

(1) shall not permit the use of volunteers in hazardous duty or law enforcement work, or in policymaking processes or to displace any employee; and

(2) may provide for services or costs incidental to the utilization of volunteers, including transportation, supplies, lodging, subsistence, recruiting, training, and supervision.

**(f) Federal employment status of volunteers**

Volunteers shall not be deemed employees of the United States except for the purposes of—

(1) the tort claims provisions of title 28;

(2) subchapter 1<sup>1</sup> of chapter 81 of title 5; and

(3) claims relating to damage to, or loss of, personal property of a volunteer incident to volunteer service, in which case the provisions of section 3721 of title 31 shall apply.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

Effective with fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1984, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (d), but not more than \$250,000 may be appropriated for any one fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §307, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2766; Pub. L. 98-540, §2, Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2718; Pub. L. 101-286, title II, §204(c), May 9, 1990, 104 Stat. 175.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-286 amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows: “Volunteers shall not be deemed employees of the United States except for the purposes of the tort claims provisions of title 28 and subchapter 1 of chapter 81 of title 5, relating to compensation for work injuries.”

1984—Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 98-540 added subsecs. (d) to (g).

**§ 1738. Contracts for surveys and resource protection; renewals; funding requirements**

(a) The Secretary is authorized to enter into contracts for the use of aircraft, and for supplies and services, prior to the passage of an appropriation therefor, for airborne cadastral survey and resource protection operations of the Bureau. He may renew such contracts annually, not more than twice, without additional competition. Such contracts shall obligate funds for the fiscal years in which the costs are incurred.

(b) Each such contract shall provide that the obligation of the United States for the ensuing fiscal years is contingent upon the passage of an applicable appropriation, and that no payment shall be made under the contract for the ensuing fiscal years until such appropriation becomes available for expenditure.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §308, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2767.)

**§ 1739. Advisory councils**

**(a) Establishment; membership; operation**

The Secretary shall establish advisory councils of not less than ten and not more than fifteen members appointed by him from among

persons who are representative of the various major citizens' interests concerning the problems relating to land use planning or the management of the public lands located within the area for which an advisory council is established. At least one member of each council shall be an elected official of general purpose government serving the people of such area. To the extent practicable there shall be no overlap or duplication of such councils. Appointments shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the Secretary. The establishment and operation of an advisory council established under this section shall conform to the requirements of chapter 10 of title 5.

**(b) Meetings**

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, each advisory council established by the Secretary under this section shall meet at least once a year with such meetings being called by the Secretary.

**(c) Travel and per diem payments**

Members of advisory councils shall serve without pay, except travel and per diem will be paid each member for meetings called by the Secretary.

**(d) Functions**

An advisory council may furnish advice to the Secretary with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Secretary.

**(e) Public participation; procedures applicable**

In exercising his authorities under this Act, the Secretary, by regulation, shall establish procedures, including public hearings where appropriate, to give the Federal, State, and local governments and the public adequate notice and an opportunity to comment upon the formulation of standards and criteria for, and to participate in, the preparation and execution of plans and programs for, and the management of, the public lands.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §309, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2767; Pub. L. 95-514, §13, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1808; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(285), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4337.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, known as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5,” for “the Federal Advisory Committee Act (86 Stat. 770).”

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-514 substituted in first sentence “shall establish” for “is authorized to establish”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COUNCILS

Advisory councils established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be subchapter “I”.

period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a council established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such council is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a council established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 1001(2) and 1013 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 1740. Rules and regulations

The Secretary, with respect to the public lands, shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act and of other laws applicable to the public lands, and the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to lands within the National Forest System, shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act. The promulgation of such rules and regulations shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 5 of title 5, without regard to section 553(a)(2). Prior to the promulgation of such rules and regulations, such lands shall be administered under existing rules and regulations concerning such lands to the extent practical.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §310, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2767.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, known as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### § 1741. Annual reports

##### (a) Purpose; time for submission

For the purpose of providing information that will aid Congress in carrying out its oversight responsibilities for public lands programs and for other purposes, the Secretary shall prepare a report in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) and submit it to the Congress no later than one hundred and twenty days after the end of each fiscal year beginning with the report for fiscal year 1979.

##### (b) Format

A list of programs and specific information to be included in the report as well as the format of the report shall be developed by the Secretary after consulting with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and shall be provided to the committees prior to the end of the second quarter of each fiscal year.

##### (c) Contents

The report shall include, but not be limited to, program identification information, program evaluation information, and program budgetary information for the preceding current and succeeding fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §311, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2768; Pub. L. 103-437, §16(d)(3), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4595.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Represent-

atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate” for “Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House and Senate”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions of law requiring submittal to Congress of any annual, semiannual, or other regular periodic report listed in House Document No. 103-7 (in which the 9th item on page 112 identifies a reporting provision which, as subsequently amended, is contained in this section), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

#### § 1742. Search, rescue, and protection forces; emergency situations authorizing hiring

Where in his judgment sufficient search, rescue, and protection forces are not otherwise available, the Secretary is authorized in cases of emergency to incur such expenses as may be necessary (a) in searching for and rescuing, or in cooperating in the search for and rescue of, persons lost on the public lands, (b) in protecting or rescuing, or in cooperating in the protection and rescue of, persons or animals endangered by an act of God, and (c) in transporting deceased persons or persons seriously ill or injured to the nearest place where interested parties or local authorities are located.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §312, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2768.)

#### § 1742a. Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act

##### (a) Definitions

In this section:

##### (1) Eligible

The term “eligible”, with respect to an organization or individual, means that the organization or individual, respectively, is—

(A) acting in a not-for-profit capacity; and

(B) composed entirely of members who, at the time of the good Samaritan search-and-recovery mission, have attained the age of majority under the law of the State where the mission takes place.

##### (2) Good Samaritan search-and-recovery mission

The term “good Samaritan search-and-recovery mission” means a search conducted by an eligible organization or individual for 1 or more missing individuals believed to be deceased at the time that the search is initiated.

##### (3) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture, as applicable.

##### (b) Process

##### (1) In general

Each Secretary shall develop and implement a process to expedite access to Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for eligible organizations and individuals to request access to Federal land to conduct good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions.