

Management and Protection Area, the Secretary may carry out a land exchange with the Lowther (Clemens) Ranch to convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain parcels of land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Steens Mountain, Oregon, as depicted on the map referred to in section 460nnn-105(a) of this title, consisting of a total of approximately 11,796 acres in exchange for the private lands described in subsection (b).

**(b) Receipt of non-Federal lands**

As consideration for the conveyance of the Federal lands referred to in subsection (a) and the disbursement referred to in subsection (d), the Lowther (Clemens) Ranch shall convey to the Secretary a parcel of land consisting of approximately 1,078 acres, as depicted on the map referred to in section 460nnn-105(a) of this title, for inclusion in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

**(c) Treatment of grazing**

Paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 460nnn-23(e) of this title, relating to the effect of the cancellation in whole of the grazing permit for the Fish Creek/Big Indian allotment in the Wilderness Area and reassignment of use areas as described in paragraph (3)(D) of such section, shall apply to the land exchange authorized by this section.

**(d) Disbursement**

Upon completion of the land exchange authorized by this section, the Secretary is authorized to make a disbursement to Lowther (Clemens) Ranch, in the amount of \$148,000.

**(e) Completion of conveyance**

The Secretary shall complete the conveyance of the Federal lands under subsection (a) within 70 days after the Secretary accepts the lands described in subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 106-399, title VI, § 604, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1672.)

**§ 460nnn-105. General provisions applicable to land exchanges**

**(a) Map**

The land conveyances described in this part are generally depicted on the map entitled “Steens Mountain Land Exchanges” and dated September 18, 2000.

**(b) Applicable law**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the exchange of Federal land under this part is subject to the existing laws and regulations applicable to the conveyance and acquisition of land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. It is anticipated that the Secretary will be able to carry out such land exchanges without the promulgation of additional regulations and without regard to the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5.

**(c) Conditions on acceptance**

Title to the non-Federal lands to be conveyed under this part must be acceptable to the Secretary, and the conveyances shall be subject to valid existing rights of record. The non-Federal

lands shall conform with the title approval standards applicable to Federal land acquisitions.

**(d) Legal descriptions**

The exact acreage and legal description of all lands to be exchanged under this part shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary. The costs of any such survey, as well as other administrative costs incurred to execute a land exchange under this part, shall be borne by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title VI, § 605, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1673.)

PART G—FUNDING AUTHORITIES

**§ 460nnn-121. Authorization of appropriations**

Except as provided in sections 460nnn-91(c) and 460nnn-122 of this title, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title VII, § 701, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1673.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-399, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1655, known as the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 460nnn of this title and Tables.

**§ 460nnn-122. Use of land and water conservation fund**

**(a) Availability of fund**

There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 from the land and water conservation fund established under section 200302 of title 54 to provide funds for the acquisition of land and interests in land under section 460nnn-24 of this title and to enter into nondevelopment easements and conservation easements under subsections (b) and (c) of section 460nnn-42 of this title.

**(b) Term of use**

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 106-399, title VII, § 702, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1673; Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(5), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3264.)

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AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “section 200302 of title 54” for “section 460l-5 of this title”.

SUBCHAPTER CXXVI—LAS CIENEGAS  
NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

**§ 460000. Definitions**

For the purposes of this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

**(1) Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area established by section 46000-3(a) of this title.

**(2) Acquisition Planning District**

The term “Acquisition Planning District” means the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District established by section 46000-1(a) of this title.

**(3) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Conservation Area.

**(4) Public lands**

The term “public lands” has the meaning given the term in section 1702(e) of title 43, except that such term shall not include interest in lands not owned by the United States.

**(5) Secretary**

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

(Pub. L. 106-538, § 1, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2563.)

**§ 46000-1. Establishment of the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District****(a) In general**

In order to provide for future acquisitions of important conservation land within the Sonoita Valley region of the State of Arizona, there is hereby established the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District.

**(b) Areas included**

The Acquisition Planning District shall consist of approximately 142,800 acres of land in the Arizona counties of Pima and Santa Cruz, including the Conservation Area, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District and Las Cienegas National Conservation Area” and dated October 2, 2000.

**(c) Map and legal description**

As soon as practicable after December 6, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a map and legal description of the Acquisition Planning District. In case of a conflict between the map referred to in subsection (b) and the map and legal description submitted by the Secretary, the map referred to in subsection (b) shall control. The map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in such map and legal description. Copies of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management in Arizona.

(Pub. L. 106-538, § 2, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2563.)

**§ 46000-2. Purposes of the Acquisition Planning District****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall negotiate with land owners for the acquisition of lands and interest in

lands suitable for Conservation Area expansion that meet the purposes described in section 46000-3(a) of this title. The Secretary shall only acquire property under this subchapter pursuant to section 46000-6 of this title.

**(b) Federal lands**

The Secretary, through the Bureau of Land Management, shall administer the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District pursuant to this subchapter and the applicable provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), subject to valid existing rights, and in accordance with the management plan. Such public lands shall become part of the Conservation Area when they become contiguous with the Conservation Area.

**(c) Fish and wildlife**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife within the Acquisition Planning District.

**(d) Protection of State and private lands and interests**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as affecting any property rights or management authority with regard to any lands or interest in lands held by the State of Arizona, any political subdivision of the State of Arizona, or any private property rights within the boundaries of the Acquisition Planning District.

**(e) Public lands**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as in any way diminishing the Secretary’s or the Bureau of Land Management’s authorities, rights, or responsibilities for managing the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District.

**(f) Coordinated management**

The Secretary shall coordinate the management of the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District with that of surrounding county, State, and private lands consistent with the provisions of subsection (d).

(Pub. L. 106-538, § 3, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2564.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

**§ 46000-3. Establishment of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area****(a) In general**

In order to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the unique and nationally important aquatic, wildlife, vegetative, archaeological, paleontological, scientific, cave, cultural, historical, recreational, educational, scenic, rangeland, and riparian resources and val-