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Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1645]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 1645) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Total obligational authority, fiscal year 2016

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| Total of bill as reported to the Senate | \$31,131,289,000 |
| Amount of 2015 appropriations | 30,105,720,000 |
| Amount of 2016 budget estimate | 33,324,129,000 |
| Bill as recommended to Senate compared to— | |
| 2015 appropriations | + 1,025,569,000 |
| 2016 budget estimate | – 2,192,840,000 |

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SUMMARY OF BILL

For this bill, estimates totaling \$31,131,289,000 in new obligational authority are provided for the programs and activities of the agencies and bureaus of the Department of the Interior, except the Bureau of Reclamation, and the following related agencies:

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Agriculture: Forest Service
- Department of Health and Human Services:
 - Indian Health Service
 - National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality
- Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation
- Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development
- Smithsonian Institution
- National Gallery of Art
- John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities:
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 - National Endowment for the Humanities
- Commission of Fine Arts
- National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- National Capital Planning Commission
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission

MAJOR CHANGES RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL

This bill includes revisions to the budget estimate for the 2016 fiscal year.

A comparative summary of funding in the bill is shown by agency or principal program in the following table:

[In thousands of dollars]

| | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with budget estimate |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|---|
| TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | | | |
| Bureau of Land Management | 1,230,896 | 1,187,801 | — 43,095 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 1,575,510 | 1,441,201 | — 134,309 |
| National Park Service | 3,047,707 | 2,729,027 | — 318,680 |
| United States Geological Survey | 1,194,782 | 1,058,503 | — 136,279 |
| Bureau of Ocean Energy Management | 74,235 | 74,235 | ..... |

[In thousands of dollars]

| | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with budget estimate |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement | 82,464 | 88,464 | + 6,000 |
| Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement | 160,462 | 150,135 | - 10,327 |
| Bureau of Indian Affairs | 2,924,968 | 2,693,026 | - 231,942 |
| Departmental Offices | 696,007 | 620,580 | - 75,427 |
| Department-wide Programs | 1,099,204 | 1,183,623 | + 84,419 |
| Total, Title I—Department of the Interior | 12,086,236 | 11,226,595 | - 859,640 |
| TITLE II—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY | | | |
| Science and Technology | 769,088 | 703,958 | - 65,130 |
| Environmental Programs and Management | 2,841,718 | 2,561,498 | - 280,220 |
| Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund | 7,368 | 3,786 | - 3,582 |
| Office of Inspector General | 50,999 | 41,489 | - 8,610 |
| Buildings and Facilities | 51,507 | 42,317 | - 9,190 |
| Hazardous Substance Superfund | 1,153,834 | 1,106,809 | - 47,025 |
| Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund | 95,326 | 91,485 | - 3,841 |
| Inland Oil Spill Program | 23,378 | 18,078 | - 5,300 |
| State and Tribal Assistance Grants | 3,599,400 | 3,027,937 | - 571,463 |
| Total, Title II—Environmental Protection Agency | 8,591,718 | 7,597,357 | - 994,361 |
| TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES | | | |
| Department of Agriculture: Forest Service | 5,780,410 | 5,977,877 | + 197,467 |
| Department of Health and Human Services: | | | |
| Indian Health Service | 5,102,985 | 4,779,311 | - 323,674 |
| National Institutes of Health: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences | 77,349 | 77,349 | ..... |
| Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry | 74,691 | 74,691 | ..... |
| Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality | 3,015 | 3,000 | - 15 |
| Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board | 12,271 | 10,700 | - 1,571 |
| Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation | 8,400 | 7,341 | - 1,059 |
| Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development | 11,619 | 11,619 | ..... |
| Smithsonian Institution | 935,825 | 819,541 | - 116,284 |
| National Gallery of Art | 152,660 | 138,500 | - 14,160 |
| John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts | 36,400 | 32,800 | - 3,600 |
| Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars | 10,420 | 10,500 | + 80 |
| National Endowment for the Arts | 147,949 | 146,021 | - 1,928 |
| National Endowment for the Humanities | 147,942 | 146,021 | - 1,921 |
| Commission of Fine Arts | 2,653 | 2,653 | ..... |
| National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs | 2,000 | 2,000 | ..... |
| Advisory Council on Historic Preservation | 6,080 | 6,080 | ..... |
| National Capital Planning Commission | 8,348 | 7,948 | - 400 |
| United States Holocaust Memorial Museum | 54,959 | 52,385 | - 2,574 |
| Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission | 70,200 | 1,000 | - 69,200 |
| Total, Title III—Related Agencies | 12,646,176 | 12,307,337 | - 338,839 |
| Grand Total | 33,324,129 | 31,131,289 | - 2,192,840 |

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The following table displays appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

[In thousands of dollars]

| Agency/program | Fiscal year | | Chairman's recommendation |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | 2015 enacted | 2016 estimate | |
| Federal Land Acquisition: | | | |
| Bureau of Land Management | 19,746 | 38,000 | 18,922 |
| Fish and Wildlife Service | 47,535 | 58,500 | 48,887 |
| National Park Service | 50,843 | 64,339 | 51,275 |
| Forest Service | 47,500 | 63,000 | 38,440 |
| Subtotal, Federal Land Acquisition | 165,624 | 223,839 | 157,524 |
| National Park Service, State Assistance | 48,117 | 53,161 | 55,000 |
| Forest Legacy Program | 53,000 | 61,000 | 59,800 |
| Cooperative Endangered Species Fund | 27,400 | 50,000 | 21,817 |
| Office of Valuation Services | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Total, Land and Water Conservation Fund | 306,141 | 400,000 | 306,141 |

WILDLAND FIRE BUDGETING REFORMS

This bill provides a total of \$4,664,664,000 for wildland fire programs for the Forest Service and Department of the Interior, including a total amount of \$2,564,251,000 for wildland fire suppression activities, of which \$1,054,578,000 is designated as emergency. The recommendation also includes an important reform proposal that amends the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–25) to allow certain wildland fire suppression activities to be funded through a disaster cap adjustment consistent with other natural disasters, as detailed below. This recommendation is a modification of the proposal included in the fiscal year 2016 budget request, and the subject of bipartisan legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate. Legislative language to enact this proposal is included in title V, but under congressional budgeting rules, this bill cannot both create a new cap adjustment to the statutory discretionary spending limits and appropriate funding under that cap. Therefore, the funds requested through the disaster cap adjustment have been designated as a one-time emergency spending requirement for the purposes of this bill. Historically, budgeting for wildland firefighting is determined by the 10-year average of suppression costs. The proposal continues this practice and only provides access to the cap adjustment when regular fire suppression amounts are exhausted.

The aim of this proposal is to finally put an end to the fire borrowing and repayment cycle. These changes are critically important because of the frequency with which the agencies exhaust firefighting funds and are required to transfer funds from other programs to continue their suppression operations. And since fiscal year 2002, the Forest Service and Department of the Interior collectively have “borrowed” more than \$3,200,000,000 from discretionary, mandatory, and permanent accounts to pay for fire suppression costs. These fire transfers have been highly disruptive to natural resource programs, and borrowed funds have not always been repaid by Congress. As importantly, the effects of fire borrowing are not only felt within the land management agencies. While the historical method for reimbursing transfers was through emergency supplementals, \$1,000,000,000 has been provided over

the last 3 years to repay firefighting transfers from within the subcommittee's regular discretionary allocation. The result has been that with the ever-increasing cost of fire being directly shouldered by this bill, the other agencies funded by the subcommittee are being asked to forego important priorities to make room for fire. This bill authorizes bold action that will put an end to this unpredictable mechanism to pay for fire suppression needs and will greatly enhance the efficiency of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, where managers in traditional non-fire programs must frequently curtail contracts early in the field season because of the likelihood of fire borrowing. The legislative text also includes auditing and reporting requirements to track expenditures of funds from the disaster cap.

This is not a "blank check" for additional spending. To complement the new structure proposed in title V for fire suppression, this bill invests in funding for prevention activities and post-fire rehabilitation, in order to tackle the fire problem from both ends, which can dramatically decrease the suppression costs when fires do occur. The Forest Service and Department of the Interior are provided with a 4-percent increase for hazardous fuels reduction activities, to protect communities by treating high-priority areas in the wildland-urban interface and the backcountry. By employing all of these tools, this bill provides a multifaceted approach to combat the increasing cost of fighting wildfire. Without the additional resources made available for Federal wildland fire management within this bill to attack the problem before, during, and after a wildfire event, it is evident that the Federal land management agencies will not get ahead of the disastrous curve on catastrophic fire, and suppression costs and the economic costs to communities nationwide will continue to rise.

MULTI-AGENCY DIRECTIVES

Wildlife Data Coordination.—The Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service are expected to prioritize continued coordination with other Federal agencies and State wildlife agencies to utilize State fish and wildlife data and analyses as an applicable source to inform land use, land planning, and related natural resource decisions. Federal agencies should not unnecessarily duplicate raw data, but when appropriate, evaluate existing analysis of data prepared by the States and reciprocally, share data with State wildlife managers, to ensure that the most complete data set is available for decision support systems.

Dead and Downed Trees.—The Committee is concerned by the substantial increase in the number of dead and downed trees as a result of drought and invasive pests on public lands in the West managed by the Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management. Given the increased potential for devastating wildfires, the Committee directs the Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management to work with State and local governments in drought-stricken regions to facilitate the prompt removal of these trees and to prioritize funding for projects that reduce fire threats to communities, drinking water supplies, utilities, and groves of ancient trees.

Land Grants, Acequias and Community Ditches.—The Committee urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize and respect the traditional use of State recognized land grants, acequias and community ditches in the American Southwest, during the land use planning process. Land grants, acequias and community ditches have a unique history in this region, in that they pre-date the Federal land management agencies and are central to the local communities' culture and heritage.

Multi-Agency Transparency.—The Committee expresses support for increasing transparency within all agencies of the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Forest Service and the Environmental Protection Agency. The agencies are encouraged to disclose costs associated with analyses required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Social Cost of Carbon.—The Administrator should not promulgate any regulations in fiscal year 2016 using the May 2013 estimates for the social cost of carbon until a new working group is convened. The working group should include the relevant agencies and affected stakeholders, re-examine the social cost of carbon using the best available science, and revise the estimate using an accurate discount rate and domestic estimate in accordance with Executive Order 12866 and OMB Circular A-4. To increase transparency, the working group should solicit public comments prior to finalizing any updates.

Sportsman/Recreational Access.—The Committee provides new funding to the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service for recreational access while maintaining funding to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for these purposes. The Committee believes increasing access to our public lands is important and it is expected the agencies will prioritize projects that significantly enhance access to existing public lands that have inadequate access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. The Committee expects the agencies to report within 30 days of enactment of this act on how this funding will be spent. Further, in future congressional budget justifications, the agencies will include a description and explanation on the use of funds for this purpose.

Land and Water Conservation Fund.—The Committee is concerned about the prioritization of projects. The Committee urges agencies to prioritize Federal land acquisition projects with available funding in fiscal year 2016 and in future budget requests where the acquisition of Federal land parcels create management efficiencies or are accompanied by related land and easement acquisitions made by State, local, or non-Federal entities. The Committee also encourages the agencies to consider geographic distribution, historic sites, wilderness inholdings, and the national trail system when prioritizing projects.

Paper Reduction Efforts.—The Committee is concerned about the millions of taxpayer dollars spent on wasteful printing practices each year and the lack of clear printing policies within each of the agencies. While progress has been made to better utilize the cloud and digitize records, little progress has been made to reform in-house printing practices. The Committee urges each agency funded by this bill to work with the Office of Management and Budget to

reduce printing and reproduction by 34 percent and directs each agency report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this act on what steps have been taken to reduce printing volume and costs. The report should specifically identify how much money each agency will be saving.

REPROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

The Chairman retains the reprogramming guidelines contained in the Statement of Managers accompanying the Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 2012 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-74).

TITLE I
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
LAND AND WATER RESOURCES
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management [Bureau] manages over 245 million acres of public lands, primarily in 11 Western States and Alaska. The Bureau also has responsibility for 700 million acres of federally owned sub-surface mineral estate. The Bureau is mandated to administer these lands for multiple uses, including recreation, wildlife habitat, mineral and energy production, timber harvesting, and rangeland grazing, while managing natural, cultural, and historical resources.

MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$970,016,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,067,466,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,045,562,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$1,045,562,000 for the Management of Lands and Resources account. This amount is \$75,546,000 above the enacted level. Program changes to the enacted level are detailed in the following budget activity narratives. Funding levels for each sub-activity can be found in the table that accompanies this statement. The request included transfer of funds from various budget line items into the National Landscape Conservation System, which the Committee rejects. The Committee encourages the Bureau to submit an accurate representation of funds required to support the National Landscape Conservation System in the fiscal year 2017 budget request.

The United States, as an Arctic Nation, has broad interest in the region that includes meeting security needs, protecting the environment, responsibly managing resources, supporting indigenous communities, promoting scientific research and strengthening international cooperation. In April, the United States assumed the chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which offers the Nation the opportunity to make significant progress on policy objectives in the President's 2009 National Security Directive and the 2013 National Strategy for the Arctic Region.

