

Public Law 100-563
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An Act

Oct. 31, 1988
[H.R. 3408]

To authorize additional appropriations for the Central Utah Project, to implement a settlement with the Strawberry Water Users, to expand the John Muir Historic Site, to prohibit the expansion of any reservoir within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes.

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

43 USC 620k
note.

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR THE COLORADO RIVER STORAGE PROJECT.

In order to provide for the continued construction of the Colorado River Storage Project, and for the continued construction of the municipal and industrial water features of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project, the amount which section 12 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 110; 43 U.S.C. 620k), authorizes to be appropriated, which was increased by the Act of August 10, 1972 (86 Stat. 525; 43 U.S.C. 620k note), is hereby further increased by \$45,456,000 plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be required by reason of changes in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the type of construction involved. This additional sum shall be available solely for continuing construction of the previously authorized units and projects named in such Act of August 10, 1972.

SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Not later than December 31, 1989, the Secretary shall complete an environmental impact statement under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) for the Irrigation and Drainage System of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project and submit such statement to the Congress.

SEC. 3. FISH AND WILDLIFE MITIGATION AND RECREATION.

Of the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1990 for the construction of the Colorado River Storage Project, including funds previously authorized for fiscal year 1989, such funds in the manner previously scheduled by the Upper Colorado River Basin Office, Bureau of Reclamation, shall be available only for fish and wildlife mitigation and recreation in accordance with the schedule contained in the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs accompanying this Act (H. Rept. 100-915).

SEC. 4. STRAWBERRY VALLEY LAND COMPENSATION AND EXCHANGE.

(a) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to modify the boundary of the Uinta National Forest to include certain Strawberry Valley Project lands currently administered by the Bureau of Reclamation, in order to provide more efficient management for public benefit;

(2) to transfer certain lands, and to compensate the Association for the loss of certain contractual surface rights and interests; and

(3) to provide for rehabilitation of certain of those lands to be administered by the Forest Service for public benefit.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term “Association” means the Strawberry Water Users Association,

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, and

(3) the term “Project Lands” means approximately 56,870 acres of Strawberry Valley Project Lands and includes 95 acres to be transferred to the Association, 25,990 acres of recreation lands associated with the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project, and 30,785 acres of remaining Strawberry Valley Project Lands.

(c) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF UINTA NATIONAL FOREST.—

(1) The exterior boundary of the Uinta National Forest shall be modified to include 56,775 acres of the original 56,870 acres of Strawberry Valley Project lands as generally depicted on a map entitled “Boundary Modification, Uinta National Forest”, and dated May 1988. The effective date of such modification shall be the date upon which administrative jurisdiction is transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with subsection (e)(1)(B). Those lands encompassed by the modified boundary include 25,990 acres of recreation lands associated with the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project and 30,785 acres of remaining Project Lands. Such lands shall be administered by the Forest Service in accordance with applicable laws except that the 25,990 acres shall continue to be managed by the Forest Service as recreation lands in accordance with the purposes set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, and the United States Forest Service (Contract No. 2-07-40-L3016) dated February 2, 1982.

(2) A map depicting the modified boundary of the Uinta National Forest shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service and appropriate field offices and the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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information.

(d) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the administration by the Forest Service of the lands described in subsection (c) shall not—

(A) affect or interfere with the authority of the Bureau of Reclamation to construct, operate, maintain, replace, or improve, as necessary, project facilities and access thereto associated with the Strawberry Valley Reclamation Project and Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project; or

(B) diminish any other authorized uses of the lands for water resource and power development under Federal law.

(2) The association shall relinquish all of its contractual surface rights and interests, including sand and gravel, in the 56,775 acres of the Project Lands in accordance with subsection (e)(2). Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, all other contractual rights and interests of the Association in the

Strawberry Valley Reclamation Project shall remain unchanged. The Association shall be exempt from fees or charges for licenses or permits, other than grazing fees, for project related facilities on Project Lands.

(e) STRAWBERRY VALLEY LAND TRANSFERS, AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—

(1)(A) The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the Association 95 acres in fee title of Project Lands, together with all improvements, as shown on a plat appended to the map referred to in subsection (c)(1). This action is consistent with the intent of the Act of April 4, 1910 (chapter 140, 36 Stat. 269).

(B) Within 15 days of payment of compensation to the Association in accordance with subsection (e)(2), the Secretary shall transfer administrative jurisdiction to the Secretary of Agriculture over the 30,785 acres of remaining Project Lands and the 25,990 acres of recreation lands. Management of the surface shall be subject to applicable law.

