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**REPLY OF THE STATE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER XING'AN MOUNTAINS STATE HANMA NATURE
RESERVE AND OTHER STATE NATURE RESERVES**

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Full Text

The State Council hereby approves the establishment of seven State nature reserves, namely the Greater Xing'an Mountains Hanma Reserve in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Wudalianchi and Honghe Wetland Birds Reserves in Heilongjiang Provinc, Yubei Yellow River Old Course Wetland Birds Reserve in Henan Provinc, Zhangjiajie Giant Salamander Reserve in Hunan Provinc, Xiaojin Siguniang Mountain and Panzhihua Sago Cycas Reserves in Sichuan Provinc.

The Inner Mongolia Greater Xing'an Mountains Hanma Reserve and six other nature reserves are representative and typical in the protection of biodiversity in China. Establishment of the said State nature reserves and further strengthening of protection and administration are of great significance in the protection of the resources of the endangered species and geological remains of our country and the maintenance of ecological balance in those regions and improvement in local ecological environment. The people's governments of the localities wherein the nature reserves are located and the competent departments under the State Council shall, in strict accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Nature Reserves and those of relevant laws and regulations, strengthen leadership and coordination in the work of nature reserves, satisfactorily manage the relations between the nature reserves and local economic construction, production and life of local residents, seize the time in working out protection and construction plans for the nature reserves, gradually increase input, continuously improve the construction of matching facilities in the nature reserves, set up complete, small yet efficient institutions, formulate strict protective measures, intensify unified administration and try hard to improve administration to see to it that the said nature reserves are well-protected and well-managed.