The Department of the Interior is the lead agency for five efforts under the 2013 National Strategy to: (1) ensure the safe and responsible development of non-renewable energy resources; (2) advance Integrated Arctic Management; (3) understand the effects of climate change on terrestrial ecosystems; (4) investigate the role of wildland fires in the Arctic; and (5) identify and assess invasive species impacts and risks. The Bureau, as the largest Federal land-

holder in the Arctic region of Alaska, is directed to work cooperatively with local stakeholders to enhance economic opportunities for the people who live and work in the region. The Committee understands the importance of the need for research conducted by the Department, but also believes that improving the lives of the local people through responsible resource management and other economic development is equally as important.

Land Resources.—The bill provides \$248,412,000 for land resources, an increase of \$2,638,000 above the enacted level. The Committee rejects the budget request proposal to implement a new grazing administration fee. Within the funds provided for Rangeland Management, the Committee directs the Bureau to prioritize activities related to Secretarial Order 3336 on Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management and Restoration and managing the spread of invasive plants. As the Bureau implements the order, it is encouraged to find ways to strategically incorporate public and private firefighting assets into fighting wildland fire.

Within the amount provided for wild horse and burro management, the Bureau should continue to implement reforms based on the findings and recommendations outlined in the National Academy of Sciences June 2013 report. The Committee remains concerned about the well-being of animals on the range due to drought conditions and population trends, as well as about the resulting impacts to rangeland and riparian areas. The Bureau is directed to achieve appropriate management levels in Herd Management Areas, with priority given to those areas that overlap priority sage-grouse habitat.

The Committee recognizes the need to combat invasive plant species through the protection, restoration and enhancement of native plants, including those that are endangered or threatened, and has identified the Native Plant Materials Development Program as one through which these efforts could be expanded. The Committee encourages the Secretary to continue support for native plant conservation efforts throughout the Department and urges the Secretary to actively integrate and coordinate the plant conservation effort across Offices, to develop a plan that is an integrated, comprehensive approach to native plant issues and restoration. The Bureau is urged to make available its yearly estimated seed needs by variety, to be more transparent with the science supporting its policy, and to insure there has been ample opportunity for public comment and collaboration regarding the National Seed Strategy, as well as coordination with related initiatives, including the President's Pollinator Strategy. Furthermore, the Department is encouraged to rely more heavily on existing research being conducted at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant Material Centers to avoid additional expense and duplication of effort.

The Committee directs the Bureau, to the greatest extent possible, to make vacant grazing allotments available to a holder of a grazing permit or lease when lands covered by the holder of the permit or lease are unusable because of drought or wildfire.

Wildlife and Fisheries.—The bill provides \$101,911,000 for wildlife and fisheries, which is \$37,043,000 above the enacted level. Of the funds provided, no less than \$37,043,000 is for on-the-ground activities to improve sage-grouse habitat, including removal of coni-

fers, creating fire breaks, seeding, reducing fuels, removing invasive species and post-fire restoration activities.

Threatened and Endangered Species.—The bill provides \$21,567,000 for threatened and endangered species conservation, an increase of \$109,000 above the enacted level.

Recreation Management.—The bill provides \$65,461,000 for recreation management, a decrease of \$1,500,000 below the enacted level. The Committee is concerned that despite the funding prohibition on Secretarial Order 3310, the Bureau has taken the recommendations of the order and implemented them in contravention to the intent of Congress. The Committee reminds the Bureau to be cognizant that well-managed and reclaimed lands may be rehabilitated to achieve wilderness characteristics and do not necessarily merit protection under the Wilderness Act. Of the funds provided, \$14,264,000 is for wilderness management and \$51,197,000 is for recreation management activities to reflect the direction of the Committee to prioritize recreation management over the creation of lands to be managed as wilderness.

Energy and Minerals Management.—The bill provides \$163,543,000 for oil, gas, coal, and other minerals management, an increase of \$19,992,000 above the enacted level. The detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this statement. The increased funding reflects changes made to the oil and gas program by the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291) and the need to increase program capacity. The Committee rejects the creation of a new inspection and enforcement fee, but provides the full \$48,000,000 the Bureau cited as necessary to address deficiencies identified in Government Accountability Office reports to improve production accountability to better ensure proper revenue collection.

The Committee is concerned about the current downward leasing trends on public lands as well as the cumulative impact of actions undertaken by the Bureau and the Department that could result in furthering the competitive disadvantage of conventional resource development on public lands when compared to non-Federal lands. The Committee directs the Bureau to refrain from taking regulatory actions, including raising royalty rates, likely to result in discouraging responsible development of resources on public lands. Additionally, the Bureau shall return to the practice of publishing oil and gas statistics quarterly.

In addition to the appropriation, the Bureau will receive \$40,375,000 in collections from fees for applications for permits [APD] to drill. The Committee is aware APD fee collections will transition from discretionary funding to mandatory funding. In prior years, APD fees were appropriated and available for expenditure in advance of collections; however, beginning in 2016, the Bureau can access the fees only as they are collected. The reliance on realized collections may result in a shortfall in funding early in the fiscal year, particularly in the first year of the transition. The Committee believes this transition can be appropriately accommodated given the flexibility to use base appropriated funding in the Oil and Gas Management program for APD permitting program operations. The Committee does not support the proposal to establish a new

budget line for these activities and instead provides sufficient funding within Oil and Gas Management to maintain the current level of APD program support. The Committee believes continuation of the current budget structure, sufficient appropriated funding for processing activities, and the ability to reprogram funds as needed, will enable the Bureau to cover operating costs in early fiscal year 2016.

When the Bureau chooses to defer leasing on lands that have been nominated and are otherwise available for oil and gas activity under resource management plans, the Bureau shall submit, within 60 days of said deferral, a report to the Committee containing an explanation for the deferral.

The Committee directs the Bureau of Land Management to work cooperatively with the Alaska State Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and the royalty owners to resolve the outstanding issue of measurement of production in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska in a manner that provides a fair return for taxpayers and does not discourage the commencement of production.

The Committee finds that the Bureau continues to be significantly behind on processing APDs, particularly on Indian Reservation lands. Any coordinating office created by the Bureau in partnership with other oil and gas related permitting agencies shall closely coordinate with the Fort Berthold tribal authorities.

The Committee rejects the proposal to repeal Section 224(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Committee recognizes the Federal Government has an ongoing interest in collecting royalties from production of Federal oil and gas resources. The Committee directs the Bureau to work with States to explore options to streamline the permitting process in instances where Federal subsurface minerals account for less than half of the spacing unit or in instances when the Federal Government does not own or lease the surface rights within the drilling spacing unit in a manner that ensures the Federal Government receives all relevant royalties from its mineral interests.

Placer Mining Reclamation Activities.—The Bureau is instructed to develop a definition of “re-vegetation” that fully accounts for the various ecological constraints on re-vegetation regionally within Alaska and results in economically viable requirements for the purposes of evaluating reclamation plans for placer mining activities. In the interim, the Bureau is instructed to assign required personnel to swiftly review and make reclamation plan determinations, with priority given to those areas where evidence of re-growth exists.

Realty and Ownership Management.—The bill provides \$67,658,000 for public land realty and ownership management activities, equal to the enacted level. Upon completion of the inventory of contaminated Alaska Native lands in need of remediation, the Committee directs the Bureau to coordinate with all responsible Federal agencies to expedite the cleanup process, including the Department of Defense and the Forest Service, so that the lands meet appropriate environmental standards at the earliest possible date.

The Bureau is encouraged to make funds available to offset State expenses in situations where a conveyance error by the Bureau ne-

cessitates re-conveyance to settle conveyances under the Alaska Native Allotment Act of 1906, the Alaska Statehood Act of 1958, and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Resource Protection and Maintenance.—The bill provides \$108,008,000 for resource protection and maintenance, an increase of \$11,959,000 above the enacted level. Of the funds provided for Law Enforcement activities, \$6,000,000 is for marijuana eradication programs.

Of the funds provided for Resource Management Planning, no less than \$8,000,000 is to complete planning and evaluation activities required to implement on-the-ground projects funded through increases to the wildlife management program.

The Bureau is expected to defer any final decision-making regarding land use plans as part of the Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas Resource Management Plan Revision until appropriate surveys have been conducted to determine ownership along the Red River or a legislative solution is enacted. The Bureau is encouraged to consider recurring recreational events carefully as land use plans are revised or updated.

Transportation and Facilities Maintenance.—The bill provides \$65,937,000 for transportation and facilities maintenance, an increase of \$305,000 above the enacted level.

Workforce and Organizational Support.—The bill provides \$163,833,000 for workforce organization and support, equal to the enacted level.

Challenge Cost Share.—The bill provides \$2,413,000 for challenge cost share partnership projects, equal to the enacted level.

National Landscape Conservation System.—The bill provides \$36,819,000 for major units of the National Landscape Conservation System, an increase of \$5,000,000 above the enacted level. Within the funds provided, \$5,000,000 is provided to initiate foundational efforts at newly designated national monuments. While monument designations are made at the Presidential level, the Committee reminds the Bureau and the Department of its belief that monument designations should only be made in circumstances where there is robust support on the local, State and Federal level.

Mining Law Administration.—The bill provides \$39,696,000 for mining law administration. This amount is equal to the budget request and the enacted level and is fully offset by collections from mining claims fees.

Greater Sage-Grouse.—The Committee acknowledges that the Department has directed the Fish and Wildlife Service to announce whether the greater sage-grouse should be listed under the Endangered Species Act during fiscal year 2015. The Committee notes that the Department takes this action in direct contravention of the intent of Congress. Language included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 was designed to prevent such an announcement from being made in fiscal year 2015. The delay in decision-making was intended to give the 11 States with greater sage-grouse populations adequate time to demonstrate that State-developed sage-grouse management plans can provide adequate sage-grouse conservation when coupled with the improved management of public lands. This model has been proven

effective by the manner in which the Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan is incorporated in the recently released land use plan amendments for the conservation of greater sage-grouse proposed by the Bureau and the Forest Service. However, Wyoming is the only State that has been completely afforded this opportunity. States have invested an unprecedented level of time and taxpayer resources to prepare conservation and management plans for the conservation of the greater sage-grouse and its habitat. These investments, made at the invitation of the Department, should be given time to work. The Bureau should dedicate funding for collaboration with States on the implementation of State plans designed to promote sustainable sage-grouse populations.

The Committee is also concerned about the yet unknown consequences of the above-mentioned plan amendments on recreation, renewable and conventional energy development, transmission, grazing and a variety of other multiple-use activities on public lands. For example, plan amendments recommend mineral withdrawals totaling approximately 11 million acres. The level of acreage proposed for withdrawal is far greater than the acres of potentially impacted essential sage-grouse habitat. This calls into question the necessity of the withdrawals because most development would be required to include mitigation activities.

Sage-grouse conservation activities should be driven by the quality of outcomes and the default should not always be restricting land use. The Committee appreciates the desire of the Bureau and Forest Service to preserve the ability to modify allowable uses on federally managed lands, but is concerned that the plan amendments only allow modification toward more restrictive uses, regardless of whether the bird is listed. If the expectation is that agency actions will provide for species recovery, the Committee rejects the notion that flexibility in allowable changes to land status should only be granted in cases of more restrictions on land uses. If species conservation and recovery were determined by degree of regulation, the Endangered Species Act recovery rate would be higher. The Committee believes State plans and on-the-ground sagebrush steppe habitat management investments made by this bill should be given an opportunity to work outside both the Endangered Species Act and overly restrictive actions taken by the Bureau and the Forest Service.

LAND ACQUISITION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$19,746,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 38,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 18,922,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$18,922,000 for land acquisition, a decrease of \$824,000 below the enacted level, and the Committee provides \$3,000,000 for recreational access. The amount provided within this bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| CO | Upper Rio Grande: Blanca Wetlands ACEC/SRMA | \$6,346,000 | \$6,346,000 |
| NM | Upper Rio Grande: Rio Grande del Norte NM | 2,900,000 | 2,900,000 |
| WY | North Platte River SRMA | 1,310,000 | 1,310,000 |

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| OR | Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| AZ | Ironwood Forest | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | Other Projects | 18,078,000 | ..... |
| | Sportsman/Recreational Access | 4,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| | Acquisition Management | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| | Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships | 1,616,000 | 1,616,000 |
| | Total, Land Acquisition | 38,000,000 | 18,922,000 |

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA GRANT LANDS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$113,777,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 107,734,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 105,621,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$105,621,000 for Oregon and California Grant Lands, a decrease of \$8,156,000 below the enacted level.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$10,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 10,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 10,000,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for range improvements, an amount equal to the enacted level.

SERVICE CHARGES, DEPOSITS, AND FORFEITURES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$32,465,000 |
| Offsetting collections | - 32,465,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 31,050,000 |
| Offsetting collections | - 31,050,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 31,050,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$31,050,000 for service charges, deposits, and forfeitures. The appropriation is fully offset by the collection of fees to pay for reasonable administrative and other costs.

