

(Pub. L. 109–125, § 3, Dec. 7, 2005, 119 Stat. 2544.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (b)(2) and (d)(3), is Pub. L. 109–125, Dec. 7, 2005, 119 Stat. 2544, known as the Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2005, which enacted this section and provisions set out as notes under this section and section 1451 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2005 Amendment note set out under section 1451 of this title and Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

PURPOSE

Pub. L. 109–125, § 2, Dec. 7, 2005, 119 Stat. 2544, provided that: “The purpose of this Act [enacting this section and provisions set out as a note under section 1451 of this title] is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit and use volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the United States Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Office of the Secretary.”

§ 1476. Elimination of oaths for written statements; discretion of Secretary of the Interior

Written statement in public land matters within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, heretofore required by law to be made under oath, need no longer be made under oath unless the Secretary of the Interior shall, in his discretion, so require.

(June 3, 1948, ch. 392, § 1, 62 Stat. 301.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1211 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 1476a. Unsworn written statements subject to penalties of presenting false claims

Unsworn written statements made in public land matters within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall remain subject to section 1001 of title 18.

(June 3, 1948, ch. 392, § 2, 62 Stat. 301.)

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CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1212 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

“Section 1001 of title 18” substituted in text for “section 35(A) of the Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1095, 18 U.S.C. sec. 80), as amended” on authority of act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 683, the first section of which enacted Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EXEMPTION OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FROM RESTRICTIONS ON NOTARY PUBLIC

Act June 3, 1948, ch. 392, § 3, 62 Stat. 301, provided: “That part of section 558 of the Act of March 3, 1901, entitled ‘An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia’ (31 Stat. 1279), as amended December 15, 1944 (58 Stat. 810, D.C. Code, 1951 edition, sec. 1–501 [now sec. 1–1201(a)]), which reads as follows: ‘*And provided*

further, That no notary public shall be authorized to take acknowledgments, administer oaths, certify papers, or perform any official acts in connection with matters in which he is employed as counsel, attorney or agent or in which he may be in any way interested before any of the Departments aforesaid’ shall not apply to matters before the Department of the Interior.”

§ 1477. Snow water supply forecasting

(a) Short title

This section may be cited as the “Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act”.

(b) Definition of program

In this section, the term “program” means the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program established by subsection (c).

(c) Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program

(1) Program establishment

The Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program is hereby established within the Department of the Interior.

(2) Program implementation

To implement the program, the Secretary shall—

(A) develop the program framework in coordination with other Federal agencies pursuant to subsection (d), culminating in the report required under subsection (d)(3); and

(B) after submitting the report required by subsection (d)(3), implement activities to improve snowpack measurement in particular watersheds pursuant to subsection (e).

(d) Development of program framework in coordination with other Federal agencies

(1) Snowpack measurement data

When determining water supply forecasts or allocations to Federal water contractors, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, shall incorporate, to the greatest extent practicable, information from emerging technologies for snowpack measurement, such as—

(A) synthetic aperture radar;

(B) laser altimetry; and

(C) other emerging technologies that the Secretary determines are likely to provide more accurate or timely snowpack measurement data.

(2) Coordination

In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall coordinate data use and collection efforts with other Federal agencies that use or may benefit from the use of emerging technologies for snowpack measurement.

(3) Emerging technologies report

Not later than October 1, 2021, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that—

(A) summarizes the use of emerging technologies pursuant to this section;

(B) describes benefits derived from the use of technologies summarized under subparagraph (A) related to the environment and increased water supply reliability; and

(C) describes how Federal agencies will coordinate to implement emerging technologies.

(e) Program implementation**(1) Activities implementing framework**

After submitting the report required under subsection (d)(3), the Secretary shall participate with program partners in implementing activities to improve snowpack measurement in particular watersheds.

(2) Focus

The program shall focus on activities that will maintain, establish, expand, or advance snowpack measurement consistent with the report required by subsection (d)(3), with an emphasis on—

(A) enhancing activities in river basins to achieve improved snow and water supply forecasting results;

(B) activities in river basins where snow water supply forecasting related activities described in this section are not occurring on December 27, 2020; and

(C) demonstrating or testing new, or improving existing, snow and water supply forecasting technology.

(3) Information sharing

The Secretary may provide information collected and analyzed under this section to program partners through appropriate mechanisms, including interagency agreements with Federal agencies, States, State agencies, or a combination thereof, leases, contracts, cooperative agreements, grants, loans, and memoranda of understanding.

(4) Program partners

Program partners with whom the Secretary enters into cooperative agreements pursuant to paragraph (5) may include water districts, irrigation districts, water associations, universities, State agencies, other Federal agencies, private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and other entities, as determined by the Secretary.

(5) Cooperative agreements

The Secretary may—

(A) enter into cooperative agreements with program partners to allow the program to be administered efficiently and cost effectively through cost-sharing or by providing additional in-kind resources necessary for program implementation; and

(B) provide nonreimbursable matching funding for programmatic and operational activities under this section in consultation with program partners.

(6) Environmental laws

Nothing in this section shall modify any obligation of the Secretary to comply with applicable Federal and State environmental laws in carrying out this section.

(f) Program implementation report

Not later than 4 years after December 27, 2020, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, that includes—

(1) a list of basins and sub-basins for which snowpack measurement technologies are being used under the program, including a description of each technology used; and

(2) a list of Federal agencies and program partners participating in each basin or sub-basin listed in paragraph (1).

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$15,000,000, in the aggregate, for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. (Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, title XI, § 1111, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3249.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section, referred to in subsecs. (b), (d)(3)(A), (e)(2)(B), (3), (5)(B), (6), and (g), was in the original “this Act”, which was translated as meaning section 1111 of Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3249, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

DEFINITIONS

For definition of “Secretary” as used in this section, see section 1115 of div. FF of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 2330c of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

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