

FOREWORD

This is the fifth supplement to the publication, *Laws Relating to the National Park Service*, first printed in 1933 and supplemented in 1944, 1963, 1972, and 1978.

This volume contains laws relating to the National Park Service enacted by the 96th, 97th, and 98th Congresses between January 1979, and December 1984. Unlike the previous four supplements, a number of refinements have been made in this volume. First, the text used for each public law is the same version as is found in the *United States Statutes at Large (Statutes at Large)*. This version includes the public law number, date of signing, original bill number, *Statutes at Large* page citations, *United States Code* citations, explanatory notes, and the legislative history. This information is included to facilitate further legislative research on park laws. Second, this volume separately categorizes those national parks that include both park and preserve components. Third, new headings are included for appropriations, national trails, wild and scenic rivers, national heritage areas, and international historic sites. Fourth, authorizing language for individual parks is often included in appropriations acts. Since this language is permanent law, we have duplicated the authorizing language from the appropriations acts and placed it in the appropriate sections of this volume. On the other hand, an actual appropriation or a funding limitation affecting individual parks will be found only in the appropriations section of this volume.

Since, by tradition, many national park laws are enacted as components of larger pieces of legislation, we have included in the Appendix the complete text of most of these omnibus laws. For appropriations laws we have included only provisions relevant to the National Park Service. For these laws, and a few others that had only had a small park-related section, we refer you to the *Statutes at Large* for the complete text.

In compiling this volume, we scanned copies of the public laws into a computer and reformatted the text to fit the size requirements for the page and to exclude extraneous material. A line of stars in the text denotes omitted material. Using these processes, which are technologically imperfect, we have made every effort to have as complete and accurate text as possible. We encourage you to recheck the *Statutes at Large* if you have any doubt about the official text of any law.

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