

§ 3051. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to authorize the reburial of human remains and cultural items on National Forest System land, including human remains and cultural items repatriated under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.);

(2) to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of information regarding reburial sites, including the quantity and identity of human remains and cultural items on sites and the location of sites;

(3) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure access to National Forest System land, to the maximum extent practicable, by Indians and Indian tribes for traditional and cultural purposes;

(4) to authorize the Secretary to provide forest products, without consideration, to Indian tribes for traditional and cultural purposes;

(5) to authorize the Secretary to protect the confidentiality of certain information, including information that is culturally sensitive to Indian tribes;

(6) to increase the availability of Forest Service programs and resources to Indian tribes in support of the policy of the United States to promote tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and

(7) to strengthen support for the policy of the United States of protecting and preserving the traditional, cultural, and ceremonial rites and practices of Indian tribes, in accordance with Public Law 95-341 (commonly known as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; 42 U.S.C. 1996).

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8101, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1286; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8101, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2048.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, referred to in par. (1), is Pub. L. 101-601, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3048, which is classified principally to chapter 32 (§3001 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3001 of this title and Tables.

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in par. (7), is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, 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.

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Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

§ 3052. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Adjacent site

The term “adjacent site” means a site that borders a boundary line of National Forest System land.

(2) Cultural items

The term “cultural items” has the meaning given the term in section 3001 of this title, except that the term does not include human remains.

(3) Human remains

The term “human remains” means the physical remains of the body of a person of Indian ancestry.

(4) Indian

The term “Indian” means an individual who is a member of an Indian tribe.

(5) Indian tribe

The term “Indian tribe” means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or other community the name of which is included on a list published by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 5131 of this title.

(6) Lineal descendant

The term “lineal descendant” means an individual that can trace, directly and without interruption, the ancestry of the individual through the traditional kinship system of an Indian tribe, or through the common law system of descent, to a known Indian, the human remains, funerary objects, or other sacred objects of whom are claimed by the individual.

(7) National Forest System

The term “National Forest System” has the meaning given the term in section 1609(a) of title 16.

(8) Reburial site

The term “reburial site” means a specific physical location at which cultural items or human remains are reburied.

(9) Traditional and cultural purpose

The term “traditional and cultural purpose”, with respect to a definable use, area, or practice, means that the use, area, or practice is identified by an Indian tribe as traditional or cultural because of the long-established significance or ceremonial nature of the use, area, or practice to the Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8102, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8102, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2048.)

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§ 3053. Reburial of human remains and cultural items

(a) Reburial sites

In consultation with an affected Indian tribe or lineal descendant, the Secretary may authorize the use of National Forest System land by the Indian tribe or lineal descendant for the reburial of human remains or cultural items in the possession of the Indian tribe or lineal descendant that have been disinterred from National Forest System land or an adjacent site.

(b) Reburial

With the consent of the affected Indian tribe or lineal descendant, the Secretary may recover and rebury, at Federal expense or using other available funds, human remains and cultural items described in subsection (a) at the National Forest System land identified under that subsection.

(c) Authorization of use

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize such uses of reburial sites on National Forest System land, or on the National Forest System land immediately surrounding a reburial site, as the Secretary determines to be necessary for management of the National Forest System.

(2) Avoidance of adverse impacts

In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall avoid adverse impacts to cultural items and human remains, to the maximum extent practicable.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8103, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8103, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2049.)

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"Secretary" as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

§ 3054. Temporary closure for traditional and cultural purposes

(a) Recognition of historic use

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure access to National Forest System land by Indians for traditional and cultural purposes, in accordance with subsection (b), in recognition of the historic use by Indians of National Forest System land.

(b) Closing land from public access

(1) Authority to close

Upon the approval by the Secretary of a request from an Indian tribe, the Secretary may temporarily close from public access specifically identified National Forest System land to protect the privacy of tribal activities for traditional and cultural purposes.

(2) Limitation

A closure of National Forest System land under paragraph (1) shall affect the smallest practicable area for the minimum period necessary for activities of the applicable Indian tribe.

(3) Consistency

Access by Indian tribes to National Forest System land under this subsection shall be consistent with the purposes of Public Law 95-341 (commonly known as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; 42 U.S.C. 1996).

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2049.)

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The American Indian Religious Freedom Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 95-341, Aug. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 469, 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.

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"Secretary" as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

§ 3055. Forest products for traditional and cultural purposes

(a) In general

Notwithstanding section 472a of title 16, the Secretary may provide free of charge to Indian tribes any trees, portions of trees, or forest products from National Forest System land for traditional and cultural purposes.

(b) Prohibition

Trees, portions of trees, or forest products provided under subsection (a) may not be used for commercial purposes.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, §8105, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VIII, §8105, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2050.)