

Public Law 94-486
94th Congress

An Act

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and for other purposes.

Oct. 12, 1976
[S. 1506]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Wild and Scenic
Rivers Act,
amendments.

TITLE I—FLATHEAD, MONTANA

SEC. 101. Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (82 Stat. 906; 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

16 USC 1274.

“(13) FLATHEAD, MONTANA.—The North Fork from the Canadian border downstream to its confluence with the Middle Fork; the Middle Fork from its headwaters to its confluence to the South Fork; and the South Fork from its origin to the Hungry Horse Reservoir, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Flathead Wild and Scenic River Boundary Location’ dated February 1976; to be administered by agencies of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture as agreed upon by the Secretaries of such Departments or as directed by the President. Action required to be taken under subsection (b) of this section shall be taken within one year from the date of enactment of this paragraph. For the purposes of this river, there are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$6,719,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands. No funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall be available prior to October 1, 1977.”

Appropriation
authorization.

TITLE II—MISSOURI, MONTANA

SEC. 201. Section 3(a) of the Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(14) MISSOURI, MONTANA.—The segment from Fort Benton one hundred and forty-nine miles downstream to Robinson Bridge, as generally depicted on the boundary map entitled ‘Missouri Breaks Freeflowing River Proposal’, dated October 1975, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. For the purposes of this river, there are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$1,800,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands. No funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall be available prior to October 1, 1977.”

Appropriation
authorization.

SEC. 202. After consultation with the State and local governments and the interested public, the Secretary shall, pursuant to section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and within one year of enactment of this Act—

Consultation.
16 USC 1274.
note.

(1) establish detailed boundaries of the river segment designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System pursuant to section 1 of this Act (hereinafter referred to as the “river area”): *Provided*, That the boundaries of the portion of the river area from Fort Benton to Coal Banks Landing and the portion of the river area within the boundaries of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Range shall be drawn to include only the river and its bed and exclude all adjacent land except significant historic sites and such campsites and access

points as are deemed necessary by the Secretary, and to which the Secretary finds no reasonable alternative, as set forth in the management plan required pursuant to clause (2) of this section; and

16 USC 1273. (2) determine, in accordance with the guidelines in section 2(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which of the three classes—wild river, scenic river, or recreation river—best fit portions of the river segment, designate such portions in such classes, and prepare a management plan for the river area in accordance with such designation.

Management.
16 USC 1274
note.
16 USC 1271
note.
SEC. 203. (a) The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall manage the river area pursuant to the provisions of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and in accordance with the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act (48 Stat. 1269), as amended (43 U.S.C. 315), under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, and with any other authorities available to him for the management and conservation of natural resources and the protection and enhancement of the environment, where such Act, principles, and authorities are consistent with the purposes and provisions of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Land acquisition.
16 USC 1277. (b) (1) The Secretary may acquire land and interests in land only in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the limitations contained in section 6 of that Act and only: (A) at Fort Benton for the visitor facility as provided in subsection (g) (2) of this section; (B) at the site of Fort McKenzie; (C) in that portion of the river area downstream from Fort Benton to Coal Banks Landing for historic sites, campsites, and access points in accordance with section 202 (1) of this Act; and (D) in that portion of the river area downstream from Coal Banks Landing so as to provide, wherever practicable and necessary for the purposes of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, rim-to-rim protection for such portion.

Condemnation. (2) In accordance with section 6(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Secretary shall not acquire fee title to any lands by condemnation under the authority of that Act or this Act, except that the Secretary may use condemnation when necessary and within the limitations on acquisition set forth in clause (1) of this subsection to clear title, acquire scenic easements, or acquire such other easements as are reasonably necessary to give the public access to the river segment within the river area and to permit its members to traverse the length of said river area or of selected portions thereof.

Priority
expenditure. (3) The Secretary shall, to the extent feasible, give priority in expenditure of funds pursuant to this Act for the acquisition and development of campsites and historic sites, including the site of the visitor center at Fort Benton and the site of Fort McKenzie.

Easements. (c) Consistent with the provisions of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Secretary may issue easements, licenses, or permits for rights-of-way through, over, or under the lands in Federal ownership within the river area, or for the use of such lands on such terms and conditions as are in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and other applicable law.

Bridge
construction. (d) The Secretary is authorized to permit the construction of a bridge across the river in the general vicinity of the community of Winifred, Montana, in order to accommodate the flow of north-south traffic. Such construction shall be in accordance with a plan which is mutually acceptable to the Secretary and State and local highway officials, and which is consistent with the purposes of this Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

(e) To the extent and in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act the Secretary shall permit such pumping facilities and associated pipelines as may be necessary to assure the continuation of an adequate supply of water from the Missouri River to the owners of lands adjacent to the river and for future agricultural use outside the river corridor. The Secretary is authorized to permit such pumping facilities and associated pipelines for use for fish, wildlife, and recreational uses outside the river corridor.

Pumping facilities and associated pipelines.

(f) The Secretary shall permit hunting and fishing in the river area in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, except that he may designate zones where, and periods when, no hunting or fishing shall be permitted for reasons of public safety or administration.

Hunting and fishing.

(g) (1) The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, shall exercise management responsibilities in the river area for:

- (A) the grazing of livestock;
- (B) the application of the United States mining and mineral leasing laws;
- (C) the management of fish and wildlife habitat;
- (D) the diversion and use of water for agricultural and domestic purposes;
- (E) the acquisition of lands and interests therein;
- (F) the administration of public recreational uses of, and any historic sites and campsites in, the river area; and
- (G) all other management responsibilities except those set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) The Secretary, acting through the National Park Service, shall be responsible for the construction, operation, and management of any visitor facility in or near Fort Benton which is found necessary in accordance with the management plan developed pursuant to section 202 and the provision, at such facility, of interpretive services for the historic, archeological, scenic, natural, and fish and wildlife resources of the area.

Visitor facility, construction.

TITLE III—OBED, TENNESSEE

SEC. 301. Section 3(a) of the Act is further amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

16 USC 1274.

“(15) OBED, TENNESSEE.—The segment from the western edge of the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area to the confluence with the Emory River; Clear Creek from the Morgan County line to the confluence with the Obed River, Daddys Creek from the Morgan County line to the confluence with the Obed River; and the Emory River from the confluence with the Obed River to the Nemo bridge as generally depicted and classified on the stream classification map dated December 1973. The Secretary of the Interior shall take such action, with the participation of the State of Tennessee as is provided for under subsection (b) within one year following the date of enactment of this paragraph. The development plan required by such subsection (b) shall include cooperative agreements between the State of Tennessee acting through the Wildlife Resources Agency and the Secretary of the Interior. Lands within the Wild and Scenic River boundaries that are currently part of the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area shall continue to be owned and managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in such a way as to protect the wildlife resources and primitive character of the area, and without further development of roads, campsites, or associated recreational facilities unless deemed necessary by that agency for wildlife management practices. The

Cooperative agreements.

Appropriation authorization. Obed Wild and Scenic River shall be managed by the Secretary of the Interior. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act with respect to this river, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary, but not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands and not to exceed \$400,000 for development. No funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall be available prior to October 1, 1977.”

TITLE IV—HOUSATONIC, CONNECTICUT

16 USC 1276. SEC. 401. Subsection (a) of section 5 of the Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
 “(58) Housatonic, Connecticut: The segment from the Massachusetts-Connecticut boundary downstream to its confluence with the Shepaug River.”

TITLE V—SECTION IV AMENDMENT

16 USC 1275. SEC. 501. Subsection (b) of section 4 of the Act is amended by deleting the final sentence thereof.

TITLE VI—FEATHER, CALIFORNIA

16 USC 1274. Administration. SEC. 601. Subsection (a) of section 3 of the Act is further amended by striking the paragraph numbered (3) and inserting in lieu thereof:
 “(3) FEATHER, CALIFORNIA.—The entire Middle Fork downstream from the confluence of its tributary streams one kilometer south of Beckwourth, California; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.”

TITLE VII—PIEDRA, COLORADO

16 USC 1276. SEC. 701. Paragraph (47) of section 5(a) of the Act is amended by striking out “including the tributaries and headwaters on national forest lands”.

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