

The maintenance of a high-quality water yield in a scenic river area is affected by upstream developments. This section requires the appropriate Federal and State officials to take action to control upstream pollution under their existing authority.

Section 6(f) preserves the status quo with respect to the law of water rights, and makes clear that the designation of a stream or portion thereof as a national scenic river area is not to be considered a reservation of waters for purposes other than those specified in the bill, or in quantities greater than necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Section 6(g) preserves the jurisdiction which the States have over fish and wildlife.

Section 7 establishes the procedures for other areas to be designated as national scenic river areas by subsequent legislation. As a basis for subsequent legislation, this section provides for studies and the development of detailed information and for the submission of reports and recommendations to the Congress on potential national scenic river areas in three ways:

(1) It directs the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture where national forest lands are involved, to consult with other Federal agencies and with the States in which the 35 rivers named in the section are located for joint Federal-State plans to preserve them, and to submit recommendations to the President, who in turn will submit recommendations to the Congress with respect to their designation as national scenic river areas. The section requires that one-half of the 35 rivers be studied within five years after enactment of the bill, and the balance within ten years. The 35 rivers have been the subject of preliminary investigation and have been identified as prime candidates for national scenic river status.

(2) It requires all river basin and project planning reports submitted to the Congress to discuss the alternative use of a river or portion thereof as a national scenic river area, and to consider specifically for this purpose any river segment designated by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) It requires the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture where national forest lands are involved, to submit from time to time to the President, and for the President to submit to the Congress, recommendations for additional national scenic river areas.

Section 8 provides that a national scenic river area added to the System by subsequent legislation will be administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, depending on the location of the area and its relation to the other programs of the two departments.

Section 9 directs the Secretary of the Interior to encourage the States to consider needs and opportunities for establishing State and local scenic river areas in the comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plans and project proposals submitted to the Secretary under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897). Upon the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of scenic river area projects proposed by the States for financial assistance under the Fund Act, funds would be available for the acquisition and development of such scenic river areas from the monies allocated to the States out of the Fund. This section also directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture under the authorities vested in them, to assist, advise, and cooperate with States, local agencies, and private interests in the establishment of such scenic river areas. The Secretary of the Interior may designate a State or local scenic river area as part of the Nationwide System of Scenic Rivers if the State or local agency administering the area agrees to manage and protect it in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary.

Section 10 authorizes the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill.

Cost data for the nine areas designated as national scenic river areas in this bill are presently being developed. Precise cost estimates for land acquisition and development will not be available until surveys are made on the ground to establish the detailed boundaries of the proposed areas. At the present time we estimate that approximately \$3.5 million will be needed per year over a ten-year period for acquisition of property for the nine areas initially designated as national scenic river areas in this bill.