

Public Law 103-450
103d Congress

An Act

Nov. 2, 1994
[H.R. 3050]

To expand the boundaries of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,***SECTION 1. BOUNDARY EXPANSION.**

Section 3(a)(2) of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-1(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) The conservation area shall consist of approximately 195,610 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled ‘Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area—Proposed Expansion’, numbered NV-RRCNCA-002, and dated July 1994.”

SEC. 2. OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 1990.

(a) **DEADLINE FOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—Section 5(a)(1) of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-3(a)(1)) is amended by striking “Within 3 full fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the date of enactment of this Act occurs,” and inserting in lieu thereof “No later than January 1, 1997.”

(b) **EXCHANGE AUTHORITY.**—Section 7 of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-5) is amended—

(1) by striking “Except as specifically authorized” and inserting in lieu thereof “(a) Except as specifically authorized”; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof a new subsection, as follows:

“(b) The Secretary may transfer to the owner of the Old Nevada recreation facility the approximately 20 acres of Federal lands within the conservation area which, on March 1, 1994, were used to provide parking for visitors to such facility, in exchange for lands of equal or greater value within the conservation area acceptable to the Secretary.”

(c) **PRIORITY DATES.**—Section 10(b) of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-8(b)) is amended by striking “Act.” and by inserting in lieu thereof “Act, except that as related to rights associated with lands added to the conservation area after such date, the priority date shall be the date of enactment of the Act adding such lands to the conservation area.”

SEC. 3. POTENTIAL CONSERVATION LANDS.16 USC 460ccc-1
note.

(a) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, the lands identified in subsection (b) are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and from operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws: *Provided*, That nothing in this subsection shall limit the issuance of any necessary licenses or public land rights-of-way for any hydroelectric project involving such lands.

(b) **LANDS.**—The lands referred to in subsection (a) are the approximately 1,280 acres of public lands as generally depicted on the map entitled “Potential Conservation Lands: Possible Hydroelectric Project” dated July, 1994.

(c) **FUTURE STATUS.**—(1) Effective on the date 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the lands described in subsection (b) shall be added to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area unless before such effective date all necessary licenses and public land rights-of-way have been issued for a hydroelectric project involving some or all of such lands.

(2) For purposes of section 10(b) of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990, as amended by this Act, the date on which the lands identified in subsection (b) of this section are added to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area shall be deemed to be the date of enactment of an Act adding such lands to the conservation area.

SEC. 4. AUSTIN, NEVADA MUSEUM.

(a) **LANDS.**—The Austin Historic Mining District Historical Society (hereafter referred to as “the Historical Society”) shall be permitted to use the lands located in Austin, Nevada, identified as township 19 North, range 44 East, section 19, block 38, lots 1 through 16, assessor’s parcel number 01-147-01, amounting to approximately 0.59 acres, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) **USES.**—The Historical Society’s use of the lands identified in subsection (a) shall be subject to the requirements of this section and shall be limited to use for a museum or other facility to illustrate the history of the Austin Historic Mining District.

(c) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—(1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall permit the Historical Society to use the lands identified in subsection (a) for a period of 20 years after the date of enactment of this Act. After such period, the Historical Society may continue to use such lands, at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

(2) During the period of 20 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Historical Society, if it elects to use the lands identified in subsection (a), shall pay to the Secretary of Agriculture, on behalf of the United States, an annual rental of \$100.

(3) If the Secretary of Agriculture permits continued use of the lands identified in subsection (a) after the end of the period of 20 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall require payment of such annual rental as the Secretary determines reasonable.

(4) At all times that the lands identified in subsection (a) are used by the Historical Society, the Historical Society shall be solely responsible for all necessary maintenance and repairs of all structures and improvements on such lands and for all necessary payments for utilities or other services.

(5) All rentals received by the Secretary of Agriculture under this section shall be deemed to have been deposited with such Secretary pursuant to the Act of December 4, 1967 (16 U.S.C. 484a).

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