

pointed to serve for a term of one year, two shall be for a term of two years, and two shall be for a term of three years;

(2) of those members appointed by the Governor of California one shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year and one shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years;

(3) the member appointed by the mayor of the city of Los Angeles shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years; and

(4) the member appointed by the Secretary shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years.

(d) Initial appointment; Chairman

The members of the Board shall be appointed within ninety days of September 28, 1984. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, elect a Chairman.

(e) Annual meetings and consultations with Secretary or designee

The Secretary, or a designee, shall from time to time, but at least annually, meet and consult with the Board on matters relating to the administration of the scenic area.¹

(f) Compensation; expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation as such, but the Secretary is authorized to pay, upon vouchers signed by the Chairman, the expenses reasonably incurred by the Board and its members in carrying out their duties under sections 543 to 543h of this title.

(g) Vacancies

Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(h) Quorum

A majority of those members appointed shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of all business of the Board.

(i) Termination

The Board shall terminate ten years from the date of its first meeting.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §306, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1637.)

§ 543f. Traditional Native American uses

In recognition of the past use of the Scenic Area by Indian people for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the Secretary shall insure nonexclusive access to Scenic Area lands by Indian people for such traditional cultural and religious purposes, including the harvest of the brine fly larvae. Such direction shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of August 11, 1978 (92 Stat. 469) [42 U.S.C. 1996, 1996a]. As a part of the plan prepared pursuant to section 543c(c) of this title, the Secretary shall, in consultation with appropriate Indian tribes, define the past cultural and religious uses of the Scenic Area by Indians.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §307, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, as amended, which is classified to sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1996 of Title 42 and Tables.

§ 543g. Authorization of appropriations

In addition to other amounts available for such purposes, effective October 1, 1985, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 543 to 543h of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §308, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

§ 543h. New spending authority

Any new spending authority described in subsection (c)(2)(A) or (B) of section 651¹ of title 2 which is provided under sections 543 to 543h of this title shall be effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts.

(Pub. L. 98-425, title III, §309, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1638.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 651 of title 2, referred to in text, was amended by Pub. L. 105-33, title X, §10116(a)(3), (5), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 691, by striking out subsec. (c) and redesignating former subsec. (d) as (c).

§ 544. Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; definitions

As used in sections 544 to 544p of this title, the term—

(a) “adversely affect” or “adversely affecting” means, except as used in section 544m of this title, a reasonable likelihood of more than moderate adverse consequences for the scenic, cultural, recreation or natural resources of the scenic area, the determination of which is based on—

(1) the context of a proposed action;

(2) the intensity of a proposed action, including the magnitude and duration of an impact and the likelihood of its occurrence;

(3) the relationship between a proposed action and other similar actions which are individually insignificant but which may have cumulatively significant impacts; and

(4) proven mitigation measures which the proponent of an action will implement as part of the proposal to reduce otherwise significant affects to an insignificant level;

(b) “agricultural lands” means lands designated as agricultural lands pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(c) “Commission” means the Columbia River Gorge Commission established pursuant to section 544c of this title;

(d) “counties” means Hood River, Multnomah, and Wasco Counties, Oregon; and

¹ See References in Text note below.

Clark, Klickitat, and Skamania Counties, Washington;

(e) “Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit” means the Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit established pursuant to section 544b of this title;

(f) “forest lands” means lands designated as forest lands pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(g) “Indian tribes” means the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation,¹ the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation;

(h) “interim guidelines” means any interim guidelines developed by the Secretary pursuant to section 544h of this title, and any amendment, revision, or variance;

(i) “land use ordinance” or “ordinance” means any ordinance adopted by a county or by the Commission pursuant to sections 544 to 544p of this title, and includes any amendment to, revision of, or variance from such ordinance;

(j) “major development actions” means any of the following:

(1) subdivisions, partitions and short plat proposals;

(2) any permit for siting or construction outside urban areas of multifamily residential, industrial or commercial facilities, except such facilities as are included in the recreation assessment;

(3) the exploration, development and production of mineral resources unless such exploration, development or production can be conducted without disturbing the surface of any land within the boundaries of a special management area or is for sand, gravel and crushed rock used for the construction, maintenance or reconstruction of roads within the special management areas used for the production of forest products; and

(4) permits for siting or construction within a special management area of any residence or other related major structure on any parcel of land less than forty acres in size;

(k) “management plan” means the scenic area management plan adopted pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(l) “open spaces” means unimproved lands not designated as agricultural lands or forest lands pursuant to section 544d of this title and designated as open space pursuant to section 544d of this title. Open spaces include—

(1) scenic, cultural, and historic areas;

(2) fish and wildlife habitat;

(3) lands which support plant species that are endemic to the scenic area or which are listed as rare, threatened or endangered species pursuant to State or Federal Endangered Species Acts;

(4) ecologically and scientifically significant natural areas;

(5) outstanding scenic views and sites;

(6) water areas and wetlands;

