

BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

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107th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes. <<NOTE: Dec. 2, 2002 - [H.R. 4546]>>

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress <<NOTE: Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003.>> assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) Short Title.--This Act may be cited as the ``Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003''.

Subtitle C--Land Conveyances

PART I--ARMY CONVEYANCES

SEC. 2821. <<NOTE: 16 USC 668dd note.>> TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION, FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA, TO ESTABLISH MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) Transfer <<NOTE: Deadline.>> Required.--Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall transfer, without reimbursement, to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior a parcel of real property at Fort McClellan, Alabama, consisting of approximately 7,600 acres, which is described as the ``acquisition area'' in a memorandum of agreement between the Secretaries numbered 1448-40181-00-K-014.

(b) Establishment and Management of Refuge.--(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall establish on the real property transferred under subsection (a) the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife

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Refuge to enhance, manage, and protect the unique mountain longleaf pine ecosystem on the property.

(2) The Secretary of Interior shall manage the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge in a manner that--

(A) conserves and enhances populations of fish, wildlife, and plants in the Refuge, including migratory birds and species that are threatened or endangered, with particular emphasis on the protection of the mountain longleaf pine plant ecosystem;

- (B) protects and enhances the quality of aquatic habitat in the Refuge;
- (C) provides, in coordination with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the public with recreational opportunities, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and photography;
- (D) provides opportunities for scientific research and education on land use and environmental law; and
- (E) is consistent with environmental restoration efforts conducted by the Secretary of the Army on the Refuge or on lands adjacent to the Refuge.

(c) Environmental Restoration.--(1) The Secretary of the Army shall continue to be responsible for unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and munitions constituents on the real property transferred under subsection (a) and shall continue to follow a remediation process in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

(2) The Secretary of the Army shall appropriately factor the management directives for the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, as described in subsection (b), into the remedy selection process for the property transferred under subsection (a).

(d) Relation to Other Environmental Laws.--Nothing in this section shall relieve, and no action taken under this section may relieve, the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Interior, or any other person from any liability or other obligation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), or any other Federal or State law.

(e) Assistance.--The Secretary of the Army may provide up to \$500,000 from the funds in the Base Realignment and Closure Account 1990 to the Secretary of Interior to facilitate the establishment of the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge and to support environmental research at the Refuge during the first two years of the operation of the Refuge.