

## **Appendix F Public Law 92-400 (SNRA Organic Act)**

### **SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ACT**

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#### **AN ACT**

To establish the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in the State of Idaho to temporarily withdraw certain national forest land in the State of Idaho from the operation of the United States mining laws, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to assure the preservation and protection of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and to provide for the enhancement of the recreation values associated therewith, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is hereby established.

[b) The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (hereafter referred to as the "recreation area"), including the Sawtooth Wilderness Area (thereafter referred to as the "wilderness area"), shall comprise the lands generally depicted on the map entitled "Sawtooth National Recreation Area" dated June, 1975, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, publish a detailed description and map showing the boundaries of the recreation area in the Federal Register.

SEC. 2 (a) The Secretary shall administer the recreation area in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to the national forests in such a manner as to best provide (1) the protection and conservation of the salmon and other fisheries; (2) the conservation and development of scenic, natural, historic, pastoral, wildlife, and other values, contributing to and available for public recreation and enjoyment, including the preservation of sites associated with and typifying the economic and social history of the American West; and (3) the management, utilization, and disposal of natural resources on federally owned lands such as timber, grazing and mineral resources insofar as their utilization will not substantially impair the purposes for which the recreation area is established.

(b) The lands designated as the Sawtooth Wilderness Area, which supersedes the Sawtooth Primitive Area, shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this pact and the provisions of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890), whichever is more restrictive, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 3 (a) Except as provided in section 4, the Secretary is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, exchange, bequest, or otherwise any lands, or lesser interest therein, including mineral interests and scenic easements which he determines are needed for the purposes of this Act: Provided, That acquisitions of lands or interests therein for access to and utilization of public property and for recreation and other facilities, shall not exceed five per centum of the total acreage of all private property within the recreation area as of the effective date of this Act.

As used in this Act the term "scenic easement" means the right to control the use of land in order to protect the esthetic values for the purposes of this Act, but shall not preclude the continuation of any use exercised by the owner as of the date of this Act.

(b) In exercising this authority to acquire lands, the Secretary shall give prompt and careful consideration to any offer made by an individual owning any land, or interest in land, within the boundaries described in subsection 1 (b) of this Act. In considering such offer, the Secretary shall take into consideration any hardship to the owner which might result from any undue delay in acquiring his property.

(c) The Secretary may utilize condemnation proceedings without the consent of the owner to acquire private lands or interests therein pursuant to this section only in cases where, in his Judgment, all reasonable efforts to acquire such lands or interests therein by negotiation have failed, and in such cases he shall acquire only such title as, in his judgment, is reasonably necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Act.

(d) In exercising his authority to acquire property by exchange, the Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal property, or interests therein, located within the recreation area and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, he may convey in exchange therefor any federally owned property within the State of Idaho which he classifies as suitable for exchange and which is under his administrative jurisdiction. The values of the properties so exchanged shall be approximately equal or, if they are not approximately equal, they shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require. In the exercise of his exchange authority, the Secretary may utilize authorities and procedures available to him in connection with exchanges of national forest lands.

(e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary to acquire mineral interests in lands within the recreation area, with or without the consent of the owner. Upon acquisition of any such interest the lands and/or minerals covered by such interest are by this Act withdrawn from entry or appropriation under the United States mining laws and from disposition under laws pertaining to mineral leasing and all amendments thereto.

(f) Any land or interest in land owned by the State of Idaho or any of its political subdivisions may be acquired only by donation or exchange.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Federal property located within the recreation area may with the concurrence of the agency having custody thereof, be transferred

without consideration to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for use by him in carrying out the purposes of this Act. Lands acquired by the Secretary or transferred to his administrative jurisdiction within the recreation area shall become part of the recreation area and of the national forest within or adjacent to which they are located.

(h) Except as otherwise provided the Secretary shall have the authority to use condemnation as a means of acquiring a clear and marketable title, free of any and all encumbrances.

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary shall make and publish regulations stating standards for the use, subdivision, and development of privately owned property within the boundaries of the recreation area. Such regulations shall be generally in furtherance of the purposes of this Act and shall have the object of assuring that the highest and best private use subdivision, and development of such privately owned property is consistent with the purposes of this Act and with the overall general plan of the recreation area. Such regulations shall be as detailed and specific as is reasonably required to accomplish such objective and purpose. Such regulations may differ amongst the several parcels of private land in the boundaries and may from time to time be amended by the Secretary. All regulations adopted under this section shall be promulgated in conformity with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. The United States District Court for the District of Idaho shall have jurisdiction to review any regulations established pursuant to the first sentence of this subsection, upon a complaint filed within six months after the effective date of such regulations, by any affected landowner in an action for a declaratory judgment.

