



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

PRESS RELEASE

Summary:Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Summary *Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Resolution*

H.R. 1:	\$27.8 billion
FY 2011 President's Request:	\$32.4 billion
FY 2011 Continuing Resolution:	\$29.6 billion

For the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee the Continuing Resolution contains an overall amount of \$29.6 billion in non-emergency discretionary spending authority. These funds provide for a broad array of programs that help our communities, safeguard our public lands, protect our natural resources, strengthen Native American and Alaska Native programs, and support our most treasured cultural institutions, memorials and monuments. The recommended amount is \$2.6 billion below the fiscal year 2011 President's request, and \$1.8 billion above H.R. 1, the House CR.

What this bill does:

- Provides \$6.2 billion to support the ongoing operations of our national parks and forests, our national wildlife refuges and our federal rangelands;
- Provides over \$6.6 billion to help improve the quality and accessibility of education, health care and law enforcement programs for Native Americans and Alaska Natives;
- Provides \$8.8 billion to protect human health and the environment to fund pollution control programs that provide cleaner air and water, regulation and disposal of hazardous waste and toxic substances; state and local water infrastructure improvements; scientific research and long-term monitoring of our land and water resources; multidisciplinary research and training activities associated with the Nation's Hazardous Substance Superfund program; surveys and screening programs to determine relationships between exposure to toxic substances and illness; and activities that support National Environmental Policy Act implementation.

- Provides \$301 million for the purchase and protection of lands through the Land and Water Conservation Fund; this is 33% below FY10.
- Provides over \$3.4 billion for firefighting and hazardous fuels reduction activities on federal lands including \$1.7 billion for wildland fire suppression, of which \$352 million is designated for the FLAME wildfire suppression reserve funds.
- Reorganizes the former Minerals Management Service to create the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement. This new bureau will ensure better and safer management of our nation's energy and minerals resources, including offshore drilling permitting and leasing, worker safety issues, and protection from avoidable environmental disasters. The bill will enable the agency to double the outer continental shelf oil and gas inspection workforce.
- Provides \$1.4 billion to support the operations of our national museums, galleries, presidential memorials and centers.

A summary of the Interior division by title follows:

Title 1, Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management – The bill includes \$1.1 billion for the Bureau of Land Management, a 1.5% decrease from FY10. The amount of funding provided will allow the Bureau to fully meet its funding needs for the Wild Horse and Burro program.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – The bill includes \$1.506 billion for operations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a decrease of \$140.6 million below the FY 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$238.9 million above H.R. 1, the House CR. The total includes \$37.5 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund and \$62 million for state and tribal wildlife grants.

National Park Service – The bill includes \$2.6 billion for operations of the National Park Service, a decrease of \$127.2 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and \$112.7 million over H.R. 1, the House CR. Within this total, \$2.3 billion is provided for operations of the National Park System; and \$210 million is provided for construction activities that help address the maintenance backlog.

U.S. Geological Survey - The bill includes \$1.1 billion for operations of the U.S. Geological Survey, a decrease of \$25.9 million below the FY 2010 enacted level and \$0.3 million below H.R.1, the House CR.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement – The bill includes \$416 million for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, formerly the Minerals Management Service. This is a \$67.8 million increase over FY10 and is 68% of the administration's FY11 request for increased oil rig and safety inspections in the Gulf of Mexico. Funds are provided for the oversight, regulation, and royalty collection for Outer

Continental Shelf energy production. The bill also includes language to allow the Secretary to reorganize the agency.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement –The bill includes \$162.8 million for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the same amount as the FY 2010 enacted level and H.R.1, the House CR.

Bureau of Indian Affairs - The bill includes \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a decrease of \$20.4 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and \$11.5 million below H.R.1, the House CR. This amount includes \$2.3 billion for the operation of Indian programs; \$210 million is for construction of education, public safety and justice facilities; and \$46.5 million is provided for Indian land and water claim settlements and miscellaneous payments to Indians.

Insular Affairs. The bill provides \$89.6 million for assistance to territories and Compact of Free Association programs, which is a \$900,000 decrease below the FY 2010 level and an increase of \$7.8 million above H.R. 1, the House CR. In addition, the bill continues payments for the Republic of Palau at \$12 million, equal to the enacted level and an increase of \$10 million above H.R. 1, the House CR.

Department-wide Programs – The bill includes \$980.9 million for Wildland Fire Management programs at the Department of the Interior, the same amount as H.R. 1, the House CR. That amount includes \$383.7 million for fire suppression and \$61 million for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve

Title II, Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Protection Agency - The bill includes \$8.83 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, a decrease of \$1.49 billion below FY 2010 and an increase of \$1.58 billion above H.R. 1, the House CR. The distribution of funds among major programs of the agency follows:

- \$2.49 billion for water and sewer infrastructure and other infrastructure improvement activities. The bill will fund more than 860 water and sewer projects for communities nationwide and includes:
 - \$1.525 billion for sewer system improvements through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program; and
 - \$965 million for drinking water system improvements through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.
- \$1.11 billion in grants to States and tribes to fund environmental regulation and protection activities.
- \$2.76 billion for environmental programs and management activities, including \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- \$1.283 billion for Superfund programs and activities.
- \$815 million for science and technology programs.

Title III, Related Agencies

U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture – The bill includes \$4.695 billion for operations of the U.S. Forest Service, a decrease of \$602 million below FY10 (11.4% below). Key funding levels include:

- \$2.46 billion for wildland fire management programs, including \$997.5 million for fire suppression programs and \$291 million for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund
- \$1.545 billion for operations of national forests and grasslands, of which \$336 million is provided for forest products and \$15 million is provided for large-scale collaborative landscape restoration projects, as authorized by the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act of 2009.
- \$473.6 million for capital improvement and maintenance activities.
- \$307 million for forestry research activities.

Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services – The bill includes \$4.1 billion for Indian Health Service programs, an increase of \$25 million over the FY 2010 enacted level and a decrease of \$62 million from H.R. 1, the House CR. Within that overall amount, \$3.7 billion is recommended for the health services account and \$404.8 million is recommended for the health facilities account.

Smithsonian Institution - The bill includes \$761.2 million for the Smithsonian Institution, a decrease of \$0.2 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$2.9 million over H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Gallery of Art – The bill includes \$158 million for the National Gallery of Art, a decrease of \$8 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and the same amount as H.R. 1, the House CR.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – The bill includes \$36.4 million for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a decrease of \$4 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and the same amount as H.R. 1, the House CR.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars – The bill includes \$11.2 million for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a decrease of \$1 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$1.4 million above H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Endowment for the Arts – The bill includes \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, a decrease of \$12.5 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$30.6 million over H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Endowment for the Humanities – The bill includes \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, a decrease of \$12.5 million from the FY 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$10 million over H.R. 1, the House CR.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - The bill includes \$49.1 million for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the same amount as the FY 2010 enacted level and H.R.1, the House CR.