

March 30, 2009, shall be permitted to continue—

(A) subject to—

(i) such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers necessary; and

(ii) applicable law (including regulations); and

(B) in a manner consistent with the purpose described in subsection (a).

**(5) Wildland fire operations**

Nothing in this section prohibits the Secretary, in cooperation with other Federal, State, and local agencies, as appropriate, from conducting wildland fire operations in the National Conservation Area, consistent with the purposes of this section.

**(f) Incorporation of acquired land and interests**

Any land or interest in land that is located in the National Conservation Area that is acquired by the United States shall—

(1) become part of the National Conservation Area; and

(2) be managed in accordance with—

(A) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

(B) this section; and

(C) any other applicable law (including regulations).

**(g) Withdrawal**

**(1) In general**

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land located in the National Conservation Area is withdrawn from—

(A) all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;

(B) location, entry, and patenting under the mining laws; and

(C) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

**(2) Additional land**

If the Secretary acquires additional land that is located in the National Conservation Area after March 30, 2009, the land is withdrawn from operation of the laws referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of acquisition of the land.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title I, §1975, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1083.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsecs. (e)(1)(B)(i) and (f)(2)(A), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, 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.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of terms used in this section, see section 1971 of Pub. L. 111-11, set out as a note under section 460www of this title.

SUBCHAPTER CXXXVI—FORT STANTON-SNOWY RIVER CAVE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

**§ 460yyy. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area established by section 460yyy-1(a) of this title.

**(2) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan developed for the Conservation Area under section 460yyy-2(c) of this title.

**(3) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2201, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1099.)

**§ 460yyy-1. Establishment of the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area**

**(a) Establishment; purposes**

There is established the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to protect, conserve, and enhance the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, archaeological, natural, and educational subterranean cave resources of the Fort Stanton-Snowy River cave system.

**(b) Area included**

The Conservation Area shall include the area within the boundaries depicted on the map entitled “Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area” and dated December 15, 2008.

**(c) Map and legal description**

**(1) In general**

As soon as practicable after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a map and legal description of the Conservation Area.

**(2) Effect**

The map and legal description of the Conservation Area shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in the map and legal description.

**(3) Public availability**

The map and legal description of the Conservation Area shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title II, §2202, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1099.)

**§ 460yyy-2. Management of the Conservation Area**

**(a) Management**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall manage the Conservation Area—