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$24,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 24,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 24,000,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$24,000,000 for miscellaneous trust funds, equal to the enacted level.

FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats. The Service manages more than 150 million acres in the National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 563 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas and Marine National Monuments. It also operates 72 national fish hatcheries, 65 fish

and wildlife management offices, and 80 ecological services field stations. The Agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to State fish and wildlife agencies.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$1,207,658,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,326,832,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,203,545,000 |

The bill provides \$1,203,545,000 for resource management. This amount is a decrease of \$4,113,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Ecological Services.—\$284,712,000 is provided for Ecological Services activities. The Service's proposal to consolidate the budget structure for Ecological Services into three subactivities: Listing; Planning and Consultation; and Conservation and Restoration, is not accepted. Within the ecological services program, funding is provided as follows:

Endangered Species.—\$172,131,000 is provided for endangered species, \$880,000 below the fiscal year 2015 level. Within the Endangered Species budget, the Committee encourages the Service to allocate equal resources to listing and delisting efforts. In next year's budget request, the Service is directed to include detailed information about the amount of resources dedicated to (1) listing and (2) delisting efforts so the Committee can understand how the Service is allocating its resources internally.

Candidate Conservation.—\$14,150,000 is provided for candidate conservation, \$2,120,000 above the fiscal year 2015 level. Within candidate conservation, an additional \$2,000,000 is provided for conservation of the sagebrush steppe ecosystem. The Service is directed to use those funds to work with States and private landowners to implement science-based, flexible conservation efforts for to protect the sage-grouse.

Listing and Critical Habitat.—\$17,515,000 is provided for ESA listings and critical habitat activities, \$3,000,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Consistent with the request, legislative caps for petition processing, for listing activities related to foreign species, and for critical habitat designations have been maintained in an effort to limit the impact of petitions and lawsuits on the remainder of the Service's budget. The Committee has provided \$1,501,000 for petition activities, \$1,504,000 for listing of foreign species, and \$1,605,000 for critical habitat designations.

The Committee remains concerned that the deadlines imposed by the Service's 2011 multispecies litigation settlements and other settlement agreements on specific species limit the Service's ability to allow impacted State and local governments to work on conservation efforts to protect species. Given the limited budget resources and the importance of allowing on-the-ground conservation efforts to succeed, in instances where impacted State and local govern-

ments are working on conservation measures to protect species, the Service is directed to seek deadline extensions as necessary.

The Committee is concerned that there is not adequate transparency for impacted stakeholders when the Service chooses to enter into a settlement agreement on an endangered species listing petition. This is particularly troubling in the context of multiple species—as happened in the 2011 multispecies litigation settlement agreements. Before entering into any settlement agreement involving more than one species, the Service is directed to provide notice to the Governor of each State where the species are located at least 30 days prior to finalizing the settlement agreement.

The Committee is also concerned about the extent to which data that is used in listing determinations and critical habitat designations is made available to the public. Specifically, the Committee is concerned that there are instances where that data is not made available to the public, including to State and local governments who are directly impacted by these listing decisions. As such, the Committee directs the Service to provide plans to improve transparency of the data for all species determinations. This includes making a determination about the feasibility of publishing data for all species on the Internet.

Consultation and HCPs.—The bill provides \$62,550,000 for consultation and HCPs. This is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Recovery.—\$77,916,000 is provided for planning and consultation activities. This is equal to the fiscal year 2015 level. Within the funds provided, \$2,500,000 is for the State of the Birds program. The Service is directed to use \$1,000,000 of the amount provided to reinstate the wolf-livestock loss demonstration program as authorized by Public Law 111–11. States with de-listed wolf populations shall continue to be eligible for funding, provided that those States continue to meet the eligibility criteria contained in Public Law 111–11.

Additionally, the Service is directed to prioritize the recovery of the California condor and provide the necessary funding to enable the longstanding public-private partnership to continue to support the wild population through captive propagation, releases, and management, as the Service and the States work to address the continued environmental threats to the species, including lead.

Habitat Conservation.—As described above, the Committee rejects the proposal to move Habitat Conservation in the budget, and \$103,024,000 is provided for habitat conservation activities. This is \$189,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within this amount, \$52,103,000 is provided for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife and \$13,293,000 is provided for coastal programs. Within Conservation Planning and Assistance, the Committee has provided \$4,860,000 is provided for renewable energy activities.

Environmental Contaminants.—\$9,557,000 is provided for Environmental Contaminants. This is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

National Wildlife Refuge System.—\$475,218,000 is provided for the National Wildlife Refuge System, an increase of \$1,016,000 over the fiscal year 2015 level. Within this amount, \$1,000,000 is provided for inventory and monitoring of sage-grouse habitat. Addi-

tionally, \$2,500,000 is provided for the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program. Funding for the subsistence program has been provided at the request level, and \$9,726,000 has been provided for invasive species.

The Committee directs that no funds are provided for the Service to conduct a caribou hunt on Kagalaska island in the State of Alaska. Additionally, the Committee directs that no funds are provided to the Service for efforts to remove cattle on Chirikof and Wosnesenski Islands in the State of Alaska.

The Committee recognizes the importance of the bottomland hardwood research conducted by the U.S. Forest Service on the Sharkey Restoration Research and Demonstration Site (commonly referred to as the Brown Tract), which is under ownership of the Service. In order to preserve the research activities on the Brown Tract, which have been conducted by the U.S. Forest Service through the Southern Research Station, Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research, since 1994, the Committee encourages the Service and U.S. Forest Service to enter into a memorandum of understanding to continue this research and to ensure the Brown Tract is not considered an appropriate area for future land swaps or exchanges carried out by Service.

Conservation and Enforcement.—\$129,648,000 has been provided for Conservation and Enforcement, which is \$1,937,000 above the enacted level in fiscal year 2015. Consistent with the Administration's request, Science Support has been shifted out of Conservation and Enforcement into its own activity.

Within Conservation and Enforcement, the Committee recommends \$46,355,000 for the migratory bird management program, \$68,690,000 for law enforcement, and \$14,603,000 for international affairs.

The illegal trade in rhinoceros horns and elephant ivory from Africa is of concern. To help address this concern, the Committee has provided \$5,500,000 for efforts to combat wildlife trafficking, a \$2,000,000 increase above the amount provided in fiscal year 2015. The Committee directs the Service to use this funding for the highest priority work related to intentional, illegal trafficking. These activities include increasing the Service's information analysis capability, better collaborating with other Federal, local, State, and foreign governments, and improving forensic processes.

Further, the Committee is concerned that there remains considerable uncertainty for individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that are in possession of products containing a small amount of ivory because the Service is still operating under Director's Order 210 as opposed to a rulemaking that gives stakeholders notice and the opportunity to comment. The Committee understands the Service has been working on such a rulemaking since the release of Director's Order 210 on February 25, 2014, and urges the Service to complete this rulemaking in an expeditious manner. Further, within that rulemaking, the Committee urges the Service to consider providing de minimis exemptions for trade and transport of some items, as well as potential exceptions for antiques and allowances for U.S. by sports hunters.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation.—\$156,071,000 is provided for Fish and Aquatic Conservation, an increase of \$8,623,000 above the

fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Adequate funding is provided to ensure that no fish hatcheries will close in fiscal year 2016.

Within the Fish and Aquatic Conservation program, funding is provided for national fish hatchery system operations, maintenance and equipment, and aquatic habitat and species conservation as follows:

National Fish Hatchery System Operations.—\$53,418,000 is provided for National Fish Hatchery System Operations, an increase of \$558,000 above the fiscal year 2015 level.

It is recognized that the Service has entered into reimbursable agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of Interior's Central Utah Project, and the Bonneville Power Administration in order to ensure the continued operation of mitigation hatcheries. So that operations at these hatcheries are not disrupted, future budget requests must ensure that Federal partners have committed to making sufficient funding available to reimburse the Service before the Service proposes to eliminate funding for mitigation hatcheries.

Maintenance and Equipment.—\$19,402,000 is provided for maintenance and equipment expenses related to the National Fish Hatchery System, an increase of \$2,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A portion of the funding provided for National Fish Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment should be allocated to hatcheries where partner agencies fund mitigation work.

Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation.—\$80,733,000 is provided for aquatic habitat and species conservation, an increase of \$4,065,000 over the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within aquatic habitat and species conservation, funding is provided as follows:

Habitat Assessment and Restoration.—\$29,141,000 is provided for habitat assessment and restoration activities, an increase of \$820,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within this amount, \$3,000,000 has been provided for work related to implementation of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and related settlement agreements. Recognizing the critical role that tribes can play in cooperative resource management and ecosystem restoration efforts, the Service is encouraged to seek opportunities to partner and collaborate with the tribes on habitat restoration work, including opportunities to partner in ways that create jobs and economic activity for tribal members. The Committee also provides \$13,748,000 for the National Fish Passage Program, \$1,000,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2015.

Population Assessment and Cooperative Management.—\$30,828,000 is provided for population assessment and cooperative management activities, an increase of \$7,000 over the fiscal year 2015 enacted level and equal to the President's request. Funding is provided for fisheries subsistence.

Aquatic Invasive Species.—\$15,249,000 is provided for aquatic invasive species activities, an increase of \$3,193,000 above the fiscal year 2015 level. Within this amount, \$7,900,000 is provided for Asian Carp activities and \$2,045,000 is provided for invasive species prevention.

The Committee is aware that work is ongoing in several regions to address the threats posed by aquatic invasive species and directs the agency to continue to make available competitive grant funding

for projects to eliminate these destructive, non-native species, which include Asian carp, quagga-zebra mussels, and variable-leaf watermilfoil. The Committee encourages the Service to support research, monitoring, and mitigation efforts, as well as efforts to disseminate such work, in all regions.

The Committee appreciates the Service’s work to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. However, the Committee is concerned with the Service’s proposed Categorical Exclusion Rule and its potential to interrupt the transfer of water supply across State borders. Fast-track listing of invasive species under the Lacey Act, with regard to quagga mussels, or any other species potentially associated with water supply, could severely impact cross-border water supply transfers in the Southwestern United States including the permitting and management of water supply infrastructure overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. In developing its final rule on Categorical Exclusion, the Committee urges the Fish and Wildlife Service to include an exclusion for water supply transfers, especially when a listed species is already present on both sides of a State border.

Cooperative Landscape Conservation.—Cooperative landscape conservation is funded at \$7,344,000. This is \$6,644,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within that amount, \$700,000 is provided for Gulf Coast restoration. The decrease in funding is due to higher priorities elsewhere in the Service’s budget.

Science Support.—Consistent with the President’s request, science support becomes a new activity in fiscal year 2016 and \$12,192,000 is provided. This represents a decrease of \$4,793,000 from fiscal year 2015. Adaptive science is funded at \$5,724,000, of which \$931,000 is for Gulf Coast restoration activities. Service science is funded at \$6,468,000. Within service science, \$2,500,000 is provided for white nose syndrome research.

General Operations.—\$140,360,000 is provided for general operations, a decrease of \$1,561,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

CONSTRUCTION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$15,687,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 20,812,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 23,687,000 |

A total appropriation of \$23,687,000 has been provided for the Construction account. This amount is \$8,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The amount provided within the bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Chairman’s recommendation |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| OR | Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab | 450,000 | 450,000 |
| IL | Crab Orchard NWR | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| IL | Crab Orchard NWR | 362,000 | 362,000 |
| CA | San Pablo Bay NWR | 1,125,000 | 1,125,000 |
| NM | Valle de Oro NWR | 3,458,000 | 3,458,000 |
| OR | Warm Springs NFH | 736,000 | 736,000 |
| GA | Warm Springs NFH | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 |
| OR | Julia Butler Hansen NWR | 842,000 | 842,000 |
| N/A | Branch of Dam Safety | 215,000 | 215,000 |

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| KY | Wolf Creek NFH | 1,168,000 | 1,168,000 |
| SD | Gavins Point NFH | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| OK | Tishomingo NFH | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| AZ | Williams Creek NFH | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| AZ | Williams Creek NFH | 78,000 | 78,000 |
| | Other Previously Authorized Refuge projects | N/A | 3,000,000 |
| | Total | 11,554,000 | 14,554,000 |

