

special areas—roadless area conservation rule published at 64 Federal Register 54074 (October 5, 1999) and 65 Federal Register 11676 and 30276 (March 3 and May 10, 2000), respectively.

(b) With the funds allocated pursuant to subsection (a)(1):

(1) The Secretary shall appoint an advisory committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and subsection (d) of persons knowledgeable, and reflecting a diversity of viewpoints, concerning issues related to the planning and management of National Forest System lands. The appointments shall be made as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) The advisory committee shall—
(A) review and evaluate the proposed rules referred to in subsection (a)(2) and their prospective implementation, particularly as to their cumulative effects and the manner in which they relate to each other, are integrated, and will function together, including any inconsistencies or conflicts in their goals, purposes, application, or likely results and determined whether and in what way they may be improved; and

(B) submit a written report to the Secretary describing the results of the review and evaluation of the proposed rules required by, and any recommendations for improvement of such rules determined pursuant to, subparagraph (A), including any supplemental or minority views which any member or members of the advisory committee may wish to express.

(3) The Secretary shall make the report of the advisory committee required by paragraph (2)(B) available for public comment and submit the report to the Congress, together with a written response of the Secretary to the report and the public comment on the report.

(c) No funds appropriated by this Act or any other act of Congress may be expended for further development or promulgation of the proposed rules referred to in subsection (a)(2) prior to 60 days after the date of submission to the Congress of the report of the advisory committee and the response of the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b)(3).

(d) (1) The advisory committee appointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) shall have no more than 15, nor less than 9, members who may not be officers or employees of the United States. The Chair of the advisory committee shall be selected from among and by its members.

(2) The members of the advisory committee, while attending conferences, hearing, or meetings of the advisory committee or while otherwise serving at the request of the Chair shall each be entitled to receive compensation at a rate not in excess of the maximum rate of pay for grade GS-18, as provided in the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, including travel time, and while away from their homes or regular places of business shall each be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in Government service employed intermittently.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "GAO's Performance and Accountability Review: Is the SBA on PAR?" The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live over the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>.

For further information, please contact David Bohley at 224-5175.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a meeting to mark up S. 1594, Community Development and Venture Capital Act of 1999, and other pending matters. The markup will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2000, beginning at 9 a.m., in room 428A, Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., has been postponed until Friday, July 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by President Clinton to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2754, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Utah; S. 2757, a bill to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington; and S. 2691, a bill to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in Hart 216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, to conduct a hearing to examine the "Federal Transit Administration's approval of extension of the Amtrak Commuter Rail Contract."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 11 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 2195, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2350, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah; and S. 2672, a bill to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, July 11, 2000 from 9:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Sparrow, Jerry Pannullo, Lee Holtzman, and Matthew Vogele of the Finance Committee staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Erin Fullerton be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BIDEN, I ask unanimous consent the privilege of the floor be granted to a member of his staff, Ben