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Public Law 98—141
98th Congress

An Act

To amend certain provisions of law relating to units of the national park system and other public lands, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Public Lands and National Parks Act of 1983".

Sec. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept a conveyance of approximately four acres of land adjacent to the Effigy Mounds National Monument in the State of Iowa, and in exchange therefor to convey the grantor, without monetary consideration, approximately three acres of land within the monument, all as described in subsection (b) of this section. Effective upon consummation of the exchange, the land accepted by the Secretary shall become part of Effigy Mounds National Monument, subject to the laws and regulations applicable thereto, and the land conveyed by the Secretary shall cease to be part of the monument and the boundary of the monument is revised accordingly.

(b) The land referred to in subsection (a) which may be accepted by the Secretary is more particularly described as that portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 28 lying south and east of County Road Numbered 561, and the land referred to in subsection (a) which may be conveyed by the Secretary is more particularly described as that portion of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33 lying north and west of County Road Numbered 561, all in township 96 north, range 3 west, fourth principal meridian, Allamakee County, Iowa.

Sec. 3. Section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of Cape Cod National Seashore", approved August 7, 1961 (16 U.S.C. 459b—8), is amended by striking out "$33,500,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$42,917,575".

Sec. 4. Section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Cape Lookout National Seashore in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes", approved March 10, 1966 (16 U.S.C. 459g—7), is amended by striking out "$7,903,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$13,903,000".

Sec. 5. Section 15 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish in the State of Michigan the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes", approved October 21, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 460x—14), is amended by striking out "$66,153,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$82,149,558".

Sec. 6. Section 5(a) of the Act of October 18, 1976, entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of the Congaree Swamp National Monument in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes" (Public Law 94—545; 90 Stat. 2517; 16 U.S.C. 431 note) is amended by striking out "$35,500,000" and substituting "$60,500,000"; and by striking out "$500,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$2,000,000".
Sec. 7. (a) Section 4 of the Act of October 26, 1972 (86 Stat. 1181; 16 U.S.C. 438c; note) is amended by striking the phrase "$9,327,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$9,825,000".

Repeal.

Sec. 8. (a) The Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 (86 Stat. 1266, 40 U.S.C. 871) is amended as follows:

1. by striking out in paragraph (10) of section 6, the figure “100,000,000”; and inserting in lieu thereof “120,000,000”; and

2. by adding at the end of section 17(a) the following: “There are further authorized to be appropriated for operating and administrative expenses of the Corporation sums not to exceed $3,250,000, each, for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1984, September 30, 1985, September 30, 1986, September 30, 1987, and September 30, 1988.”

(b) Section 5(e) of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 is amended by—

1. inserting “(1)” after “(e)”; and

2. striking out “The Corporation” in the second sentence thereof and substituting:

“The Corporation”; and

3. adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

“(3) Any alteration, revision, or amendment of the plan and any other action taken by the Corporation which is not a substantial change in the plan within the meaning of paragraph (2) but—

“(A) which is a significant change in the plan, or which is another significant action taken by the Corporation; and

“(B) which relates to housing, any major structure, historic preservation, parks, office space, or retail uses, within the development area shall not take effect until thirty days after notice of such change or other action has been submitted to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate, unless prior to the expiration of such thirty-day period each of such committees notifies the Corporation in writing that the committee does not object to such change or other action. Such notice to the committees shall include an explanation of the reasons why the change or other action is proposed and a summary of any recommendations received by the Corporation from the Secretary of the Interior, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, or from any other interested agency, organization, or individual.”

(c) The Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 is amended by inserting “(7)” at the beginning of the unnumbered paragraph following paragraph (6).

(2) Section 5(a)(10) of such Act is amended by inserting “a” before “whole”.

(3) Section 5(b) of such Act is amended by striking out “Cooperation” and substituting “cooperation”.

Sec. 11 of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 is amended by inserting “(a)” after “Sec. 11.” and by adding the following new subsections at the end thereof:

“(b) Within six months after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Corporation shall transmit to the Congress an estimate, for each fiscal year, of the additional funds which will be necessary for the Corporation to carry out the development plan through the fiscal year 1990. Such estimate shall include a detailed
statement of the projects and other expenditures for which such funds are proposed to be used, together with an estimate of the projected costs thereof.

"(c) The report submitted under subsection (a) shall include a detailed discussion of the actions the Corporation has taken within the reporting period to protect and enhance the significant historic and architectural values of structures within the boundaries of the Corporation's jurisdiction, and indicating similar actions it plans to take and issues it anticipates dealing with during the upcoming fiscal year related to historic and architectural preservation. Such report shall indicate the degree to which public concern has been considered and incorporated into decisions made by the Corporation relative to historic and architectural preservation."

Sec. 9. (a) With respect to the land described in subsection (c), the right of reverter and the reserved mineral interests held by the United States in such land are hereby conveyed, without warranty, to the State of Florida for the purpose of allowing the State of Florida to exchange such lands for privately owned lands, such conveyance to the State of Florida to be contingent and effective upon the conveyance to the United States of marketable title to the land described in subsection (d), in fee simple absolute, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except those acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) Immediately upon receipt by the United States of title to the land described in subsection (d), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without warranty, the land described in subsection (d) to the State of Florida. The document of conveyance shall—

(1) reserve to the United States all mineral deposits found at any time in the land and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same; and

(2) provide that the land shall revert to the United States upon a finding by the Secretary of the Interior that for a period of five consecutive years such land has not been used by the State of Florida for park or recreational purposes, or that such land or any part thereof is being devoted to other uses.

