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Abstracts: Public Laws Related to Area 51

Desert National Wildlife Refuge

Public Law 98-485: Approved October 17, 1984 (98 Stat. 2261), withdrew approximately 89,600 acres, known as the Groom Mountain area in Nevada, for the Nellis Air Force Range and use as a training and weapons area.

Public Law 99-606: Approved November 11, 1986 (100 Stat 3457), provided current authorization for withdrawals for several bases, included the portion of Nellis Air Force Range which overlaps part of the refuge. The Act provided that the withdrawal did not affect the status of the refuge, and required all military activities to be in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department and the military services. The Department of Defense was required to prepare new environmental impact statements on the military uses of the land. The portion of the refuge covered was also withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining, mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.

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