(7) archaeological sites, Indian burial grounds and village sites, historic trails and roads and other areas which are culturally or historically significant;

(8) potential and existing recreation resources; and

(9) Federal and State wild, scenic, and recreation waterways;

(m) “recreation assessment” means the recreation assessment adopted pursuant to section 544d of this title;

(n) “residential development” means the permitting for siting or construction of any residence or other related major structure;

(o) “scenic area” means the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area established pursuant to section 544b of this title;

(p) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture;

(q) “special management areas” means areas within the scenic area established pursuant to section 544b of this title;

(r) “States” means the States of Oregon and Washington; and

(s) “urban areas” means those areas within the scenic area identified as urban areas on the map referred to in section 544b(e) of this title or within the boundaries of an urban area as revised pursuant to section 544b(f) of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-663, §2, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4274.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Federal Endangered Species Acts, referred to in subsection (l)(3), are classified principally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 103-435, §17, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4573, provided that:

“(a) REDESIGNATION.—The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation shall be known and designated as the ‘Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation’.

“(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law (including any regulation), map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ‘Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation’.”

Pub. L. 103-434, title XII, §1204(g), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4557, as amended by Pub. L. 116-9, title VIII, §8204(a), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 819, provided that:

“(1) REDESIGNATION.—The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation shall be known and designated as the ‘Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation’.

“(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ‘Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-663, §1, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4274, provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and sections 544a to 544p of this title and amending sections 1274 and 1276 of this title] may be referred to as the ‘Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act’.”

¹ See Change of Name notes below.

§ 544a. Purposes

The purposes of sections 544 to 544p of this title are—

(1) to establish a national scenic area to protect and provide for the enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge; and

(2) to protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge area by encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas and by allowing future economic development in a manner that is consistent with paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 99-663, §3, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4276.)

§ 544b. Establishment of scenic area**(a) National scenic area**

(1) There is hereby established the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

(2) BOUNDARIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the boundaries of the scenic area shall be generally depicted on the map entitled “Boundary Map, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area,” numbered NSA-001 sheets 1 and 2, and dated September 1986, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Commission and of the Chief, Forest Service.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The scenic area shall not include the approximately 29 acres of land owned by the Port of Camas-Washougal in the South ½ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, and the North ½ of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Willamete¹ Meridian, Clark County, Washington, that consists of—

(i) the approximately 19 acres of Port land acquired from the Corps of Engineers under the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984 (Public Law 98-396); and

(ii) the approximately 10 acres of adjacent Port land to the west of the land described in clause (i).

(b) Special management areas

(1) The following areas within the boundaries of the scenic area are hereby designated “Special Management Areas”: Gates of the Columbia River Gorge; Wind Mountain; Burdoin Mountain; and Rowena.

(2) The boundaries of the special management areas designated by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall be generally depicted on the map entitled “Special Management Areas, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area”, numbered SMA-002 sheets 1 through 17, and dated September 1986, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Commission and of the Chief, Forest Service; and

(B) shall include all islands within the boundaries of the scenic area.

(3) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the special management areas are modified as depicted on a map dated September 20, 2000, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief of the

Forest Service in Washington, District of Columbia, and copies shall be available in the office of the Commission, and the headquarters of the scenic area.

(c) Revision of special management area boundaries

The Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, may make minor revisions in the boundaries of special management areas after publication of notice to that effect in the Federal Register and submission of notice thereof to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives. Such notice shall be published and submitted at least sixty days before the revision is made. Notice of final action regarding such revision shall also be published in the Federal Register.

(d) Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit

(1) There is hereby established the Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit.

(2) The boundaries of the Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit shall be generally depicted on the map entitled “Dodson/Warrendale Special Purchase Unit, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area”, numbered SPU-003 sheet 1, and dated September 1986, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Commission and of the Chief, Forest Service.

(e) Urban areas

(1) The following cities and towns are hereby designated as “Urban Areas”: Cascade Locks, Hood River, Mosier, and The Dalles, Oregon; and Bingen, Carson, Dallesport, Home Valley, Lyle, North Bonneville, Stevenson, White Salmon, and Wishram, Washington.

(2) The boundaries of urban areas shall be generally depicted on the map entitled, “Urban Areas, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area”, numbered UA-004 sheets 1 through 11, and dated September 1986, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Commission and of the Chief, Forest Service. The boundaries of urban areas designated in this subsection may be revised pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(f) Revision of urban area boundaries

(1) Upon application of a county and in consultation with the Secretary, the Commission may make minor revisions to the boundaries of any urban area identified in subsection (e) of this section. A majority vote of two-thirds of the members of the Commission, including a majority of the members appointed from each State, shall be required to approve any revision of urban area boundaries.

(2) The Commission may revise the boundaries of an urban area only if it finds that—

(A) a demonstrable need exists to accommodate long-range urban population growth requirements or economic needs consistent with the management plan;

(B) revision of urban area boundaries would be consistent with the standards established in section 544d of this title and the purposes of sections 544 to 544p of this title;

¹ So in original. Probably should be “Willamette”.