secretary with respect to acquisition of fee title.

1974—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-279 substituted “within the authorized boundaries of a component of the wild and scenic rivers system, for the purpose of protecting the natural qualities of a designated wild, scenic or recreational river area” for “for the purposes of protecting the scenic view from the river”.

§ 1287. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, including such sums as have heretofore been appropriated, the following amounts for land acquisition for each of the rivers (described in section 1274(a) of this title):

Clearwater, Middle Fork, Idaho, \$2,909,800;

Eleven Point, Missouri, \$10,407,000;

Feather Middle Fork, California, \$3,935,700;

Rio Grande, New Mexico, \$253,000;

Rogue, Oregon, \$15,147,000;

St. Croix, Minnesota and Wisconsin, \$21,769,000;

Salmon Middle Fork, Idaho, \$1,837,000;

Wolf, Wisconsin, \$142,150.

(Pub. L. 90-542, §17, formerly §16, Oct. 2, 1968, 82 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 93-279, §1(d), May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 123; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(11), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 95-625, title VII, §§751-754, 763(c), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3532, 3533; renumbered Pub. L. 96-487, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2416.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-625, §§751-754, 763(c), increased appropriations authorization for the following rivers, substituting for:

Eleven Point, \$10,407,000 for \$4,906,500;

Rogue, \$15,147,000 for \$12,447,200;

Saint Croix, \$21,769,000 for \$11,768,550; and

Salmon, \$1,837,000 for \$1,237,100; and

struck out subsec. (a) designation and subsec. (b) which provided for expiration of authority to make authorized appropriations on Sept. 30, 1979.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “September” for “June”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-279 added subsecs. (a) and (b). Former unlettered provisions authorizing appropriation of amounts up to \$17,000,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in land were struck out.

CHAPTER 29—WATER BANK PROGRAM FOR WETLANDS PRESERVATION

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