

# Amendments to the Black Rock ... Wilderness Bill

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SEC. 135. BLACK ROCK DESERT-HIGH ROCK CANYON EMIGRANT 16 USC 1132 TRAILS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA. (a) AREAS INCLUDED.—The note.

Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 is amended in sections 4(b) (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-2(b)) and 8(a) (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-6(a)) by striking “July 19, 2000” each place it appears and inserting “October 3, 2001”.

(b) ROAD MAINTENANCE.—Section 5 of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) ROAD MAINTENANCE.—Within the conservation area the Secretary may permit the use of gravel pits for the maintenance of roads within the conservation area under the Materials Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to the extent consistent with this Act and subject to such regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers necessary.”.

(c) HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING.—Section 8 of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-6) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act diminishes the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada with respect to fish and wildlife management, including regulation of hunting and fishing on public land in the areas designated as wilderness under subsection (a).

“(2) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any action in the areas designated as wilderness under subsection (a) shall be consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)”.

(d) WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION.—Section 8 of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-6) (as amended by subsection (c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION.—Nothing in this Act or the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) precludes a Federal, State, or local agency from conducting wildland fire management operations (including prescribed burns) within the areas designated as wilderness under subsection (a), subject to any conditions that the Secretary considers appropriate.”.

(e) WILDERNESS STUDY RELEASE.—Section 8 of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460ppp-6) (as amended by subsection (d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) WILDERNESS STUDY RELEASE.—Congress—

“(1) finds that the parcels of land in the wilderness study areas referred to in subsection (a) that are not designated as wilderness by subsection (a) have been adequately studied for wilderness designation under section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782); and

“(2) declares that those parcels are no longer subject to the requirement of subsection (c) of that section pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness.”.