Administration, etc.


Provisos.
Roads and trails.

Coordination of recreational development.

Issuance of revocable licenses for rights-of-way.

Acceptance by U. S. of lands, etc., for Blue Ridge or Natchez Trace Parkways.

through Government-owned lands (except that where small parcels of Government-owned lands would otherwise be isolated, or where topographic conditions or scenic requirements are such that bridges, ditches, cuts, fills, parking over looks, landscape development, recreational and other facilities requisite to public use of said parkway could not reasonably be confined to a width of two hundred feet, the said maximum may be increased to such width as may be necessary, with the written approval of the department or agency having jurisdiction over such lands) as designated on maps heretofore or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be known as the Blue Ridge Parkway and shall be administered and maintained by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled 'An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes', the provisions of which Act, as amended and supplemented, are hereby extended over and made applicable to said parkway: Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior, to connect with the parkway such roads and trails as may be necessary for the protection, administration, or utilization of adjacent and nearby national forests and the resources thereof: And Provided further, That the Forest Service and the National Park Service shall, insofar as practicable, coordinate and correlate such recreational development as each may plan, construct, or permit to be constructed, on lands within their respective jurisdictions which, by mutual agreement, should be given special treatment for recreational purposes.

"Sec. 2. In the administration of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Secretary of the Interior may issue revocable licenses or permits for rights-of-way over, across, and upon parkway lands, or for the use of parkway lands by the owners or lessees of adjacent lands, for such purposes and under such nondiscriminatory terms, regulations, and conditions as he may determine to be not inconsistent with the use of such lands for parkway purposes.

"Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to approve and accept, on behalf of the United States, title to any lands and interests in land heretofore or hereafter conveyed to the United States for the purposes of the Blue Ridge or the Natchez Trace Parkways, or for recreational areas in connection therewith."

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 278]

AN ACT
For the protection of the bald eagle.

Whereas the Continental Congress in 1782 adopted the bald eagle as the national symbol; and

Whereas the bald eagle thus became the symbolic representation of a new nation under a new government in a new world; and

Whereas by that Act of Congress and by tradition and custom during the life of this Nation, the bald eagle is no longer a mere bird of biological interest but a symbol of the American ideals of freedom; and

Whereas the bald eagle is now threatened with extinction: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever, within the United States or any place subject to the jurisdiction thereof, except the Territory of Alaska, without being permitted so to do as hereinafter provided, shall take, possess, sell, purchase,
barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or in any manner, any bald eagle, commonly known as the American eagle, alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit possession or transportation of any such eagle, alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, lawfully taken prior to the effective date of this Act, but the proof of such taking shall lie upon the accused in any prosecution under this Act.

Sec. 2. That whenever after investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall determine that it is compatible with the preservation of the bald eagle as a species to permit the taking, possession, and transportation of specimens thereof for the scientific or exhibition purposes of public museums, scientific societies, or zoological parks, or that it is necessary to permit the taking of such eagles for the protection of wildlife or of agricultural or other interests in any particular locality he may issue permits therefor under regulations which he is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe.

Sec. 3. That for the efficient execution of this Act section 5 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755), as amended by the Act of June 20, 1936 (49 Stat. 1555), shall be deemed to be incorporated herein in haec verba.

Sec. 4. That as used in this Act “whoever” includes also associations, partnerships, and corporations; “take” includes also pursue, shoot, shoot at, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, or otherwise willfully molest or disturb; “transport” includes also ship, convey, carry, or transport by any means whatever, and deliver or receive or cause to be delivered or received for such shipment, conveyance, carriage, or transportation.

Sec. 5. That moneys now or hereafter available to the Secretary of the Interior for the administration and enforcement of the aforesaid Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918, shall be equally available for the administration and enforcement of this Act.

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 279]

AN ACT

To extend the provisions of the Forest Exchange Act, as amended, to certain lands so that they may become part of the Ochoco National Forest, Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any lands in private, State, or county ownership within the following-described area, which are found by the Secretary of Agriculture to be chiefly valuable for national-forest purposes, may be offered in exchange under the provisions of the Act approved March 20, 1922, as amended (U. S. C., title 16, secs. 485, 486), and upon acceptance of title shall become part of the Ochoco National Forest, Oregon, and shall thereafter be subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to national forests:

Section 36, township 15 south, range 24 east; section 36, township 15 south, range 25 east; section 36, township 20 south, range 24 east; section 5, township 20 south, range 25 east; section 36, township 20 south, range 26 east; sections 9, and 13 to 16, inclusive, sections 21 to 27, inclusive, and sections 33 to 36, inclusive, township 21 south, range 26 east; sections 7, 18, and 19, township 21 south, range 26 east; sections 1, 3, 11, and 12, township 22 south, range 24 east; sections 3 to 7, inclusive, township 22 south, range 25 east; and section 16, township 22 south, range 27 east; all Willamette base and meridian.

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