LAND ACQUISITION

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$47,535,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 58,500,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 48,887,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$48,887,000 for land acquisition, an increase of \$1,352,000 above the enacted level. The Committee provides \$1,000,000 for a new recreational access line for these purposes. The Committee continues to support the work of the Highlands Conservation Act grants to protect and preserve the priority projects in PA, NJ, NY, and CT and expects the Service to include the program in the fiscal year 2017 budget if there are eligible projects. The amount provided within this bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-----------|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| HI | Island Forests at Risk: Hakalau Forest NWR | \$8,589,000 | \$8,589,000 |
| ND/SD | Dakota Grassland CA | 6,500,000 | 6,500,000 |
| CO/ NM | Upper Rio Grande: Sangre de Cristo CA | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| ND/SD | Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| ID | High Divide: Camas NWR | 280,000 | 280,000 |
| MT | High Divide: Red Rocks Lake NWR | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| FL | Everglades Headwaters CA | 2,091,000 | 2,091,000 |
| VA | Rivers of the Chesapeake: Rappahannock NWR | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| MD | Rivers of the Chesapeake: Blackwater NWR | 1,511,000 | 1,511,000 |
| FL | Everglades Headwaters CA | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| ID | National Trails System: Gray's Lake NWR | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| | Other Projects | 5,340,000 | ..... |
| | Acquisition Management | 12,773,000 | 10,000,000 |
| | Land Protection Planning | 465,000 | 465,000 |
| | Inholdings/Emergencies/Hardships | 5,351,000 | 5,351,000 |
| | Exchanges | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| | Sportsman/Recreational Access | 2,500,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | Highlands Conservation ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total, Land Acquisition | 58,500,000 | 48,887,000 |

COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$50,095,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 50,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 42,417,000 |

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund program has been provided \$42,417,000. This amount is a decrease of \$7,678,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Funds are to

be distributed as follows: \$10,508,000 for endangered species conservation grants to States and territories; \$7,390,000 for habitat conservation planning grants; \$7,640,000 for species recovery land acquisition grants; \$14,177,000 for habitat conservation land acquisition grants; and \$2,702,000 for program administration.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$13,228,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 13,228,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 13,228,000 |

The National Wildlife Refuge Fund has been provided \$13,228,000. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$34,145,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 34,145,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 35,145,000 |

The North American Wetlands Conservation Fund program has been provided \$35,145,000. This amount is \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Settlement Agreement Funds.—The Committee is aware of the method by which the funds are being distributed from the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund as a result the BP Guilty Plea Agreement (Count 13) and is concerned that substantial funding has been allocated for projects outside of the gulf coast region. Although the Committee appreciates the need to fund important migratory bird habitat throughout flyways, funds as a result of the BP Guilty Plea Agreement (Count 13) are available as a result of the tragic oil spill that happened in the Gulf of Mexico. As such, when considering how to allocate this funding, the Service should work with its partners on the North American Wetlands Conservation Council and give preference to projects that occur in States that border the Gulf of Mexico. No later than 90 days after distribution of these funds, the Service shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a work plan including the following information: (1) a detailed description of the rating system used to evaluate projects; (2) delineation of how these funds were allocated, including the name and location of each project; (3) a summary of the work to be accomplished by each project; and (4) a list of all projects that were considered but did not receive funding, including an explanation of the specific reasons each project was considered as being less competitive for an allocation of funds.

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$3,660,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 4,160,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 3,660,000 |

The recommendation for the neotropical migratory bird conservation fund is \$3,660,000, equal to both the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$9,061,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 11,061,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 10,061,000 |

The multinational species conservation fund programs have been provided \$10,061,000, \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Funds are distributed as follows: \$2,082,000 for African elephant conservation; \$2,940,000 for rhinoceros and tiger conservation; \$1,557,000 for Asian elephant conservation; \$1,975,000 for great ape conservation; and \$1,507,000 for marine turtle conservation. The budget increase reflects the Committee's commitment to the protection of iconic species with on-the-ground conservation efforts. In future budget requests, the Service should identify opportunities for on-the-ground conservation efforts that may limit the need for additional regulatory activities.

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$58,695,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 70,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 60,571,000 |

The State and tribal wildlife grants program has been provided \$60,571,000. This amount is \$1,876,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The recommended level provides \$51,000,000 for State and tribal apportioned grants; \$4,084,000 for competitive grants for tribes; and \$5,487,000 for competitive grants for States.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill continues several administrative provisions from previous years.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Since the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872, the National Park System has grown to encompass 401 sites spanning more than 84 million acres in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands. The National Park Service, created in 1916, is charged with preserving these sites "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The Service and its more than 20,000 employees also contribute to the protection of other historical, cultural and recreational resources through a variety of grant and technical assistance programs.

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,275,773,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,515,131,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,323,273,000 |

The Committee recommends \$2,323,273,000 for the operation of the national park system, an increase of \$47,500,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The National Park Service will celebrate its centennial in fiscal year 2016 and in acknowledgement of this milestone the Administration requested significant additional funding for the agency. The Committee strongly supports the work

of the Service and its unique mission to manage and conserve some of our Nation's most significant Federal lands, and to interpret and preserve America's history and culture. However, given budgetary constraints, not all aspects of the request could be accommodated. The recommendation does support funding for new and expanded park activities and has consolidated these activities within the Park Support line item. Other program changes are detailed below and in the table that accompanies the Committee report.

Resource Stewardship.—The Committee recommends \$318,707,000 for resource stewardship, an increase of \$1,500,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The increase provided shall be used to complete ongoing landscape restoration projects at newly established park units. Within the amounts provided, the Committee expects the Service to continue its marijuana eradication programs at no less than the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Visitor Services.—The Committee recommends \$242,986,000 for visitor services, which is equal to the enacted level. Within the funds provided, the Service shall maintain funding for the National Capital Area Performing Arts program at the enacted level.

Facility Operations and Maintenance.—The Committee recommends \$727,312,000 for facility operations and maintenance, an increase of \$30,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. These additional funds are part of the proposed Centennial Initiative to address the maintenance backlog and shall be allocated equally between the cyclic maintenance and repair and rehabilitation programs.

Park Support.—The Committee recommends \$505,462,000 for park support, an increase of \$16,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The increase above the enacted level supports the Service's Centennial Initiative and shall be used to fund new park units and monuments, including support for the Pullman and Honouliuli national monuments, and to fund other critical operating needs. The final allocation of these funds shall be provided to the Committee as part of the Service's annual operating plan, which is due 60 days from enactment of this act. Consistent with the request, the recommendation supports the transfer of funding for the Valles Caldera National Preserve to the Service to reflect its new status as a national park unit. Within the amounts provided, the Committee expects that the Service will maintain funding for the Preserve at no less than its fiscal year 2015 operating level. The amount provided includes the requested amount to support the new Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. The Service is directed to enter into and fund cooperative agreements with the local coordinating entity for the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, as authorized by Public Law 113–291, to assist in the management of the park.

External Administrative Costs.—The Committee recommends \$180,004,000 for external administrative costs, which is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Ste. Genevieve Special Resource Study.—The Committee urges the National Park Service to work towards timely completion of the Ste. Genevieve Special Resource Study. The study has been ongoing since 2010 and the community is eager to see its completion.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways.—The Service is directed to work collaboratively with affected parties to ensure that implementation of the General Management Plan for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways addresses the legitimate concerns of affected stakeholders including, but not limited to local communities and businesses.

Sewall-Belmont House.—The Committee is pleased that a recent reconnaissance study prepared by the Service affirms that the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum is suitable for inclusion in the national park system because of its historic status and place in the history of the women’s suffrage and equal rights movements. The Committee is also pleased that the study calls for the Service to assume additional management responsibilities, including more support to address deferred maintenance needs and to ensure that the site remains open to the public. Given that conversion to a national park system unit can be a lengthy process, however, the Committee expects the Service to use funding included within the Park Support line item to expand the Service’s ongoing support of the site until a long-term management solution is reached.

Virgin Islands National Park.—The Service notes a proposed marina development in Coral Bay, St. John, U.S.V.I., has the potential to create resource impacts on the species and habitats conserved by the park. Therefore, the Committee urges the Service to continue its efforts to coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to analyze environmental impacts of the proposed development and to provide input during the permitting process for the project.

National Scenic Trails.—The Committee is concerned that the Park Service has recognized certain national scenic trails as units of the national park system, while not recognizing the North Country, the Ice Age and New England scenic trails. The Service is directed to reconsider whether conferring unit status to these three national scenic trails would provide improved access to funding or program opportunities. The Service shall provide the Committee with a report regarding its findings and proposed management actions within 90 days of enactment of this act.

National Mall and Memorial Parks Concessions.—The Committee notes that the Service has yet to submit its long-term plan for renewal of the concessions contract on the National Mall, as previously directed in the fiscal year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act. The Committee reiterates its direction that the Service provide the report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, not later than 30 days after enactment of this act.

Bill Language.—The Committee has included bill language concerning the Roosevelt-Campobello International Park to address concerns relating to the budget submission for the Park. Language is also included which will allow donations made to the Park Service to earn interest on bonds issued by the United States. This provision will encourage more private donations to the agency and reduce the cost of important projects nationwide.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$63,117,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 54,199,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 63,132,000 |

The Committee recommends \$63,132,000 for national recreation and preservation programs, an increase of \$15,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Natural Programs.—As requested, a total of \$2,014,000 is included for the Chesapeake Gateways and Trails program.

Heritage Partnership Programs.—The Committee recommends \$20,321,000 for heritage partnership programs, which is equal to the enacted level. This level of funding provides \$19,339,000 for grants to national heritage areas and \$982,000 to administer the program.

The Committee recognizes Snow College’s Mormon Pioneer Heritage Institute [MPHI] in Ephraim, Utah as the center for the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area [MPNHA], and its efforts to create a locally sustained program. The National Park Service shall encourage MPHI’s efforts to ensure the long-term viability of the MPNHA by working cooperatively to bolster State, local and private investment in Heritage Areas.

In order to provide stable funding sources for all areas, the bill provides funding for longstanding areas at fiscal year 2015 funding levels; provides a total of \$300,000 to national heritage areas with recently approved management plans, known as tier 2 areas; and provides \$150,000 to each tier 1 area that has been authorized and is still in the process of having its management plan approved.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$56,410,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 89,910,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 61,410,000 |

The Committee recommends \$61,410,000 for the historic preservation fund, an increase of \$5,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

The Committee recommendation provides \$46,925,000 for grants-in-aid to States and territories and \$8,985,000 for grants-in-aid to tribes, which is equal to the enacted level for both programs.

The Committee has provided \$5,000,000 in support of the Civil Rights in America portion of the Centennial Initiative. These funds shall be for competitive grants to document, interpret, and preserve the stories and sites associated with the Civil Rights Movement, with priority given to projects focused on the near-decade of the Movement from August 1955 to July 1963. Prior to execution of these funds, the National Park Service shall submit a spend plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Bill language has been included to implement this grant program.

CONSTRUCTION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$138,339,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 250,967,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 192,937,000 |

The bill includes \$192,937,000 for construction requirements for the national park system, an increase of \$54,598,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

The following table details the line item construction activity for specific projects requested by the administration.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONSTRUCTION

| State | Project | Budget request | Chairman's recommendation |
|-------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|
| FL | Dry Tortugas NP, Fort Jefferson stabilization | 6,618,000 | 6,618,000 |
| NY | Gateway NRA, electrical upgrades | 5,594,000 | 5,594,000 |
| OH | Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial, exterior repairs | 8,561,000 | 8,561,000 |
| NY | Vanderbilt Mansion NHS, repair foundation and support walls | 5,275,000 | 5,275,000 |
| WY | Yellowstone NP, Mammoth Hotel stabilization | 8,668,000 | 8,668,000 |
| PR | San Juan NHS, Santa Elena/San Agustin preservation | 1,947,000 | 1,947,000 |
| DC | C & O Canal NHP, rehabilitate lift lock #3 | 4,235,000 | 4,235,000 |
| MT | Glacier NP, Glacier Hotel health and safety repairs | 7,156,000 | 7,156,000 |
| CA | Golden Gate NRA, repairs to Alcatraz exterior walls | 9,954,000 | 9,954,000 |
| CA | Yosemite NP, sewer system rehabilitation | 4,886,000 | 4,886,000 |
| AK | Katmai NP, floating bridge replacement completion | 2,235,000 | 2,235,000 |
| WY | Grand Teton NP, replace water/waste systems | 13,948,000 | 13,948,000 |
| DC | National Mall, water systems rehabilitation | 11,183,000 | 11,183,000 |
| CA | Yosemite NP, water system replacement | 1,720,000 | 1,720,000 |
| MS | Vicksburg NMP, stabilization to protect National Cemetery | 1,502,000 | 1,502,000 |
| CO | Mesa Verde NP, waste water facilities reconstruction | 2,456,000 | 2,456,000 |
| NM | Bandelier NP, replace section of electrical system | 5,138,000 | 5,138,000 |
| NC | Cape Hatteras NS, Wright Brothers visitor center rehabilitation | 6,824,000 | 6,824,000 |
| AR | Buffalo National River, replace waste water treatment plant | 1,697,000 | 1,697,000 |
| CO | Curecanti NRA, visitor safety/accessibility needs | 1,958,000 | 1,958,000 |
| AL | Horseshoe Bend NMP, museum rehabilitation | 1,105,000 | 1,105,000 |
| AK | Denali NP, rehabilitate Toklat utility infrastructure | 3,616,000 | 3,616,000 |
| | Other requested projects | 37,068,000 | ..... |
| | Total | 153,344,000 | 116,276,000 |

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

(RESCISSION)

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| Appropriations, 2015 | -\$28,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | -30,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | -28,000,000 |

The bill includes a rescission of \$28,000,000 in annual contract authority provided by 16 U.S.C. 460l-10a. This authority has not been used in recent years and there are no plans to use it in fiscal year 2016.

