Public Law 93-452

AN ACT

October 18, 1974
[H. R. 11537]

To extend and expand the authority for carrying out conservation and rehabilitation programs on military reservations, and to authorize the implementation of such programs on certain public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to promote effectual planning, development, maintenance, and coordination of wildlife, fish and game conservation and rehabilitation in military reservations", approved September 15, 1960 (16 U.S.C. 670a–f), is amended—

Conservation and rehabilitation programs on military and public lands.

(1) by inserting immediately after the first sentence of the first section thereof the following new sentence: "Such cooperative plan shall provide for (1) fish and wildlife habitat improvements or modifications, (2) range rehabilitation where necessary for support of wildlife, and (3) control of off-road vehicle traffic."; and

16 USC 670a.

(2) by amending section 6(b) thereof—

16 USC 670f.

(A) by amending the first sentence thereof by inserting immediately after "July 1, 1971," the following: "and not to exceed $1,500,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972, and for each of the next five fiscal years thereafter,"; and

(B) by inserting immediately before the last sentence thereof the following new sentence: "There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior not to exceed $2,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973, and for each of the next four fiscal years thereafter to enable the Secretary to carry out such functions and responsibilities as he may have under cooperative plans to which he is a party under this title."

SEC. 2. Such Act of September 15, 1960, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"TITLE II—CONSERVATION PROGRAMS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC LAND

"SEC. 201. (a) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall each, in cooperation with the State agencies and in accordance with comprehensive plans developed pursuant to section 202 of this title, plan, develop, maintain, and coordinate programs for the conservation and rehabilitation of wildlife, fish, and game. Such conservation and rehabilitation programs shall include, but not be limited to, specific habitat improvement projects and related activities and adequate protection for species considered threatened or endangered.

16 USC 670g.

"(b) The Secretary of the Interior shall implement the conservation and rehabilitation programs required under subsection (a) of this section on public land under his jurisdiction. The Secretary of the Interior shall adopt, modify, and implement the conservation and rehabilitation programs required under such subsection (a) on public land under the jurisdiction of the Chairman, but only with the prior written approval of the Atomic Energy Commission, and on public land under the jurisdiction of the Administrator, but only with the prior written approval of the Administrator. The Secretary of Agriculture shall implement such conservation and rehabilitation programs on public land under his jurisdiction.

"SEC. 202. (a)(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall develop, in consultation with the State agencies, a comprehensive plan for con-

Comprehensive plans.
16 USC 670h.

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servation and rehabilitation programs to be implemented on public land under his jurisdiction and the Secretary of Agriculture shall do the same in connection with public land under his jurisdiction.

"(2) The Secretary of the Interior shall develop, with the prior written approval of the Atomic Energy Commission, a comprehensive plan for conservation and rehabilitation programs to be implemented on public land under the jurisdiction of the Chairman and develop, with the prior written approval of the Administrator, a comprehensive plan for such programs to be implemented on public land under the jurisdiction of the Administrator. Each such plan shall be developed after the Secretary of the Interior makes, with the prior written approval of the Chairman or the Administrator, as the case may be, and in consultation with the State agencies, necessary studies and surveys of the land concerned to determine where conservation and rehabilitation programs are most needed.

"(b) Each comprehensive plan developed pursuant to this section shall be consistent with any overall land use and management plans for the lands involved. In any case in which hunting, trapping, or fishing (or any combination thereof) of resident fish and wildlife is to be permitted on public land under a comprehensive plan, such hunting, trapping, and fishing shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the State in which such land is located.

Cooperative agreements.

"(c)(1) Each State agency may enter into a cooperative agreement with—

"(A) the Secretary of the Interior with respect to those conservation and rehabilitation programs to be implemented under this title within the State on public land which is under his jurisdiction;

"(B) the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to those conservation and rehabilitation programs to be implemented under this title within the State on public land which is under his jurisdiction; and

"(C) the Secretary of the Interior and the Chairman or the Administrator, as the case may be, with respect to those conservation and rehabilitation programs to be implemented under this title within the State on public land under the jurisdiction of the Chairman or the Administrator; except that before entering into any cooperative agreement which affects public land under the jurisdiction of the Chairman, the Secretary of the Interior shall obtain the prior written approval of the Atomic Energy Commission and before entering into any cooperative agreement which affects public lands under the jurisdiction of the Administrator, the Secretary of the Interior shall obtain the prior written approval of the Administrator.