(b) After publication of such regulations, no privately owned lands shall be acquired by the Secretary by condemnation unless he determines, in his judgment, that such lands are being used, or are in imminent danger of being used, in a manner incompatible with the regulations established pursuant to this section or unless such lands are determined to be necessary for access or development, in which case such acquisitions shall be subject to the 5 per centum limitation established in subsection 3 (a) of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the enactment of this Act, review the undeveloped and unimproved portion or portions of the recreation area as to suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. In conducting his review the Secretary shall comply with the provisions of subsection 3(d) of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 892), relating to public notice, public hearings, and review by State and other agencies, and shall advise the Senate and House of Representatives of his recommendations with respect to the designation as wilderness of the area or areas reviewed

SEC. 6. The Secretary may cooperate with other Federal agencies with State and local public agencies, and with private individuals and agencies in the development and operation of facilities and services in the area in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, including but not limited to, the restoration and maintenance of the historic setting and background of the frontier ranch-type town of Stanley

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall diminish, enlarge, or modify any right of the State of Idaho, or any political subdivision thereof, to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction within the recreation area or of rights to tax persons, corporations, franchises, or property including mineral or other interests, in or on lands or waters within the recreation area.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall permit hunting and fishing on lands and waters under his jurisdiction within the boundaries of the recreation area in accordance with applicable laws of the United States and the State of Idaho, except that the Secretary may designate zones where and establish periods when, no hunting or fishing shall be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment. Except in emergencies, any regulations of the Secretary pursuant to this section shall be put into effect only after consultation with the appropriate State fish and game department.

SEC. 9. The jurisdiction of the State and the United States over waters of any stream included in the recreation area shall be determined by established principles of law. Under the provisions of this Act, any taking by the United States of a water right which is vested under either State or Federal law at the time of enactment of this Act shall entitle the owner thereof to just compensation. Nothing in this Act shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from State water laws.

SEC. 10. Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal lands located in the recreation area are hereby withdrawn from all forms of location, entry, and patent under the mining laws of the United States.

SEC. 11. The Congress hereby recognizes and declares the need to take action to regulate the use of, and protect the surface values of, the Federal lands in the recreation area, and directs that rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section shall be promulgated and issued by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation the Secretary of the Interior. Such regulations shall include, when deemed necessary, provisions for control of the use of motorized and mechanical equipment for transportation over, or alteration of the surface of such Federal Land in connection with any authorized activities on such land, including but not limited to mineral prospecting, exploration, or development operations.

SEC. 12. Patents shall not hereafter be issued for locations and claims heretofore made in the recreation area under the mining laws of the United States.

SEC. 13. There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act not more than \$19,802,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and not more than \$26,241,000 for development. Money appropriated from the land and water conservation fund shall be available for the acquisition of lands, waters, and interests therein within the recreation area.

SEC. 14. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, shall make comprehensive analysis of the natural, economic, and cultural values of the recreation area and the adjacent Pioneer Mountains for the purpose of evaluating the potentiality of establishing therein a national park or other unit of the national park system. He

shall submit a report of the results of the analysis along with his recommendations to the Congress by December 31, 1974.

(b) His report shall show that in making the aforesaid recommendations he took into consideration, among other things--

(1) the feasible alternative uses of the land and the long and short-term effect of such alternative uses upon, but not limited to, the following--

(A) the State and local economy,

(B) the natural and cultural environment,

(C) the management and use of water resources.

(D) the management of grazing, timber, mineral, and other commercial activities,

(E) the management of fish and wildlife resources

(F) the continued occupancy of existing homesites, campsites, commercial and public recreation enterprises, and other privately owned properties and, the future development of the same,

(G) the interrelation between recreation areas, wilderness areas and park lands,  
and

(2) the establishment of a national park in the mountain peaks and upland areas together with such portions of the national recreation area as may be necessary and appropriate for the proper administration and public use of and access to such park lands, leaving the valleys and low-lying lands available for multiple-use purposes.

(c) Any recommendation for the establishment of a unit of the national park system shall be accompanied by (1) a master plan for the development and administration of such unit, indicating proposed boundaries, access or other roads, visitor facilities, and proposed management concepts applicable to such unit; (2) a statement of the estimated federal cost for acquisition, development, and operation of such unit; and (3) proposed legislation for establishment of such park administrative unit.

(d) There are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$50,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 15. If any provision of this Act is declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof.

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