§ 1271. Congressional declaration of policy

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes.


Codification

Section consists of subsec. (b) of section 1 of Pub. L. 90–542. Subsecs. (a) and (c) of section 1 are classified to section 1272 of this title and as a note under this section, respectively.

Short Title of 2009 Amendment

Pub. L. 111–11, title V, § 5002(a), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1147, provided that: “This section [amending section 1274 of this title and enacting provisions classified as a note under section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Craig Thomas Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2008’.”

Short Title of 2006 Amendment


Pub. L. 109–370, § 1, Nov. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 2643, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1276 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2005’.”

Short Title of 2005 Amendment


Short Title of 2002 Amendment


Short Title of 2001 Amendment


Short Title of 2000 Amendments

Pub. L. 106–418, § 1, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1817, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1274 of this title and enacting provisions classified as a note under section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Rivers Act’.”

Pub. L. 106–357, § 1, Oct. 24, 2000, 114 Stat. 1393, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1274 of this title and enacting provisions classified as a note under section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act’.”


Pub. L. 106–192, § 1, May 2, 2000, 114 Stat. 233, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1274 of this title and provisions classified as a note under section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act’.”

**Short Title of 1999 Amendment**

Pub. L. 106–20, § 1, Apr. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 30, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1274 of this title and enacting provisions classified as a note under section 1274 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act’.”

**Short Title of 1994 Amendments**


**Short Title of 1993 Amendment**


**Short Title of 1992 Amendments**


**Short Title of 1991 Amendments**


**Short Title of 1990 Amendments**


**Short Title of 1988 Amendments**

Pub. L. 100-557, title I, § 101, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2782, provided that: “This title [amending sections 1274 and 1276 of this title and enacting provisions classified as notes under section 1274 of this title] may be referred to as the ‘Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988’.”


**Short Title of 1986 Amendment**


**Short Title of 1972 Amendment**


**Short Title**

Section 1(a) of Pub. L. 90–542 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Wild and Scenic Rivers Act’.”