Conservation and rehabilitation programs developed and implemented pursuant to this title shall be deemed as supplemental to wildlife, fish, and game-related programs conducted by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to other provisions of law. Nothing in this title shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, to manage the national forests or other public lands for wildlife and fish and other purposes in accordance with the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (74 Stat. 215; 16 U.S.C. 528-531) or other applicable authority.

"(2) Any conservation and rehabilitation program included within a cooperative agreement entered into under this subsection may be modified in a manner mutually agreeable to the State agency and the

Secretary concerned (and the Chairman or the Administrator, as the case may be, if public land under his jurisdiction is involved). Before modifying any cooperative agreement which affects public land under the jurisdiction of the Chairman, the Secretary of the Interior shall obtain the prior written approval of the Atomic Energy Commission and before modifying any cooperative agreement which affects public land under the jurisdiction of the Administrator, the Secretary of the Interior shall obtain the prior written approval of the Administrator.

"(3) Each cooperative agreement entered into under this subsection shall—

"(A) specify those areas of public land within the State on which conservation and rehabilitation programs will be implemented;

"(B) provide for fish and wildlife habitat improvements or modifications, or both;

"(C) provide for range rehabilitation where necessary for support of wildlife;

"(D) provide adequate protection for fish and wildlife officially classified as threatened or endangered pursuant to section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) or considered to be threatened, rare, or endangered by the State agency;

"(E) require the control of off-road vehicle traffic;

"(F) if the issuance of public land area management stamps is agreed to pursuant to section 203(a) of this title—

"(i) contain such terms and conditions as are required under section 203(b) of this title;

"(ii) require the maintenance of accurate records and the filing of annual reports by the State agency to the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, or both, as the case may be, setting forth the amount and disposition of the fees collected for such stamps; and

Recordkeeping; annual reports.

"(iii) authorize the Secretary concerned and the Comptroller General of the United States, or their authorized representatives, to have access to such records for purposes of audit and examination; and

Audit.

"(G) contain such other terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned and the State agency deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this title.

A cooperative agreement may also provide for arrangements under which the Secretary concerned may authorize officers and employees of the State agency to enforce, or to assist in the enforcement of, section 204(a) of this title.

"(4) Except where limited under a comprehensive plan or pursuant to cooperative agreement, hunting, fishing, and trapping shall be permitted with respect to resident fish and wildlife in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the State in which such land is located on public land which is the subject of a conservation and rehabilitation program implemented under this title.

Hunting and fishing.

"(5) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, shall prescribe such regulations as are deemed necessary to control, in a manner consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan and cooperative agreement, the public use of public land which is the subject of any conservation and rehabilitation program implemented by him under this title.

Regulations.

"SEC. 203. (a) Any State agency may agree with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (or with the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, if within the State concerned all conservation and rehabilitation pro-

Public land management area stamps.
16 USC 670i.

grams under this title will be implemented by him) that no individual will be permitted to hunt, trap, or fish on any public land within the State which is subject to a conservation and rehabilitation program implemented under this title unless at the time such individual is engaged in such activity he has on his person a valid public land management area stamp issued pursuant to this section.

Conditions.

"(b) Any agreement made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to require the issuance of public land management area stamps shall be subject to the following conditions:

"(1) Such stamps shall be issued, sold, and the fees therefor collected, by the State agency or by the authorized agents of such agency.

Notice.

"(2) Notice of the requirement to possess such stamps shall be displayed prominently in all places where State hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses are sold. To the maximum extent practicable, the sale of such stamps shall be combined with the sale of such State hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses.

"(3) Except for expenses incurred in the printing, issuing, or selling of such stamps, the fees collected for such stamps by the State agency shall be utilized in carrying out conservation and rehabilitation programs implemented under this title in the State concerned and for no other purpose. If such programs are implemented by both the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture in the State, the Secretaries shall mutually agree, on such basis as they deem reasonable, on the proportion of such fees that shall be applied by the State agency to their respective programs.