LAND ACQUISITION AND STATE ASSISTANCE

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$98,960,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 117,500,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 106,275,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$106,275,000 for land acquisition and State assistance, an increase of \$7,315,000 over the fiscal year 2015 enacted level of which \$51,275,000 is for land acquisition and \$55,000,000 is for State assistance. The Committee provides \$1,000,000 for a new recreational access activity for the Park Service. The Committee is aware of efforts by non-Federal agencies in helping the Federal Government leverage funds in order to maximize funding for the management and acquisition of lands for the Ice Age, North Country, and New England Scenic Trails. The funding provided by the Committee for recreation access may be available to acquire land to close gaps in the National Scenic

Trails. Additionally, the Committee has already expressed concerns about the prioritization of projects and the funding requested for this fiscal year, which included only one National Scenic Trail project with no recommendations for the upper Midwest. The Committee urges the Service to consider geographic distribution and to ensure investments for the trail system are reflected in project prioritization. The amount provided within this bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| HI | Island Forests at Risk: Hawaii Volcanoes NP | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| TN | Obed Wild and Scenic River | 1,204,000 | 1,204,000 |
| NY | Saratoga National Historical Park | 740,000 | 740,000 |
| AL | Little River Canyon National Preserve | 625,000 | 625,000 |
| CO/NM | Upper Rio Grande: Great Sand Dunes NP | 6,852,000 | 6,852,000 |
| WA | Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve | 1,450,000 | 1,450,000 |
| AK | Lake Clark National Park and Preserve | 943,000 | 943,000 |
| FL | Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| MT | High Divide: Big Hole National Battlefield | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| GA | Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area | 2,123,000 | 2,123,000 |
| FL | Fort Caroline National Monument | 324,000 | 324,000 |
| WI | Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway | 223,000 | 223,000 |
| DE | Rivers of the Chesapeake: Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT | 2,237,000 | 2,237,000 |
| NM | Pecos National Historical Park | 386,000 | 386,000 |
| AZ | Saguro National Park | 1,348,000 | 1,348,000 |
| MA | National Trails System: New England NST | 875,000 | 875,000 |
| | Other Projects | 9,078,000 | ..... |
| | Acquisition Management | 9,679,000 | 7,679,000 |
| | Emergencies, Hardships, Relocations and Deficiencies | 3,928,000 | 3,928,000 |
| | Inholdings, Exchanges, Donations | 4,928,000 | 4,928,000 |
| | American Battlefield Protection Grant Program | 8,986,000 | 8,000,000 |
| | Sportsman/Recreational Access | 2,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | Total, Land Acquisition | 64,339,000 | 51,275,000 |
| | State Assistance Grants, Discretionary | 45,000,000 | 48,883,000 |
| | State Assistance Grants, Competitive | 5,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| | Administrative Expenses | 3,161,000 | 3,117,000 |
| | Total, State Assistance | 53,161,000 | 55,000,000 |
| | Total, Land Acquisition and State Assistance | 117,500,000 | 106,275,000 |

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$10,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 50,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 10,000,000 |

The recommendation includes \$10,000,000, equal to the fiscal year 2015 level for the Centennial Challenge program. This funding will be used to continue a program begun under Public Law 110-161 that provides dedicated Federal funding to leverage partnerships for signature projects and programs for the national park system, including critical infrastructure investments. These funds shall be used to complement increases provided in the Operations of the National Park Service appropriation to enhance the visitor experience and better protect cultural and natural resources at national park system units in anticipation of the Service's 2016 centennial celebration. While a 1-to-1 matching requirement is re-

quired by law for projects to qualify for these funds, the Service is urged to give preference to projects that demonstrate additional leveraging capacity from its partners.

ENERGY AND MINERALS

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Established in 1879, the U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] serves as the Earth and natural science research bureau for the Department of the Interior and is the only integrated natural resources research bureau in the Federal Government. USGS conducts research, monitoring, and assessments to contribute to understanding America's lands, water, and biological resources. Its research and data products support the Department's resource and land management needs and also provide the water, biological, energy, and mineral resources information needed by other Federal, State, tribal, and local government agencies to guide planning, management, and regulatory programs. More than 9,000 scientists, technicians, and support staff of the USGS are located in nearly 400 offices in every State and in several foreign countries throughout the world. The USGS leverages its resources and expertise in partnership with more than 2,000 agencies of Federal, State, local, and tribal governments; the academic community; nongovernmental organizations; and the private sector.

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$1,045,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,194,782,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,058,503,000 |

The bill provides \$1,058,503,000 for Surveys, Investigations, and Research, an increase of \$13,503,000 over the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Unless otherwise stated in this report, where increases and decreases among projects within a subactivity in the aggregate do not change the overall amount available for that subactivity, the redirections can be assumed.

Ecosystems.—The bill provides \$158,041,000 for Ecosystems programs, which is an increase of \$1,000,000 from the enacted level. Within the invasive species program, \$500,000 has been included to address new and emerging species of national concern. Within the wildlife program an additional \$500,000 is provided to continue White Nose Syndrome studies. The Committee expects the additional \$2,000,000 included in fiscal year 2015 will continue to be used to address Asian carp issues in the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River.

The Committee is aware of the work USGS is performing in critical landscapes such as the Arctic, Puget Sound, California Bay Delta, Great Lakes, Columbia River, and the Chesapeake Bay here as well as in other areas throughout USGS, and expects this work to continue. The Committee also appreciates the research that USGS is conducting regarding the Columbia River's flow regimes and understands the value of such research in light of the Columbia River Treaty. The Committee urges such flow regime research to be conducted in partnership with academic partners that have

an advanced-technology observation and prediction system in this Estuary.

The Committee acknowledges the high quality of research that USGS performs for all the relevant Department of Interior agencies, but is concerned that some scientific activities are duplicative and outside of the core mission of USGS. While it appears USGS is adapting to new demands by expanding research capacity, there are concerns that some program areas such as Ecosystems and Climate Landuse Change are advancing at a rapid pace while not enough resources are being devoted to important areas such as Energy and Mineral Resources. The Committee wants to ensure that the USGS is taking a balanced approach towards its program areas and directs the USGS to report back within 180 days of enactment of this act on what new studies and projects over \$500,000 have been initiated within the last 1–3 fiscal years under the various program areas. The Committee also directs USGS to consult with other agencies and report back to the Committee within 180 days of enactment of this act with a detailed report about how USGS scientific research, analysis, and support is unique and not duplicative of research being done by agencies within the Department of Interior.

Climate and Land Use Change.—The bill provides \$135,975,000 for the Climate and Land Use Change program, an amount equal to the enacted level. Program adjustments have been made to the subactivities to provide an increase of \$4,300,000 for the Landsat system to stay on track with the NASA operation and plan. Within the Land Remote Sensing Subactivity, a programmatic decrease has been made instead of the recommended decrease to the National Civil Applications Program. The Committee does not provide funding for an additional free flying thermal infrared instrument.

Energy, Minerals and Environmental Health.—The bill provides \$95,511,000 for Energy, Minerals, and Environmental Health programs, an increase of \$3,240,000 above the enacted level including an increase of \$2,400,000 for the Critical Minerals Program. The Committee does not accept the proposed \$2,000,000 decrease for sunsetting activities and directs the Survey to continue the geologic mapping initiatives. The Committee remains very concerned that there are regions of the country that have high quality mineral and energy resources that remain unmapped at a useable scale. Geologic mapping and understanding is the basis for resource discovery and without it the mineral potential is largely unknown, therefore, the Committee not only rejects the proposal to end these activities, but provides an additional \$1,000,000 for the Mineral Resources Program to continue this important work. The Committee does accept the proposed reduction of \$200,000 for publications.

Natural Hazards.—The bill includes \$138,286,000 for Natural Hazards programs, an increase of \$3,100,000 above the enacted level. Within the Earthquake Hazards program, the Committee does not accept the requested cut of \$1,502,000 to the early earthquake warning event characterization activity and includes an additional \$1,000,000 for this work. Earthquakes have enormous potential to cause catastrophic casualties, damage, economic loss, and disruption. Many urbanized areas across the country, including in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and California, are at particular risk

of significant damage should an earthquake hit. The Committee is concerned about the lack of real time instrumentation available especially for the Cascadia Subduction zone. The Committee understands the National Science Foundation [NSF] has supported temporary seismometer deployments across the United States for the EarthScope USArray project and for the Cascadia initiative run by the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology [IRIS]. The Committee is aware the seismometers may then be available for regional networks, States, and other entities to adopt after the project concludes. The Committee directs the USGS to conduct a cost benefit proposal and spending plan for the adoption of seismic stations to be included as part of the USGS Advanced National Seismic System [ANSS] for research and possible inclusion in the earthquake early warning system. The information and data collected may be helpful to understanding earthquakes and the ocean environment which could help the earthquake early warning system.

The Committee is encouraged by the work to restore monitoring networks on high-threat volcanos and the Committee expects the \$2,000,000 provided last year for the Volcano Hazards Program [VHP] and the additional \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 will be used to continue deferred network maintenance of volcano hazard monitoring stations. Several monitors remain inoperable and maintenance is needed to continue rapid detection for public safety dissemination, including information critical to civil and military air routes. Funding should continue to be prioritized for the highest risk volcanoes as described in USGS's most recent nationwide volcano assessment.

USGS's Landslide Hazards program has been an important partner in the delivery of emergency assessments of debris flow hazards following several major fires in Colorado and California. This important public safety program is encouraged to continue and strengthen its partnerships with other Federal agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service, as well as State and local emergency managers, in order to increase the dissemination of information and enhance coordination among them.

The Committee is concerned that the lahar warning system on Mount Rainier, Washington, monitors only two of the six river valleys off the mountain and that the technology has reached its end of life. The Committee applauds the joint efforts to protect life and property that began in 1998 by USGS's Cascades Volcanic Observatory and the Pierce County Management Department and encourages these efforts to continue until all six impacted river valleys achieve the same level of coverage.

Within USGS's Global Seismographic Network [GSN], \$1,600,000 has been included for the GSN primary sensory deployment.

In agreement with the request, a \$700,000 reduction has been taken for the precision monitoring activity.

Water Resources.—The bill includes \$212,608,000 for Water Resources, an increase of \$1,341,000 above the enacted level. The Committee accepts the USGS proposal to realign the Water Resources Mission Area budget structure, which collapses seven existing programs into four. Program increases include \$41,182,000 for the new Water Availability and Use Science Program, including

\$2,000,000 for groundwater resource studies to assess transboundary aquifers as authorized by Public Law 109–488 and regions within the Mississippi River Alluvial Plain which are experiencing variability in groundwater systems and \$301,000 for drought forecasting; \$72,135,000 for the new Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program, including an additional \$1,000,000 for the groundwater network, \$928,000 for the streamflow information and streamgages, and \$500,000 for work with tribes on water rights; and \$92,791,000 for the new National Water Quality Program. Funding for Water Resources Research Act activities remain at the enacted level of \$6,500,000. The bill includes the recommended reductions and internal transfers taken for the new budget restructure with the expectation that within this structure the activities associated with the Cooperative Water Program [CWP] will receive \$58,210,000.

Core Science Systems.—The bill includes \$112,050,000 for Core Science Systems, an increase of \$4,822,000 from the enacted level. Program levels include: \$3,000,000 for 3D elevation activities; \$500,000 for 3D elevation: coastal lidar and \$1,322,000 to fund the Alaska mapping program. The National Geologic Cooperative Mapping program is funded at \$24,397,000 and the Science, Synthesis, Analysis, and Research Program is funded at \$24,299,000, equal to the enacted level.

The Committee disagrees with the U.S. Board of Geographic Names' continued reliance on Policy I regarding applications for geographic name changes. This policy was originally adopted in 1981 by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to prevent confusion by possible conflicting actions of Congress and the Board, but instead has been used as a tool to indefinitely delay and prevent consideration by the Board of applications for geographic name changes. Leaving these applications in limbo indefinitely is unfair to the applicants who deserve a decision on their applications. If the Congress disagrees with the decision of the Board it retains the authority to take action on the name change through legislation.

Science Support.—The bill includes \$105,611,000 for Science Support programs, an amount equal to the enacted level.

Facilities.—The bill includes \$100,421,000 for facilities, deferred maintenance and capital improvement, which is an amount equal to the enacted level. The Committee understands that critical infrastructure repairs are necessary to resume activities related to avian influenza research at the National Wildlife Health Center. USGS is urged to undertake these repairs immediately and may submit a reprogramming request if necessary. USGS is also encouraged to accelerate plans to modernize the Center, which was last renovated in 1985, and to budget for such activities in fiscal year 2017.

The table that accompanies this statement displays the full allocation of funds among USGS's various activities.

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is responsible for resource evaluation, environmental review, leasing activities, and lease management for the Nation's offshore energy and minerals resources.

OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$169,770,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 170,857,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 170,857,000 |

The bill provides \$170,857,000 for the Ocean Energy Management account, commensurate with the budget request and \$1,087,000 above the enacted level. This amount will be partially offset with the collection of offsetting rental receipts and cost recovery fees totaling \$96,622,000. The Committee concurs with the agency's budget restructuring which removes the general support services activity and allocates these funds to the remaining budget lines.

Renewable Energy.—The bill provides \$24,278,000 for renewable energy activities, an increase of \$1,174,000 above the enacted level. The Bureau should continue to work with the Department of Energy to identify and permit a national offshore wind test site and to exchange information with the Department and the coastal States about the development of new technology related to the structural material, environmental, and design safety criteria, as well as design and performance standards, of transitional depth and floating wind turbines. The Bureau is also expected to continue working with coastal States and other stakeholders to study new wind energy areas, including in shallow, transitional, and deep (over 200 feet) waters.

Conventional Energy.—The bill provides \$59,869,000 for conventional energy activities, an increase of \$10,236,000 above the enacted level. The Bureau is reminded to continue to provide quarterly reports on the status of exploration and development plans to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as required under the approval of the reorganization of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

Environmental Assessment.—The bill provides \$68,045,000 for environmental assessment activities, an increase of \$2,333,000 above the enacted level.

Executive Direction.—The bill provides \$18,665,000 for executive direction of the Bureau, including the Office of the Director, an increase of \$2,346,000 above the enacted level.

BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement is responsible for regulating and enforcing safety, environmental, and conservation compliance during the development of the Nation's ocean energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and oil spill research.

OFFSHORE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$189,726,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 189,772,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 189,772,000 |

The bill provides \$189,772,000 for the Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement account, commensurate with the budget request and \$46,000 above the enacted level. This amount will be

partially offset with the collection of offsetting rental receipts, cost recovery fees, and inspection fees, totaling \$116,207,000.

The Committee concurs with the agency’s budget restructuring which removes the general support services activity and allocates these funds to the appropriate remaining budget lines.

Operations, Safety and Regulation.—The bill provides \$151,768,000 for operations, safety, and regulation activities, an increase of \$18,171,000 above the enacted level, primarily due to the budget restructuring.

Administrative Operations.—The bill provides \$18,268,000 for administrative operations, an increase of \$2,592,000 above the enacted level.

Executive Direction.—The bill provides \$19,736,000 for executive direction of the Bureau, including the Office of the Director, an increase of \$1,509,000 above the enacted level.

Other.—On April 17, 2015, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement [BSEE] published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the requirements for offshore Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control. The Committee understands that this new proposal is in response to the Deepwater Horizon tragedy and addresses recommendations following that incident. However, the Committee is concerned that given the complexity and technical nature of this proposal a number of factors should be further examined by BSEE and provided to this Committee as well as the Committees of policy jurisdiction before the rulemaking proceeds further. The Committee believes any rulemaking, especially one as technical and complex as this one, benefits from robust analysis and encourages BSEE to conduct this examination to ensure the proposal addresses the intent of the regulation in a cost-effective manner.

OIL SPILL RESEARCH

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$14,899,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 14,899,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 14,899,000 |

The bill provides \$14,899,000 for oil spill research, as requested and equal to the enacted level.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement [OSMRE] was established in 1977 to oversee and carry out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act [SMCRA] in concert with States and Indian tribes. OSMRE’s primary objectives are to ensure coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining, ensure the land is properly reclaimed, and mitigate effects of past mining by reclaiming abandoned coal mines. OSMRE addresses its mission with a mix of grants to States and tribes to carry out their own regulatory and reclamation programs, and the administration of OSMRE’s regulatory and reclamation programs.

The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2006 (Public Law 109–432) revised the mine reclamation fee distribution mechanism beginning in fiscal year 2008. State and tribal

reclamation grants are now provided under mandatory appropriations instead of through this bill.

REGULATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$122,713,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 128,388,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 122,747,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$122,747,000 for Regulation and Technology, \$34,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Since fiscal year 2011, the Administration has proposed to reduce grants to State programs. This proposal has been rejected by the full Congress each year and is once again rejected this year. The bill funds regulatory grants at \$68,590,000, which is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Similarly, the Committee rejects the Administration's proposal to increase funding by \$3,486,000 for State Program Evaluation. The Committee also rejects the request for \$200,000 for additional solicitor support.

Stream Buffer Zone Rule.—The Committee is concerned about the work at OSMRE on the Stream Buffer Zone rule and notes that more than half of the States who agreed to work as participating agencies have withdrawn from the process. The Committee is concerned that OSMRE is not working with important State partners in an effective manner and believes that OSMRE should reengage State partners in a meaningful manner before further action is taken on the Stream Buffer Zone rule. To achieve the best outcome possible, OSM should provide the States with all documents, technical reports, data, information, analyses, comments received, and working drafts relative to the environmental reviews, draft and final environmental impact statements, and meet with any State with primacy during such process at the request of the State.

ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$27,399,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 32,074,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 27,388,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$27,388,000 for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, \$11,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The table that accompanies this statement reflects the distribution of funds for activities within this account.

The Committee rejects the Administration's request for an additional \$150,000 for solicitors support and the request for \$1,400,000 to reevaluate the Abandoned Mine Lands program.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

The Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA] was founded in 1824 to uphold a Government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and tribal entities. The Federal Government retains trust responsibility for individual Indians and tribes as a result of formal treaties and agreements with Native Americans.

The Bureau provides services directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to a population of 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of 566 federally recognized Indian tribes in the lower 48 States and Alaska. Programs administered by the BIA and tribes include an education system for almost 48,000 elementary and secondary students; 28 tribal colleges, universities and post secondary schools; social services; natural resource management on 56 million acres of trust land; economic development; law enforcement; administration of tribal courts; implementation of land and water claim settlements; replacement and repair of schools; repair and maintenance of roads and bridges; and repair of structural deficiencies on high hazard dams.

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,429,236,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,660,591,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,232,419,000 |

The bill provides a total of \$2,232,419,000 for the Operations of Indian Programs account, a decrease of \$196,817,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This amount does not include funding for contract support costs and for the Indian Self-Determination Fund, as these have been moved to a separate account. Fixed costs have been included throughout the core programs based upon actual expenditures for the enacted fiscal year and internal transfers have been accepted.

Tribal Government.—The bill provides \$301,517,000 for tribal government programs. The recommendation includes \$464,000 for new tribes and notes the challenge of reconciling the timing of the tribal recognition process with the annual budget formulation process. If additional tribes are recognized during fiscal year 2016 beyond those contemplated in the budget request, the Bureau is urged to support their capacity building efforts to the extent feasible.

Human Services.—The bill includes \$146,004,000 for human services programs, an increase of \$3,370,000 above the enacted level. Program increases include funding to continue the Tiwahe initiative.

Trust—Natural Resources Management.—The recommendation includes \$189,846,000 for trust and natural resources programs, an increase of \$4,994,000 above the enacted level. Within that amount, program increases include funding to support a level of \$37,638,000 for rights protection implementation programs and an additional \$2,000,000 for forest thinning activities.

Trust—Real Estate Services.—The bill provides \$127,486,000 an increase of \$484,000 above the enacted level for trust-real estate services programs. The Committee recognizes natural gas flaring has been an ongoing issue in places of energy development, including on tribal lands. The Committee also recognizes the challenge of attracting investment and building infrastructure and understands that rights-of-way approvals are an important component to reduce natural gas flaring. The Committee is aware there are significant delays in getting rights-of-way approvals and encourages the De-

partment to move forward with reservation-wide fair market appraisals that provide fair market values to all parties affected for future rights-of-way applications on energy-affected tribal lands with natural gas flaring.

Education.—The bill includes \$824,934,000 for educational programs, an increase of \$14,403,000 above the enacted level. Within these funds, the Committee has included an increase above the enacted level for the Johnson O'Malley assistance grants to support a program level of \$17,376,000. The Committee also provides \$64,395,000 for administrative cost grants, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the enacted level. For Post-Secondary programs, the Committee includes an additional \$5,000,000 to forward fund tribal technical colleges. This one-time increase provides a transition to forward funding, consistent with funding practices for most other tribal colleges, by covering both the 2015–2016 and 2016–2017 school years. This funding addresses the long-standing concerns of tribal college leaders by providing greater financial security to plan for the academic year through forward funding. The Committee believes there should be parity on the way all tribal colleges that receive assistance through the bill are funded and encourages the administration to look for ways for all the tribal colleges to be put on the same funding schedule.

The administration is commended for its continued focus on tribal education programs, including efforts to improve collaboration between the Departments of the Interior and Education and to implement Executive Order 13592 to improve educational outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native students. It is noted that the administration is proposing significant reforms to the Bureau of Indian Education [BIE] to improve the quality of education offered and address the persistent performance gap of students educated at BIE-funded schools. These proposed changes will require a restructuring of the Bureau that is not currently reflected in the fiscal year 2016 budget request and will necessitate continued consultation with tribes, as well as the Committees on Appropriations and the authorizing committees of jurisdiction.

The Committee is concerned the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Education [BIE], has not addressed the findings or implemented the recommendations in recent Government Accountability Office [GAO] reports and testimonies (GAO–13–774, GAO–14–121, GAO–15–389T, and GAO–15–539T). These reports outline systemic problems with management of BIE schools, such as lack of oversight over school spending and facilities, including construction, operation, maintenance, and basic repair and upgrades needed to improve the condition of schools that serve Indian Country. The Committee stands ready to work with the administration on the appropriate steps forward and directs the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs to report back within 60 days after enactment of this act on how this Office is implementing the GAO recommendations. As part of this report, the Committee expects a detailed description of the administrative functions of each entity that has or will have a decisionmaking role in supporting and overseeing school facilities, including construction, maintenance, operation, and relevant activities for BIE schools.

The administration’s emphasis on education must be complemented by efforts to improve interagency coordination for the multiplicity of programs that affect the wellbeing of Native children. In addition to education, these include healthcare, social service, child welfare and juvenile justice programs. The Committee would like to note the recent Senate passage of S24, the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. The Committee encourages the Bureau to work with other relevant Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations to begin the process of identifying ways to make programs more effective in serving Native Children.

Within the funding provided for the Early Child and Family Development Program, the Bureau shall not reduce funding for currently operating Family and Child Education programs. The Bureau, working with the Indian Health Service as appropriate, is also urged to consider integrating school-based preventative health services such as dental care into elementary schools in order to improve health outcomes of tribal students.

Public Safety and Justice.—The bill includes \$377,405,000 for public safety and justice programs, an increase of \$24,555,000 above the enacted level. The program increases support a level of \$197,504,000 for criminal investigations and police services, \$16,245,000 for tribal justice support, \$11,305,000 for tribal law enforcement and special initiatives, and \$28,173,000 for Tribal Courts.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Indian Law and Order Commission report “A Roadmap For Making Native America Safer” as required by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and to address the added tribal responsibilities outlined in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. Within the increases provided for tribal justice support, the Committee includes \$10,000,000 for the Office of Tribal Justice Support to work with Indian tribes and tribal organizations to assess needs, consider options, and design, develop, and pilot tribal court systems for tribal communities including those communities subject to full or partial State jurisdiction under Public Law 83–280.

Community and Economic Development.—The bill provides \$36,119,000 for community and economic development programs, an increase of \$123,000 above the enacted level.

Executive Direction and Administrative Services.—The bill includes \$229,108,000 for executive direction and administrative services, an increase of \$1,416,000 above the enacted level.

CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | |
| Chairman’s recommendation | \$277,000,000 |

Contract Support Costs.—The Committee has included new language establishing an indefinite appropriation for contract support costs estimated to be \$277,000,000, which is an increase of \$26,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 level. The budget request proposed to fund these costs within the “Operation of Indian Programs” account through Contract Support and the Indian Self Determination Fund budget lines. Under the Committee’s new budget

structure, the full amount tribes are entitled to will be paid and other programs will not be reduced in cases where the agency may have underestimated these payments when submitting its budget. Additional funds may be provided by the agency if its budget estimate proves to be lower than necessary to meet the legal obligation to pay the full amount due to tribes, but this account is solely for the purposes of paying contract support costs and no transfers from this account are permitted for other purposes. Similar to the President’s request for calculating contract support costs, this provision also applies to new and expanded Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act agreements funded through the Indian Self-Determination Fund activity.

CONSTRUCTION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$128,876,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 188,973,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 135,204,000 |

The bill includes a total appropriation of \$135,204,000 for the Construction account. This amount is an increase of \$6,328,000 above the enacted level and fixed costs based upon actual expenditures have been included and internal transfers have been accepted. Within this funding, \$23,115,000 is included for replacement school construction and \$2,000,000 has been included for replacement facility construction. The Committee understands the significant infrastructure needs and strongly urges the administration to work with tribal leaders in a transparent manner on developing the new school construction list. Further, the Committee stands ready to work with the administration and tribes to develop a strategy that provides safe, functional, and accessible facilities for schools. The Committee also includes an increase for the Construction Program Management activity to support a program level of \$7,907,000.

Details of the recommendation are contained in the table that accompanies this statement.

