



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Summary of Year-Long CR Provisions

H.R. 1:	\$27.8 billion
2011 President's request:	\$32.4 billion
Senate Continuing Resolution:	\$31.1 billion

For the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee the Continuing Resolution contains an overall amount of \$31.1 billion in non-emergency discretionary spending authority. These funds provided 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 \$1.3 billion (-4%) below the fiscal year 2011 President's request, and \$3.3 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 \$407 million for the purchase and protection of lands through the Land and Water Conservation Fund;
- 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 \$9.9 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 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; and \$556 million is for hazardous fuels reduction on Federal lands that will allow the Forest Service and Interior Department to treat 3.5 million acres of fire-prone federal lands.
- 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, including \$20 million to begin construction of the Smithsonian African American Museum of History and Culture.

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, \$13 million below the President's FY 2011 request. The total amount includes \$895 million to manage recreation, resource protection, habitat conservation, and energy production on public lands and \$75.7 million to protect wild horses on the range.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – The bill includes \$1.6 billion for operations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an increase of \$329.6 million above H.R. 1, the House CR (+26%). The total includes \$501.6 million for operations of national wildlife refuges and continue conservation grant programs eliminated in H.R. 1, including \$47.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund and \$90 million for state and tribal wildlife grants.

National Park Service – The bill includes \$2.7 billion for operations of the National Park Service. Within this total, \$2.3 billion is provided for operations of the National Park System; and \$210 million is provided for construction activities which help address the maintenance backlog.

U.S. Geological Survey - The bill includes \$1.1 billion for operations of the U.S. Geological Survey, an increase of \$18.7 million (+1.7%) over H.R.1, the House CR.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement – The bill includes \$430 million for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, formerly the Minerals Management Service. 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 organization.

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 H.R.1, the House CR.

Bureau of Indian Affairs - The bill includes \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This amount includes \$2.4 billion for the operation of Indian programs (including \$752 million for K-12 school and community college operations); \$165 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.

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, \$61 million for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve and \$206 million for hazardous fuels reduction programs.

Title II, Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Protection Agency - The bill includes \$9.90 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, an increase of \$2.36 billion (+31%) above H.R. 1, the House CR. The distribution of funds among major programs of the agency follows:

- \$3.48 billion for water and sewer infrastructure and other infrastructure improvement activities. The bill will fund more than 1,200 water and sewer projects for communities nationwide and includes:
 - \$2.1 billion for sewer system improvements through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program; and
 - \$1.38 billion 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.
- \$2.78 billion for environmental programs and management activities, including \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- \$1.293 billion for Superfund programs and activities.
- \$826 million for science and technology programs.

Title III, Related Agencies

U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture – The bill includes \$5.19 billion for operations of the U.S. Forest Service, an increase of \$40.7 million above H.R. 1, the House CR (+1%). Key funding levels include:

- \$2.47 billion for wildland fire management programs, including \$997.5 million for fire suppression programs, \$291 million for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund and \$350 million for hazardous fuels reduction programs.
- \$1.56 billion for operations of national forests and grasslands, of which \$145 million is provided for law enforcement operations to combat drug cultivation on public lands; \$336 million is provided for forest products; \$285 million is provided for recreation programs; and \$25 million is provided for large-scale collaborative landscape restoration projects, as authorized by the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act of 2009.
- \$509.8 million for capital improvement and maintenance activities.
- \$312 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, a decrease of \$87 million (-2%) from H.R. 1, the House CR. Within that overall amount, \$3.7 billion is recommended for the health services account and \$394.8 million is recommended for the health facilities account.

Smithsonian Institution - The bill includes \$761.2 million for the Smithsonian Institution, an amount of \$2.9 million (+.4%) over H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Gallery of Art – The bill includes \$160 million for the National Gallery of Art, the same amount as H.R. 1, the House CR.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – The bill includes \$37 million for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, an increase of \$500,000 (+1.4%) over H.R. 1, the House CR.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars – The bill includes \$12 million for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, an increase of \$2 million (+24%) above H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Endowment for the Arts – The bill includes \$167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, an increase of \$43 million (+35%) over H.R. 1, the House CR.

National Endowment for the Humanities – The bill includes \$167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, an increase of \$22.5 million (+16%) over H.R. 1, the House CR.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - The bill includes \$49 million for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the same amount as H.R.1, the House CR.