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The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission was created by the Act of June 28, 1958 (Public Law 85-470, 72 Stat. 238). The task assigned to the Commission was to seek answers to the following basic questions:

What are the recreation wants and needs of the American people now and what will they be in the years 1976 and 2000?

What are the recreation resources of the Nation available to fill those needs?

What policies and programs should be recommended to insure that the needs of the present and future are adequately and efficiently met?

The Commission's report, *Outdoor Recreation for America*, which was presented to the President and to the Congress on January 31, 1962, contains the findings of the Commission and its recommendations for action required to meet the Nation's outdoor recreation needs in 1976 and 2000.

In the course of its work, the Commission obtained many special reports from its own staff, public agencies, universities, nonprofit research organizations, and individual authorities. It is publishing these reports because of their potential interest to officials at all levels of Government and to others who may wish to pursue the subject further. A descriptive list of the study reports appears at the end of this volume.

In the development of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations presented to the President and to the Congress in January 1962, the Commission considered this report and other study reports, but its conclusions were based on the entire study and on its own judgment. Publication of the study reports does not necessarily imply endorsement of them in whole or in part.

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