"(4) The purchase of any such stamp shall entitle the purchaser thereof to hunt, trap, and fish on any public land within such State which is the subject of a conservation or rehabilitation program implemented under this title except to the extent that the public use of such land is limited pursuant to a comprehensive plan or cooperative agreement; but the purchase of any such stamp shall not be construed as (A) eliminating the requirement for the purchase of a migratory bird hunting stamp as set forth in the first section of the Act of March 16, 1934, commonly referred to as the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a), or (B) relieving the purchaser from compliance with any applicable State game and fish laws and regulations.

"(5) The amount of the fee to be charged for such stamps, the age at which the individual is required to acquire such a stamp, and the expiration date for such stamps shall be mutually agreed upon by the State agency and the Secretary or Secretaries concerned; except that each such stamp shall be void not later than one year after the date of issuance.

"(6) Each such stamp must be validated by the purchaser thereof by signing his name across the face of the stamp.

"(7) Any individual to whom a stamp is sold pursuant to this section shall upon request exhibit such stamp for inspection to any officer or employee of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture, or to any other person who is authorized to enforce section 204(a) of this title.

Penalties.
16 USC 670j.

"SEC. 204. (a)(1) Any person who hunts, traps, or fishes on any public land which is subject to a conservation and rehabilitation program implemented under this title without having on his person a valid public land management area stamp, if the possession of such a stamp is required, shall be fined not more than $1,000, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

"(2) Any person who knowingly violates or fails to comply with any regulations prescribed under section 202(c)(5) of this title shall be fined not more than $500, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Penalties.

"(b)(1) For the purpose of enforcing subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may designate any employee of their respective departments, and any State officer or employee authorized under a cooperative agreement to enforce such subsection (a), to (i) carry firearms; (ii) execute and serve any warrant or other process issued by a court or officer of competent jurisdiction; (iii) make arrests without warrant or process for a misdemeanor he has reasonable grounds to believe is being committed in his presence or view; (iv) search without warrant or process any person, place, or conveyance as provided by law; and (v) seize without warrant or process any evidentiary item as provided by law.

Enforcement.

"(2) Upon the sworn information by a competent person, any United States magistrate or court of competent jurisdiction may issue process for the arrest of any person charged with committing any offense under subsection (a) of this section.

"(3) Any person charged with committing any offense under subsection (a) of this section may be tried and sentenced by any United States magistrate designated for that purpose by the court by which he was appointed, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided for in section 3401 of title 18, United States Code.

"(c) All guns, traps, nets, and other equipment, vessels, vehicles, and other means of transportation used by any person when engaged in committing an offense under subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States and may be seized and held pending the prosecution of any person arrested for committing such offense. Upon conviction for such offense, such forfeiture may be adjudicated as a penalty in addition to any other provided for committing such offense.

Equipment and vessels, seizure.

"(d) All provisions of law relating to the seizure, forfeiture, and condemnation of a vessel for violation of the customs laws, the disposition of such vessel or the proceeds from the sale thereof, and the remission or mitigation of such forfeitures, shall apply to the seizures and forfeitures incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, under the provisions of this section, insofar as such provisions of law are applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this section; except that all powers, rights, and duties conferred or imposed by the customs laws upon any officer or employee of the Department of the Treasury shall, for the purposes of this section, be exercised or performed by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, or by such persons as he may designate.

"SEC. 205. As used in this title—

Definitions. 16 USC 670k.

"(1) The term 'Administrator' means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"(2) The term 'Chairman' means the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

"(3) The term 'off-road vehicle' means any motorized vehicle designed for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; but such term does not include—

"(A) any registered motorboat at the option of each State;

"(B) any military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purposes; and

"(C) any vehicle the use of which is expressly authorized by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture under a permit, lease, license, or contract.

"(4) The term 'public land' means all lands under the respective jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chairman, and the Administrator, except land which is, or hereafter may be, within or designated as—

"(A) a military reservation;

"(B) a unit of the National Park System;

"(C) an area within the national wildlife refuge system;

"(D) an Indian reservation; or

"(E) an area within an Indian reservation or land held in trust by the United States for an Indian or Indian tribe.

