

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 provides a base discretionary total of \$38.6 billion, all of which is categorized as nondefense spending. The bill provides support for tribal programs, National Parks, public lands, domestic energy programs, timber production, and federal efforts to suppress wildfires. The bill also includes nearly \$2.9 billion in additional funding for wildfire suppression funding, consistent with statute. In July 2025, the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced the bill by a vote of 26-2.

Key Takeaways

- **Cost Savings:** The bill recognizes current fiscal constraints and represents a nearly 5 percent reduction in funding from FY 2025 enacted. Savings include nearly \$400 million in reductions to operations and administration accounts to adjust funding for the Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Forest Service workforce changes.
- **Energy Dominance:** Provides an increased investment for offshore oil and gas development and includes a significant reduction to renewable energy programs, realigning that funding to conventional energy.
- **Reduces the Biden-Era Regulatory Burden:** Reduces EPA funding by 4 percent from FY 2025 enacted by prioritizing focus on its statutory requirements and continuing to ensure Americans have clean air, soil, and water.
- **Bolsters National Security:** Provides targeted increases in America's presence in the Pacific by directing resources to support deep-sea mapping and characterization of critical mineral resources. The bill also provides increases to support staffing in critical island locations.
- **Invests in American Timber:** Provides resources to the Forest Service to support the President's Executive Order on American Timber Production.
- **Wildfire Suppression:** Fully funds DOI and USFS's ability to prepare for and respond to wildland fires.
- **Upholds our Commitments to Tribal Communities:** Makes strategic investments in Tribal Public Safety and Justice Programs and fully funds the President's request for the Indian Health Service.

Bill Highlights

Department of the Interior: \$15 billion to support management of National Parks, Refuges, and Forests; conservation and energy development on public lands and waters; and tribal trust responsibilities.

- **National Park Service:** \$3.27 billion to support our nation's parks, preserve historic sites, and sustain staffing capacity to address visitor services and park management needs.
- **Indian Affairs:** \$4.0 billion, including support for important public safety and justice services, community and economic development, and probate programs. Contract support costs (CSC) and tribal lease payments are fully funded.
- **Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT):** PILT is fully funded to provide communities in 49 states and in the territories compensation for lost tax revenues resulting from federal land ownership within their jurisdiction.
- **Wildland Fire Management:** \$6.4 billion for wildland fire management activities. Nearly \$2.9 billion of this funding is made available through the wildfire suppression cap adjustment.

Environmental Protection Agency: \$8.8 billion in grants and program funding, including \$2.8 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds.

U.S. Forest Service: \$8.6 billion, which includes \$10 million to address Spruce Budworm mitigation activities; funding for Cooperative Fire Assistance; and \$6 million to support the Northeastern States Research Cooperative.

Indian Health Service: \$8.05 billion, which includes funding for staffing new facilities and health care delivery services. CSC and tribal lease payments are fully funded, and advanced appropriations are maintained.

Smithsonian Institution and the Holocaust Museum: \$1.1 billion for authorized expenses of the Smithsonian Institution and the Holocaust Museum.