

August 21, 1916.  
[S. 1351.]  
[Public, No. 215.]

**CHAP. 360.**—An Act Providing for the discovery, development, and protection of streams, springs, and water holes in the desert and arid public lands of the United States, for rendering the same more readily accessible, and for the establishment of and maintenance of signboards and monuments locating the same.

Public lands.  
Development of  
water holes, etc., on  
arid lands.

Erection of sign-  
boards, etc.

Means of utilizing.

Distribution of in-  
formation, etc.

Expenditure author-  
ized.

Punishment for ma-  
licious injuries, etc.

Regulations, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, in his discretion in so far as the authorization made herein will permit, to discover, develop, protect, and render more accessible for the benefit of the general public, springs, streams, and water holes on arid public lands of the United States; and in connection therewith to erect and maintain suitable and durable monuments and signboards at proper places and intervals along and near the accustomed lines of travel and over the general area of said desert lands, containing information and directions as to the location and nature of said springs, streams, and water holes, to the end that the same may be more readily traced and found by persons in search or need thereof; also to provide convenient and ready means, apparatus, and appliances by which water may be brought to the earth's surface at said water holes for the use of such persons; also to prepare and distribute suitable maps, reports, and general information relating to said springs, streams, and water holes, and their specific location with reference to lines of travel.

**SEC. 2.** That to carry out the purposes of this Act the expenditure of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized.

**SEC. 3.** That whoever shall willfully or maliciously injure, destroy, deface, or remove any of said monuments or signposts, or shall willfully or maliciously fill up, render foul, or in anywise destroy or impair the utility of said springs, streams, or water holes, or shall willfully or maliciously interfere with said monuments, signposts, streams, springs, or water holes, or the purposes for which they are maintained and used, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

**SEC. 4.** That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

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[S. 5466.]  
[Public, No. 216.]

**CHAP. 361.**—An Act To open abandoned military reservations in the State of Nevada to homestead entry and desert-land entry, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to open abandoned military reservations in the State of Nevada to homestead entry," approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Abandoned military  
reservations, Nevada.  
Agricultural lands  
in, opened to entry.

Proviso.  
Restricted to desert  
lands.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the agricultural lands embraced within the military reservations in the State of Nevada which have been placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior for disposition be disposed of under the homestead and desert-land laws, and not otherwise: *Provided,* That this Act is intended to make applicable to the desert-land laws only such lands as were included under the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, providing for the disposition of public lands under the desert-land laws.

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