INDIAN LAND AND WATER CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS TO INDIANS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$35,655,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 67,656,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 40,655,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$40,655,000 for the Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements account. This amount is an increase of \$5,000,000 above the enacted level. The Committee appreciates the importance of settling the numerous land and water settlements and directs the Department to submit a spending plan to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this act for how it plans to allocate the funds provided by this bill for the specific settlements.

INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$7,731,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 7,748,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 7,748,000 |

The bill includes a total appropriation of \$7,748,000 for the Indian Guaranteed Loan account. This amount is an increase of \$17,000 above the enacted level. The total loan principal provided is \$113,804,510.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$265,263,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 327,939,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 265,263,000 |

The bill includes a total appropriation of \$265,263,000 for the Office of the Secretary account. This amount is equal to the enacted level.

Leadership and Administration.—The recommendation includes an appropriation of \$122,885,000 for the leadership and administration activity, equal to the enacted level.

Management Services.—The bill provides an appropriation of \$20,747,000 for the management services activity, equal to the enacted level.

Natural Resources Revenue.—The bill includes an appropriation of \$121,631,000 for the natural resources revenue activity, equal to the enacted level.

The Committee is aware that the Office of Natural Resources Revenue is in the process of revising the existing valuation method for Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian coal. This is proposed in 80 Fed. Reg. 608, dated January 6, 2015, and would amend the existing regulations in 30 C.F.R. part 1206. To help inform this process, the Committee requests that the Government Accountability Office report to the Congress on the effectiveness of the existing regulations, including whether there is evidence of substantial, intentional underpayment of coal royalties under the current system.

INSULAR AFFAIRS

The Office of Insular Affairs [OIA] was established on August 4, 1995, through Secretarial Order No. 3191, which also abolished the former Office of Territorial and International Affairs. OIA has administrative responsibility for coordinating Federal policy in the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [CNMI], and oversight of Federal programs and funds in the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia [FSM], the Republic of the Marshall Islands [RMI], and the Republic of Palau.

Following the expiration of the first Compact of Free Association in 2003, a new Compact of Free Association was negotiated between the United States and the states of FSM and RMI. Under

the Compact, the status of free association recognizes each Freely Associated State as a sovereign state with the capacity to conduct foreign affairs consistent with the terms of the Compact. The Compact places full responsibility for defense with the United States. The Compact also provides grant funds and Federal program assistance, principally through the Department of the Interior.

ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$85,976,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 99,660,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 85,976,000 |

The bill includes \$85,976,000 for assistance to territories, an amount equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Within these amounts, the bill includes a total of \$3,000,000 to continue discretionary grants to mitigate the impact of Compact-related migration on affected jurisdictions, as authorized by section 104(e) of Public Law 108-188. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2015 level. As in previous years, the Department shall allocate these grants in conjunction with other currently authorized mandatory grants in order to help offset educational costs incurred by these jurisdictions. The recommendation also includes a total of \$3,500,000 for brown tree snake removal activities.

American Samoa Operations Grants/American Samoa Construction.—The bill provides \$22,752,000 for grants to American Samoa, equal to the enacted level.

CNMI/Covenant Grants.—The recommendation includes \$27,720,000 for covenant grants, equal to the enacted level.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$16,465,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 3,318,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 16,465,000 |

The bill includes \$16,465,000 for Compact of Free Association programs, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within the funds provided, the Committee has provided \$500,000 for Enewetak support, in agreement with the request.

Language has been included in the title I general provisions section to extend the eligibility for the Republic of Palau to receive Federal aid until a new Compact of Free Association is enacted by Congress.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$65,800,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 69,888,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 63,800,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$63,800,000 for the Office of the Solicitor, \$2,000,000 below the enacted level.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$50,047,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 52,224,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 50,047,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$50,047,000 for the Office of Inspector General, equal to the enacted level.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians holds responsibility for approximately 56 million acres of land, with more than 10 million acres belonging to individual Indians and 46 million acres held in trust for Indian tribes.

FEDERAL TRUST PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$139,029,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 142,978,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 139,029,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$139,029,000 for the "Federal Trust Programs" account, equal to the fiscal year 2015 level. The recommendation includes a total appropriation of \$22,120,000 for historical accounting activities.

DEPARTMENT-WIDE PROGRAMS

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The Department's Wildland Fire Management account funds fire prevention, readiness, suppression, and rehabilitation activities performed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service.

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| Appropriations, 2015 ¹ | \$896,779,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 ² | 1,005,495,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation ³ | 1,108,745,000 |

¹ Includes \$92,000,000 appropriated under the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account.

² Includes \$200,000,000 for suppression designated as disaster pursuant to pending congressional action.

³ Includes \$200,000,000 for suppression designated as emergency.

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$1,108,745,000 for wildland fire management, an increase of \$211,966,000 above the enacted level. This includes \$200,000,000 provided with an emergency designation, for additional suppression resources. Funding levels for each subactivity can be found in the table at the end of this statement and in the following budget activity narrative.

Fire Operations.—The bill provides \$707,358,000 for wildfire preparedness and suppression, an increase of \$96,731,000 above the enacted level. This amount includes \$323,685,000 for preparedness and \$383,673,000 for fire suppression operations. As noted, the bill provides \$200,000,000, with an emergency designation, for addi-

tional suppression resources that the Department can access in lieu of the President’s budget proposal to provide this amount within the disaster cap. These emergency funds are only available if discretionary funds for suppression are exhausted.

Other Operations.—The bill provides \$201,387,000 for other wildland fire management operations, an increase of \$7,235,000 above the enacted level. This includes \$170,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduction, \$18,970,000 for burned area rehabilitation, \$6,427,000 for fire facilities, and \$5,990,000 for joint fire science. Within the amount provided for hazardous fuels reduction, \$10,000,000 is available for resilient landscape activities.

CENTRAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$10,010,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 10,011,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 10,011,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$10,011,000 for the Central Hazardous Materials Fund, commensurate with the budget request and \$1,000 above the enacted level.

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$7,767,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 9,236,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 7,767,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$7,767,000 for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund, an amount equal to the enacted level. The detailed allocation of funding by activity is included in the table at the end of this explanatory report.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$57,100,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 74,462,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 57,100,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$57,100,000 for the Working Capital Fund. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Title I of the bill includes “General Provisions, Department of the Interior”, which are various legislative provisions affecting the Department. Several of these provisions have been carried in previous years and others are newly proposed this year. The provisions are:

SEC. 101. Provides secretarial authority for the intra-bureau transfer of program funds for expenditures in cases of emergency when all other emergency funds are exhausted.

SEC. 102. Provides for the department-wide expenditure or transfer of funds by the Secretary in the event of actual or potential emergencies including forest fires, range fires, earthquakes, floods,

volcanic eruptions, storms, oil spills, grasshopper and Mormon cricket outbreaks, and surface mine reclamation emergencies.

SEC. 103. Provides for use of appropriated funds by the Secretary for contracts, rental cars and aircraft, certain library memberships, and certain telephone expenses.

SEC. 104. Provides for the transfer of unobligated balances from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians for expenditure or transfer for Indian trust management activities.

SEC. 105. Permits the redistribution of tribal priority allocation and tribal base funds to alleviate funding inequities.

SEC. 106. Authorizes the acquisition of lands for the purpose of operating and maintaining facilities that support visitors to Ellis, Governors, and Liberty Islands.

SEC. 107. Authorizes Outer Continental Shelf inspection fees to be collected by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 108. Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to continue the reorganization of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

SEC. 109. Provides the Secretary of the Interior with authority to enter into multi-year cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations for long-term care of wild horses and burros.

SEC. 110. Requires reissuance of final rules regarding the gray wolf.

SEC. 111. Addresses the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's responsibilities for mass marking of salmonid stocks.

SEC. 112. Extends a provision limiting funding for any proposal to approve specified rights-of-way or similar authorizations on the Mojave National Preserve or lands managed by the Needles Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 113. Extends authorization for certain payments to the Republic of Palau for fiscal year 2016.

SEC. 114. Requires statewide variances to be granted with respect to the Bureau of Land Management's final rule on hydraulic fracturing.

SEC. 115. Continues prohibition on Secretarial Order No. 3310.

SEC. 116. Expands the National Park Service's ability to implement the Volunteers in Parks program in anticipation of increased volunteer activity related to the Service's centennial in 2016.

SEC. 117. Allows the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education to more efficiently and effectively perform reimbursable work.

SEC. 118. Addresses National Heritage Areas.

SEC. 119. Retains provision addressing issuance of rules for sage-grouse.

SEC. 120. Extends certain offshore pay authority to hire and maintain qualified personnel.

SEC. 121. Extends certain onshore pay authority to hire and maintain qualified personnel.

SEC. 122. Addresses funding for National Park Service affiliated areas.

SEC. 123. Allows certain funds to continue to be used for waterfowl conservation.

SEC. 124. Provides authority for the Department of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations designated under the Older Americans Act.

SEC. 125. Technical correction related to section 3096 of title XXX—Natural Resources Related General Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SEC. 126. Provides for the direct submission of the budget for the Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

SEC. 127. Authorizes land exchange between the State of Alaska and the Department of the Interior for the purpose of construction of a one-lane, life-saving road from King Cove to Cold Bay, Alaska.

SEC. 128. Prohibits funds to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the lesser prairie chicken.

TITLE II
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] was created through Executive Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, designed to consolidate certain Federal Government environmental activities into a single agency. The plan was submitted by the President to the Congress on July 8, 1970, and the EPA was established as an independent agency in the executive branch on December 2, 1970, by consolidating 15 components from 5 departments and independent agencies.

A description of EPA's pollution control programs by media follows:

Air.—The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 authorize a national program of air pollution research, regulation, prevention, and enforcement activities.

Water Quality.—The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, provides the framework for protection of the Nation's surface waters. The law recognizes that it is the primary responsibility of the States to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution. The States determine the desired uses for their waters, set standards, identify current uses and, where uses are being impaired or threatened, develop plans for the protection or restoration of the designated use. They implement the plans through control programs such as permitting and enforcement, construction of municipal waste water treatment works, and nonpoint source control practices. The act also regulates discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands.

Drinking Water.—The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended in 1996, charges EPA with the responsibility of implementing a program to assure that the Nation's public drinking water supplies are free of contamination that may pose a human health risk, and to protect and prevent the endangerment of ground water resources which serve as drinking water supplies.

Hazardous Waste.—The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 [RCRA] mandated EPA to develop a regulatory program to protect human health and the environment from improper hazardous waste disposal practices. The RCRA Program manages hazardous wastes from generation through disposal.

EPA's responsibilities and authorities to manage hazardous waste were greatly expanded under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984. Not only did the regulated universe of wastes and facilities dealing with hazardous waste increase significantly, but past mismanagement practices, in particular prior releases at inactive hazardous and solid waste management units,

were to be identified and corrective action taken. The 1984 amendments also authorized a regulatory and implementation program directed to owners and operators of underground storage tanks.

The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act of 2012 amended subtitle C of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to establish an electronic means of tracking wastes subject to RCRA regulation. Appropriations to the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Fund support development, operation, maintenance, and upgrading of the hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

Pesticides.—The objective of the pesticide program is to protect the public health and the environment from unreasonable risks while permitting the use of necessary pest control approaches. This objective is pursued by EPA under the Food Quality Protection Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2012 through three principal means: (1) review of existing and new pesticide products; (2) enforcement of pesticide use rules; and (3) research and development to reinforce the ability to evaluate the risks and benefits of pesticides.

Radiation.—The radiation program's major emphasis is to minimize the exposure of persons to ionizing radiation, whether from naturally occurring sources, from medical or industrial applications, nuclear power sources, or weapons development.

Toxic Substances.—The Toxic Substances Control Act establishes a program to stimulate the development of adequate data on the effects of chemical substances on health and the environment, and institute control action for those chemicals which present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. The act's coverage affects more than 60,000 chemicals currently in commerce, and all new chemicals.

Multimedia.—Multimedia activities are designed to support programs where the problems, tools, and results are cross media and must be integrated to effect results. This integrated program encompasses the EPA's research, enforcement, and abatement activities.

Superfund.—The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 established a national program to protect public health and the environment from the threats posed by inactive hazardous waste sites and uncontrolled spills of hazardous substances. The original statute was amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Under these authorities, EPA manages a hazardous waste site clean-up program including emergency response and long-term remediation.

Brownfields.—The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002 establishes a national program to assess, cleanup, and provide support to States, tribes, local communities, and other stakeholders to work together to develop Brownfields.

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks.—The Leaking Underground Storage Tank [LUST] Program addresses petroleum releases from federally regulated underground storage tanks. It was created in 1986 when Congress amended subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. EPA implements the LUST response program

primarily through cooperative agreements with the States. In 2005, the Energy Policy Act expanded eligible uses of the Trust Fund to include certain leak prevention activities.