"(5) The term 'State agency' means the agency or agencies of a State responsible for the administration of the fish and game laws of the State.

"(6) The term 'conservation and rehabilitation programs' means to utilize those methods and procedures which are necessary to protect, conserve, and enhance wildlife, fish, and game resources to the maximum extent practicable on public lands subject to this title consistent with any overall land use and management plans for the lands involved. Such methods and procedures shall include, but shall not be limited to, all activities associated with scientific resources management such as protection, research, census, law enforcement, habitat management, propagation, live trapping and transplantation, and regulated taking in conformance with the provisions of this title. Nothing in this term shall be construed as diminishing the authority or jurisdiction of the States with respect to the management of resident species of fish, wildlife, or game, except as otherwise provided by law.

16 USC 670*l*.

"SEC. 206. Notwithstanding any other provision in this title, section 203 of this title shall not apply to land which is, or hereafter may be, within or designated as Forest Service land or as Bureau of Land Management land of any State in which all Federal lands therein comprise 60 percent or more of the total area of such State; except that in any such State, any appropriate State agency may agree with the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior, or both, as the case may be, to collect a fee as specified in such agreement at the point of sale of regular licenses to hunt, trap, or fish in such State, the proceeds of which shall be utilized in carrying out conservation and rehabilitation programs implemented under this title in the State concerned and for no other purpose.

Indian rights.
16 USC 670m.

"SEC. 207. Nothing in this title shall enlarge or diminish or in any way affect (1) the rights of Indians or Indian tribes to the use of water or natural resources or their rights to fish, trap, or hunt wildlife as secured by statute, agreement, treaty, Executive order, or court decree; or (2) existing State or Federal jurisdiction to regulate those rights either on or off reservations.

Alaska, plans and programs, submittal to Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission.
16 USC 670n.
43 USC 1616.

"SEC. 208. Nothing in this Act shall in any way affect the jurisdiction, authority, duties, or activities of the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission established pursuant to section 17 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688). During the development of any cooperative plan for Alaska which may be agreed to under title I after the effective date of this section and of any comprehensive program for Alaska under title II, such Commission shall be given an opportunity to submit its comments on such plan or program.

Appropriation.
16 USC 670o.

"SEC. 209. (a) There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and for each of the

next four fiscal years thereafter to enable the Department of the Interior to carry out its functions and responsibilities under this title.

"(b) There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and for each of the next four fiscal years thereafter to enable the Department of Agriculture to carry out its functions and responsibilities under this title."

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. Such Act of September 15, 1960, is further amended—

(1) by redesignating the first section and sections 2 through 6 as sections 101 through 106, respectively;

16 USC 670a-670f.

(2) by striking out "That the Secretary of Defense" in section 101 (as so redesignated) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"TITLE I—CONSERVATION PROGRAMS ON MILITARY RESERVATIONS

"SEC. 101. The Secretary of Defense";

(3) by striking out "Act" the first time it appears in the proviso to section 102 (as so redesignated) and inserting in lieu thereof "title";

(4) by striking out "Act" each place it appears in sections 104 and 106 (as so redesignated) and inserting in lieu thereof "title"; and

(5) by striking out "sections 1 and 2" in section 106 (as so redesignated) and inserting in lieu thereof "sections 101 and 102".

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AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance of certain lands to the New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the acreage limitation in the Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869-4), the Secretary of the Interior may convey to the New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, New Mexico, in accordance with the provisions of that Act, all or any part of the following described lands:

New Mexico State University. Land conveyance.

(1) Those lands described in Public Land Order Numbered 2051, containing 1,393.19 acres;

(2) Those lands described in Public Land Order Numbered 3685, containing 2,789.07 acres; and

(3) Southwest quarter, section 14, township 23 south, range 2 east, New Mexico principal meridian, consisting of 160 acres.

All of the above-described lands lie in sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 35, township 23 south, range 2 east, New Mexico principal meridian.

Approved October 18, 1974.