TITLE 10 - ARMED FORCES
Subtitle A - General Military Law
PART IV - SERVICE, SUPPLY, AND PROCUREMENT
CHAPTER 159 - REAL PROPERTY; RELATED PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND LEASE
OF NON-EXCESS PROPERTY

§ 2694. Conservation and cultural activities

(a) Establishment.— The Secretary of Defense may establish and carry out a program to conduct and
manage in a coordinated manner the conservation and cultural activities described in subsection (b).

(b) Activities.—

(1) A conservation or cultural activity eligible for the program that the Secretary establishes under
subsection (a) is any activity—

(A) that has regional or Department of Defense-wide significance and that involves more
than one military department;
(B) that is necessary to meet legal requirements or to support military operations;
(C) that can be more effectively managed at the Department of Defense level; and
(D) for which no executive agency has been designated responsible by the Secretary.

(2) Such activities include the following:

(A) The development of ecosystem-wide land management plans.
(B) The conduct of wildlife studies to ensure the safety and sustainability of military
operations.
(C) The identification and return of Native American human remains and cultural items
in the possession or control of the Department of Defense, or discovered on land under the
jurisdiction of the Department, to the appropriate Native American tribes.
(D) The control of invasive species that may hinder military activities or degrade military
training ranges.
(E) The establishment of a regional curation system for artifacts found on military
installations.
(F) The implementation of ecosystem-wide land management plans—

(i) for a single ecosystem that encompasses at least two non-contiguous military
installations, if those military installations are not all under the administrative jurisdiction
of the same Secretary of a military department; and

(ii) providing synergistic benefits unavailable if the installations acted separately.

(c) Cooperative Agreements.— The Secretary may negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements
with public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, individuals, or other entities to carry out
the program established under subsection (a).

(d) Effect on Other Laws.— Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted as preempting
any otherwise applicable Federal, State, or local law or regulation relating to the management of natural
and cultural resources on military installations.

XXVIII, § 2814, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1688.)

Amendments


**Effective Date**

Section 332(b) of Pub. L. 104–201 provided that: “Section 2694 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 1996.”