Contracts.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the association shall retain its contractual rights to issue oil, gas, coal and mineral leases, excluding sand and gravel, on the Project Lands. The authority of the Association to issue such leases and to utilize revenues therefrom as set forth in Interior Solicitor's opinion M-36863 dated August 8, 1972 (79 I.D. 513) is hereby confirmed. All such revenues shall be used and applied to Strawberry Valley Reclamation Project purposes.

(2) COMPENSATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated under Section 8, of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 110; 43 U.S.C. 620g), \$15,000,000 as compensation to the Association which shall be available only for such compensation and must be used for Strawberry Valley Reclamation Project purposes. Of the amounts appropriated hereafter under section 8 of such Act, the first \$15,000,000 shall be paid to the Association. Upon receipt of such compensation, the Association shall relinquish all of its contractual surface rights and interests, including sand and gravel, in the 56,775 acres of Project Lands.

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(3) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—The Association shall be entitled to retain the first right of refusal to grazing privileges on the 30,785 acres of remaining Project Lands, and if permitted under the grazing rehabilitation plan pursuant to subsection (f), on the 25,990 acres of recreation lands.

(f) REHABILITATION OF LANDS.—The Forest Service shall, in coordination with the State of Utah and other appropriate agencies begin long-term rehabilitation of Project Lands. Such rehabilitation shall be five years in duration and shall permit continued grazing uses consistent with such rehabilitation. There is authorized to be appropriated under section 8 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 110; 43 U.S.C. 620g), \$3,000,000 which shall be available only for such rehabilitation. The Association shall be held harmless for any costs associated with rehabilitation.

(g) INTERIM RECREATION MANAGEMENT BY FOREST SERVICE.—

Until administrative jurisdiction of the 25,990 acres of recreation lands is transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with subsection (e)(1)(B), the Congress authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to expend National Forest System appropriated funds in lieu of Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation funds to manage the 25,990 acres of recreation lands for the

Strawberry Reservoir adjacent to the Uinta National Forest in Utah. Such expenditures shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement (Contract No. 2-07-40-L3016) dated February 2, 1982.

(h) LAND EXCHANGE.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture may exchange or sell the National Forest system lands, including any administrative sites and improvements thereon, described in subsection (h)(2). Disposal or exchange of these properties is intended to facilitate the acquisition of administrative sites and offices together with improvements thereon at either Provo, Utah County, Utah or near Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, as specified by the Secretary of Agriculture. If the sale option is exercised, moneys collected shall be held in a special account intended for this purpose and are hereby authorized for expenditure without further appropriation.

(2) LANDS.—The lands referred to in subsection (h)(1) are those lands which are depicted on a plat, entitled Heber City, Utah, dated April 17, 1978, and May 7, 1978. The plat shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service and appropriate field offices.

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(3) REQUIREMENT OF EQUAL VALUE.—If the lands are exchanged, the values, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, of the lands and building to be exchanged under this section shall be equal, or if not equal, shall be equalized by the payment of money to the grantor or the Secretary of Agriculture as the circumstances require so long as the payment does not exceed 25 percent of the total value of the land (including any improvements thereon) transferred out of Federal ownership. The Secretary of Agriculture shall make every reasonable effort to keep any such payment to the minimum amount necessary to equalize the values involved.

SEC. 5. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE CALIFORNIA.

16 USC 461 note.

(a) MAP; LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire (by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange) lands and interests in land within the area generally depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map, John Muir National Historic Site" numbered 426-80,015B and dated July 1988. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Lands and interests in lands, within the boundaries of such area which are owned by the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only by donation or exchange. The Secretary of the Interior shall acquire only such interests in the John Muir grave site (as depicted on the map referred to in this subsection) as may be necessary to preserve the site in its present undeveloped condition and to provide all maintenance of the site by the Secretary of the Interior.

Gifts and property.

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(b) INCLUSION WITHIN HISTORIC SITE.—The lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the area depicted on the map referred to in subsection (a) shall be administered as part of the John Muir National Historic Site established by the Act of August 31, 1964 (78 Stat. 753; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of acquiring the lands and interests in lands within the area depicted on the map

referred to in subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District of Oakland, California, for the operation and maintenance by such District of trails on lands within the John Muir National Historic Site.

16 USC 79-1.

SEC. 6. YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal lands may be used for the expansion of the capacity of any reservoir which is located within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park unless Congress enacts specific statutory authorization after the date of the enactment of this Act for such expansion.

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