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<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
100702	16 U.S.C. 5932.	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 202, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3499.

§ 100703. Cooperative study units

The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with colleges and universities, including land grant schools, in partnership with other Federal and State agencies, to establish cooperative study units to conduct multi-disciplinary research and develop integrated information products on the resources of the System, or the larger region of which System units are a part.

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100703	16 U.S.C. 5933(a).	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 203(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3500.

§ 100704. Inventory and monitoring program

The Secretary shall undertake a program of inventory and monitoring of System resources to establish baseline information and to provide information on the long-term trends in the condition of System resources. The monitoring program shall be developed in cooperation with other Federal monitoring and information collection efforts to ensure a cost-effective approach.

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100704	16 U.S.C. 5934.	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 204, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3500.

§ 100705. Availability of System units for scientific study

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may solicit, receive, and consider requests from Federal or non-Federal public or private agencies, organizations, individuals, or other entities for the use of any System unit for purposes of scientific study.

(b) CRITERIA.—A request for use of a System unit under subsection (a) may be approved only if the Secretary determines that the proposed study—

(1) is consistent with applicable laws and Service management policies; and

(2) will be conducted in a manner that poses no threat to the System unit resources or public enjoyment derived from System unit resources.

(c) FEE WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive any System unit admission or recreational use fee in order to facilitate the conduct of scientific study under this section.

(d) BENEFIT-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.—The Secretary may negotiate for and enter into equitable, efficient benefit-sharing arrangements with the research community and private industry.

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100705	16 U.S.C. 5935.	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 205, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3500.

§ 100706. Integration of study results into management decisions

The Secretary shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure the full and proper utilization of the results of scientific study for System unit management decisions. In each case in which an action undertaken by the Service may cause a significant adverse effect on a System unit resource, the administrative record shall reflect the manner in which System unit resource studies have been considered. The trend in the condition of resources of the System shall be a significant factor in the annual performance evaluation of each superintendent of a System unit.

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100706	16 U.S.C. 5936.	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 206, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3500.

§ 100707. Confidentiality of information

Information concerning the nature and specific location of a System resource that is endangered, threatened, rare, or commercially valuable, of mineral or paleontological objects within System units, or of objects of cultural patrimony within System units, may be withheld from the public in response to a request under section 552 of title 5 unless the Secretary determines that—

(1) disclosure of the information would further the purposes of the System unit in which the resource or object is located and would not create an unreasonable risk of harm, theft, or destruction of the resource or object, including individual organic or inorganic specimens; and

(2) disclosure is consistent with other laws protecting the resource or object.

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100707	16 U.S.C. 5937.	Pub. L. 105–391, title II, § 207, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3501.

SUBCHAPTER II—SYSTEM UNIT RESOURCE PROTECTION

§ 100721. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) DAMAGES.—The term “damages” includes—

(A) compensation for—

(i)(I) the cost of replacing, restoring, or acquiring the equivalent of a System unit resource; and

(II) the value of any significant loss of use of a System unit resource pending its restoration or replacement or the acquisition of an equivalent resource; or

(ii) the value of the System unit resource if the System unit resource cannot be replaced or restored; and

(B) the cost of a damage assessment under section 100723(b) of this title.

(2) RESPONSE COSTS.—The term “response costs” means the costs of actions taken by the Secretary to—

(A) prevent or minimize destruction or loss of or injury to a System unit resource;

(B) abate or minimize the imminent risk of the destruction, loss, or injury; or

(C) monitor ongoing effects of incidents causing the destruction, loss, or injury.

(3) SYSTEM UNIT RESOURCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “System unit resource” means any living or non-living resource that is located within the boundaries of a System unit.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “System unit resource” does not include a resource owned by a non-Federal entity.

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In this section, the text of 16 U.S.C. 19jj(a) is omitted as unnecessary. The text of 16 U.S.C. 19jj(e) is omitted because the term “regimen” is not used in the revised title. The text of 16 U.S.C. 19jj(g) is omitted because a marine or aquatic park system resource is a kind of park system resource.

§ 100722. Liability

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), any person that destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any System unit resource is liable to the United States for response costs and damages resulting from the destruction, loss, or injury.

(b) LIABILITY IN REM.—Any instrumentality, including a vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or other equipment, that destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any System unit resource shall be liable in rem to the United States for response costs and damages resulting from the destruction, loss, or injury to the same extent as a person is liable under subsection (a).

(c) DEFENSES.—A person is not liable under this section if the person establishes that—

(1) the destruction, loss of, or injury to the System unit resource was caused solely by an act of God or an act of war;

(2) the person acted with due care, and the destruction, loss of, or injury to the System unit resource was caused solely by an act or omission of a 3d party, other than an employee or agent of the person; or

(3) the destruction, loss, or injury to the System unit resource was caused by an activity authorized by Federal or State law.

(d) SCOPE.—Liability under this section is in addition to any other liability that may arise under Federal or State law.

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§ 100723. Actions

(a) CIVIL ACTION FOR RESPONSE COSTS AND DAMAGES.—The Attorney General, on request of the Secretary after a finding by the Secretary of destruction, loss, or injury to a System unit resource or a finding that absent the undertaking of a response action, destruction, loss, or injury to a System unit resource would have occurred, may bring a civil action in United States district court against any person or instrumentality that may be liable under section 100722 of this title for response costs and damages. The Secretary shall submit a request for the civil action to the Attorney General whenever a person may be liable or an instrumentality may be liable in rem for those costs and damages under section 100722 of this title.

(b) RESPONSE ACTIONS AND ASSESSMENT OF DESTRUCTION, LOSS, OR INJURY.—

(1) ACTIONS TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE DESTRUCTION, LOSS, OR INJURY.—The Secretary shall undertake all necessary actions to—

(A) prevent or minimize the destruction, loss of, or injury to System unit resources; or

(B) minimize the imminent risk of destruction, loss, or injury to System unit resources.

(2) ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING.—The Secretary shall assess and monitor destruction, loss, or injury to System unit resources.

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In this section, the words “destruction, loss, or injury” are substituted for “damage” in subsection (a) and for “damages” in subsection (b) for consistency in the new chapter and to distinguish destruction, loss, or injury from damages recovered in a civil action.