(c) The land referred to in subsection (a) is approximately 0.69 of an acre of land, presently encroached upon by the adjoining landowners or occupants, within an area generally described as lot 2, southwest quarter southwest quarter section 15, township 4 south, range 15 west, Tallahassee meridian, Florida. Part of the tract was included in the land conveyed by the United States to the State of Florida on May 10, 1954, by patent numbered 1144377, and part was included in the land conveyed by the United States to the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks (presently named the Florida Department of Natural Resources) on July 26, 1948, by patent numbered 1128723.

(d) The land to be received in exchange for the land described in subsection (c) consists of approximately 1.10 acres of land located in a tract generally described as section 16, township 4 south, range 15 west, Tallahassee meridian, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the south right-of-way of Thomas Drive (State Road Numbered 392) and the east line of section 16, township 4 south, range 15 west, Bay County, Florida. Thence south 0 degree 31 minutes 37 seconds west along the east line of said section 16 for 468.20 feet to the south line of said section 16; thence north 89 degrees 28 minutes 23 seconds west along said south line of section 16 for 205 feet; thence north 24 degrees 10
minutes 23 seconds east for 511.11 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.10 acres more or less.

(e) The State of Florida shall pay promptly to the Secretary of the Interior, any and all costs, including administrative overhead, that may be incurred by the United States in connection with the transactions authorized under subsection (a).

Sec. 10. (a) For the purposes of this section only, the limitation provision of section 1 of the Act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069; 43 U.S.C. 1068), popularly known as the Color-of-Title Act, that limits conveyances under that Act to not more than one hundred and sixty acres, shall not apply to any claim for a patent that may be filed under the Color-of-Title Act for a parcel of land described as section 39, township 5 south, range 4 east, Saint Helena Meridian, Louisiana.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, all provisions of the Color-of-Title Act shall apply to any claim for a patent under the Color-of-Title Act for the parcel of land described in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 11. (a) All right, title, and interest of the United States in certain lands within the boundaries of the Sequoia National Forest in Tulare County, California, and described in subsection (b) is hereby conveyed to those persons who submit a written application to the Secretary of Agriculture within five years after the date of enactment of this Act, with such proof of title as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(b) The lands to be conveyed under subsection (a) are described as follows:

PARCEL B—MOUNT DIABLO MERIDIAN, CALIFORNIA

Township 14 South, Range 27 East

Section 14:

West half southwest quarter southwest quarter northwest quarter southwest quarter southeast quarter,

Northwest quarter northwest quarter northwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter southeast quarter.

Sec. 12. (a) To provide for consolidation of lands in the San Juan and San Isabel National Forests, lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Montrose District, and lands acquired by the Bureau of Reclamation as a part of the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, all in Colorado, and to provide for more efficient administration of those lands, the exterior boundaries of the San Juan and San Isabel National Forests in the State of Colorado are hereby modified as shown on United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service maps entitled "Boundary Modification, San Juan National Forest", and "Boundary Modification, San Isabel National Forest", dated August 1981. The maps and legal description of the boundaries of such lands shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and appropriate field offices of those agencies.

(b) All Bureau of Land Management-administered lands that, by reason of the boundary modification described in subsection (a), fall within the boundaries of the San Juan or San Isabel National Forests, comprising about twenty-five thousand five hundred and
fifty-nine acres and depicted as areas 1–8 on the maps referred to in subsection (a), are hereby added to the respective national forests and shall be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the national forest system.

(c) All national forest system lands that, by reason of the boundary modification described in subsection (a), no longer fall within the boundaries of the San Juan National Forest, comprising about thirty-one thousand six hundred and seven acres and depicted as areas 9–11 on the maps referred to in such section, are hereby removed from the national forest system and transferred to the Secretary of the Interior to be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the public lands as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2746; 43 U.S.C. 1702(e)).

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall retain jurisdiction over all lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation that, by reason of the boundary modification described in the first section of this Act, fall within the boundary of the San Juan National Forest, until such time as the Secretary of the Interior, by agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture, transfers such jurisdiction to the Secretary of Agriculture. Upon such transfer, the land involved shall be added to the San Juan National Forest and shall be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the national forest system.

(e) For the purpose of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 903, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 460l–9) the boundaries of the San Juan and San Isabel National Forests, as modified by subsection (a), shall be treated as if they were the boundaries of those forests on January 1, 1965.

(f) Nothing in this section shall affect valid existing rights, or interests in existing land use authorization, except that any such right or authorization shall be administered by the agency having jurisdiction over the land after the enactment of this Act in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) and other applicable law. Reissuance of any such authorization shall be in accordance with applicable law and the regulations of the agency having jurisdiction, except that the change of administrative jurisdiction shall not in itself constitute a ground to deny the renewal or reissuance of any such authorization.

(g) Those parts of the areas which on December 15, 1981, were designated as Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas (Needle Creek, CO–030–229B; West Needles contiguous, CO–030–229A; Whitehead Gulch, CO–030–230B; and Weminuche contiguous, CO–030–233B) contained within area 3 and that are made a part of the national forest system by this section shall be studied in conjunction with the West Needles Wilderness Study Area in accordance with the provisions of section 105 of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980, including the requirement that the Secretary of Agriculture review the suitability or unsuitability of such lands for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and report to Congress by December 31, 1983. All portions of such areas which are not included within the national forest system by this section shall be reviewed as to their suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as wilderness, and recommendations thereon shall be submitted to the Congress, in the same manner as with respect to those areas required to be reviewed pursuant to section 603 of the
Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and during the period of review and until Congress has determined otherwise, such portions shall be managed pursuant to section 603(c) of such Act.

(b) The provisions of this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

Sec. 13. Any provision of this Act (or any amendment made by this Act) which, directly or indirectly, authorizes the enactment of new budget authority described in section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall be effective only for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1983.

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