Inland Oil Spill.—The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by section 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, established a national program to help prepare for, and respond to, any oil spill affecting the inland waters of the United States.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$734,648,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 769,088,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 703,958,000 |

The bill provides \$703,958,000 for science and technology activities with an additional \$16,217,000 to be paid from Hazardous Substance Superfund to fund ongoing research activities authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended. This amount is \$30,690,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report. Additional changes to the request are detailed below

Clean Air and Climate.—\$105,982,000 is provided for clean air and climate activities. This amount is \$10,559,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Indoor Air and Radiation.—\$6,255,000 is provided for indoor air and radiation activities. This amount is an increase of \$258,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The proposed elimination of radon activities has been rejected.

Homeland Security.—\$36,285,000 is provided for homeland security activities. This amount is a decrease of \$825,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Committee supports the continuation of the Water Security Initiative to ensure that there is an effective system in place for timely detection and appropriate response of water contamination.

Pesticides Licensing.—\$6,054,000 is provided for pesticide program activities. This amount is an increase of \$27,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Research: National Priorities.—The bill provides \$4,100,000, which shall be used for extramural research grants, independent of the Science to Achieve Results [STAR] grant program, to fund high-priority water quality and availability research by not-for-profit organizations who often partner with the Agency. Because these grants are independent of the STAR program, the Agency should strive to award grants in as large an amount as is possible to achieve the most scientifically significant research. Funds shall be awarded competitively with priority given to partners proposing research of national scope and who provide a 25-percent match. The Agency is directed to allocate funds to grantees within 180 days of enactment of this act.

Research: Air, Climate, and Energy.—\$90,400,000 is provided for the air, climate, and energy research program. This amount is a decrease of \$1,506,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The funding requested to engage in additional research related to hy-

draulic fracturing with the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior is not provided.

Research: Safe and Sustainable Water Resources.—\$104,912,000 is provided for safe and sustainable water resources research. This amount is \$2,522,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. In fiscal year 2016, the Agency is directed to complete the hydraulic fracturing study that examines whether there is a relationship between hydraulic fracturing activities and drinking water. While the Committee appreciates the Agency's work to address this important topic, more than \$25,000,000 has been provided for this study since it was first requested in 2010. As such, the Committee believes the study should be completed by the end of fiscal year 2016. No additional funding for hydraulic fracturing research is provided.

Research: Sustainable Communities.—\$135,110,000 has been provided for research activities for sustainable communities. This amount is \$14,865,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Reductions in this area are consistent with reductions proposed in the President's fiscal year 2016 budget justification.

Research: Chemical Safety and Sustainability.—\$125,948,000 is provided for the chemical safety and sustainability program. This amount is a reduction of \$982,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Additional Guidance.—The Committee has provided the following additional guidance with respect to funding provided under this account.

Integrated Risk Information System.—The Committee appreciates the work of the Agency to implement the 2011 National Academy of Science's Chapter 7 recommendations for the Integrated Risk Information System [IRIS], but is concerned that the recommendations have not been fully implemented. Specifically, the concerns relate to: transparent frameworks for problem formulation; processes for study selection, particularly data quality and relevance; use of a robust weight of the evidence process for applying scientific findings; and, apparent continued reliance on default linear modeling approaches to hazard determinations. In an effort to ensure that the IRIS program uses the best available science, the Committee encourages the Agency to implement the Chapter 7 recommendations as soon as possible.

Nanomaterial Research.—The FDA has developed increased capabilities to study environment, health, and the safety of nanomaterials [nanoEHS] within FDA's Jefferson Laboratory Campus, including the National Center for Toxicological Research, and its consolidated headquarters at White Oak, Maryland. EPA and the FDA are encouraged to continue collaborative research efforts and, where possible, seek to expand and maximize the impact of their respective research program related to nanotechnology and safe and sustainable molecular design.

Public Access to Research.—In February 2013, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President issued guidelines on increasing public access to the results of federally funded scientific research. Given the importance of research funded by EPA, the Agency is encouraged to comply expeditiously.

Validation of Scientifically Significant Studies.—The National Academy of Sciences has acknowledged that reproducibility of re-

search results is fundamental to the scientific process. The Committee understands that EPA is likely to include the findings of the Zhang et al (Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev; Jan; 19(1):80–88) study for scientifically significant decisions in fiscal year 2016. The study, however, has drawn criticisms about its methods and interpretations. Given the public health importance of the findings of this study, validation of the findings is important. The Agency is directed to ensure that the Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee [SAB CAAC] specifically addresses the strengths and limitations of the Zhang et al. study during their peer review and takes this evaluation into account in their review of the total body of evidence for the carcinogenicity of formaldehyde.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,613,679,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,841,718,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,561,498,000 |

The bill provides \$2,561,498,000 for environmental programs and management activities. This amount is a decrease of \$52,181,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report. Additional changes to the request are detailed below.

Brownfields.—\$27,562,000 has been provided for the Brownfields program. This amount is an increase of \$1,969,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Clean Air and Climate.—\$248,590,000 has been provided for clean air and climate programs. This amount is a decrease of \$24,518,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Committee has not included the Administration's requests for funding increases and for additional employees related to the Clean Power Plan. Within the funds provided, the Agency is directed to develop a publicly available data base that provides information about when State Implementation Plans are submitted under the Clean Air Act and the date by which the Agency has responded to each State Implementation Plan.

Enforcement.—The bill provides \$233,178,000 for enforcement, \$7,459,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Environmental Protection: National Priorities.—The bill provides \$15,000,000 for a competitive grant program to provide technical assistance for improved water quality or safe drinking water to rural and urban communities or individual private well owners. The Agency is directed to provide \$13,000,000 for grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations, on a national or multi-State regional basis, for the sole purpose of providing on-site training technical assistance for water systems in rural or urban communities. The Agency is also directed to provide \$2,000,000 for grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations for technical assistance for individual private well owners, with priority given to organizations that provide technical and educational assistance to individual private well owners. The Agency shall require each grantee to provide a minimum 10 percent match, including in-kind contributions. The Agency is directed to allocate funds to grantees within 180 days of enactment.

Geographic Programs.—The bill provides \$432,493,000 for Geographic Programs, an increase of \$4,756,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Funding levels for the specific geographic programs are as follows:

- \$300,000,000 for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- \$73,000,000 for the Chesapeake Bay program.
- \$4,819,000 for the San Francisco Bay program.
- \$29,998,000 for the Puget Sound program.
- \$1,340,000 for the South Florida program.
- \$3,940,000 for the Long Island Sound program.
- \$8,110,000 for the Gulf of Mexico program.
- \$4,399,000 for the Lake Champlain program.
- \$5,000,000 for the Southern New England Estuaries program.
- \$948,000 for the Lake Pontchartrain program.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.—A long-term goal of GLRI articulated in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan calls for land use, recreation and economic activities that are managed to ensure that nearshore aquatic, wetland and upland habitats will sustain the health and function of natural communities. The Committee is aware that Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the region are working on site-specific land-use and economic development projects with local communities bordering the Great Lakes that can help advance this effort. The Agency is encouraged to work with these groups to advance this long term goal as they allocate funding under the GLRI.

Chesapeake Bay.—The Committee recommends \$73,000,000 for the Chesapeake Bay program. From within the amount provided, \$6,000,000 is for nutrient and sediment removal grants and \$6,000,000 is for small watershed grants to control polluted runoff from urban, suburban and agricultural lands.

Indoor Air and Radiation.—\$28,255,000 has been provided for indoor air and radiation activities, an increase of \$618,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Administration's request for additional funding for the ongoing rulemaking related to uranium mill tailings is not provided. The proposed elimination of the radon program has been rejected and \$3,105,000 has been provided.

Information Exchange.—\$121,004,000 has been provided for information exchange programs. This amount is a decrease of \$5,534,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within that amount, the environmental education program is funded at \$4,351,000. Additional funding is as follows: \$4,000,000 for the Administrator's immediate office; \$7,300,000 for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs; and \$4,000,000 for the Office of Public Affairs. The Committee is disappointed that funds were used during a rulemaking to facilitate a social media campaign in support of a proposed rule. This occurred at the same time Congress was considering legislation related to the proposed rule. A prohibition on such activity exists in this bill and must be followed.

Legal/Science/Regulatory/Economic Review.—The recommendation provides \$104,291,000, a reduction of \$7,123,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Funding for the Civil Rights/Title VI compliance program is \$11,467,000, an increase of \$397,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Committee has not included

the Administration's requests for funding increases and for additional employees in this account.

Operations and Administration.—\$478,090,000 is provided for operation and administration.

Pesticides Licensing.—\$105,304,000 is provided for pesticides licensing activities, an increase of \$2,941,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.—The recommendation provides \$108,827,000, an increase of \$3,950,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. An additional \$2,842,000 is included within this program area to provide support for Tribal waste management activities as requested by the Administration.

Toxics Risk Review and Prevention.—\$88,764,000 is provided for toxics risk review and prevention activities, a decrease of \$3,757,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within funding provided to the Agency, EPA is required to maintain funding for the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics at not less than the fiscal year 2015 level.

Water: Ecosystems.—\$47,788,000 has been provided for water ecosystem programs, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within the amount provided, \$27,310,000 has been provided for National Estuary Program grants as authorized by section 320 of the Clean Water Act. This amount is an increase of \$587,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level and is sufficient to provide each of the 28 national estuaries in the program with a grant of \$600,000.

Water: Human Health Protection.—\$97,454,000 has been provided for water-related human health protection activities equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The proposed elimination of the beach program has been rejected and funding restored to the fiscal year 2015 level.

Water Quality Protection.—\$195,291,000 has been provided for water quality protection. This is \$15,126,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within that amount, \$5,000,000 is provided for implementation of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act as requested by the Administration.

Additional Guidance.—The Committee has provided the following additional guidance with respect to funding provided under this account.

Combined Sewer Overflows.—The Committee supports the EPA's mission to improve water quality and protect the Great Lakes, the drinking water source for millions of Americans. This Committee notes that many communities around the entire Great Lakes Basin have made great strides to update wastewater infrastructures since the Agency's last report to Congress on Combined Sewer Overflows [CSO] in the lake Michigan Basin, as directed by Congress in HR. Rep. No. 108-674 at 101 (September 9, 2004). Despite the progress made, the Committee remains concerned that billions of gallons of untreated water and contaminants from a variety of sources, including combined sewage overflows from wastewater treatment facilities, are dumped into the Great Lakes every year.

Within the funds provided, the Committee directs the EPA to report to Congress on the status of combined sewer overflows into the Great Lakes Basin and identify steps the Agency is taking to mini-

mize such overflows. Specifically, the report should include the cause of sewer overflows, where these overflows are occurring, the total annual volume, as well as, the average historic volume at the locations where these overflows occur. The Agency should also outline what steps are being taken to work with States and local stakeholders to quickly notify the public about anticipated and unanticipated discharge events, including the volume and state of the treatment of the discharge, the date and time of the discharge, expected duration, the location of the discharge to the maximum level of specificity practicable and the cause of the discharge. Additionally, the Agency is directed to provide a report indicating, for each CSO community in the Great Lakes Basin, the implementation status of each CSO long term control plan. Further, the Committee directs the EPA to outline how the Agency is collaborating with other Federal agencies using existing data to advance water quality protections that are both timely and measurable.

Within 60 days of passage of this act, the EPA should provide the Committee on Appropriations in the House and the Senate with a plan for completing this study.

Community Affordability.—Within the funds provided, the Committee directs the EPA to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration—an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress—to conduct an independent study to create a definition and framework for “community affordability.” The Academy shall consult with the EPA, States and localities, and such organizations, including, but not limited to the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors; review existing studies of the costs and benefits associated with major regulations under such laws as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and determine how different localities can effectively fund municipal projects. The Academy shall submit a report with its findings, conclusions, and recommendations no later than 1 year after the date of contract with EPA.

Drinking Water Supply Support.—The chemical spill along the Elk River in January 2014 was a sobering reminder of the many ways in which we must work to safeguard our drinking water. It is the Committee’s understanding that interstate water pollution control agencies within the Ohio River Basin have begun the necessary steps toward improving monitoring programs for the protection of drinking water. EPA is encouraged to partner with these agencies to promote and enhance these efforts that will help protect drinking water supplies.

Lead Test Kit.—In 2008, EPA adopted the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule which included criteria by which the Agency could certify a test kit that contractors could use onsite to comply with the rule. The Committee is concerned that 7 years later, no kit has been developed that meets these standards. The Agency was directed in the fiscal year 2015 Consolidated Appropriations Act to prioritize efforts with stakeholders to identify solutions that would allow for a test kit to meet the criteria within the 2008 rule to reduce costs for consumers, remodelers and families to comply

with the rule. The Agency has interpreted this requirement to be satisfied by holding a public meeting during fiscal year 2015. The Committee is concerned that this action is not adequate and is concerned that progress is not being made to identify a solution to this issue. If no solution is reached by the end of the fiscal year, EPA should reopen the rule and determine whether it is possible to include an opt-out provision until a test kit is certified that can comply with the rule.

Methane.—The Committee is concerned about the Agency's efforts to regulate methane emissions beyond the New Source Performance Standard [NSPS] OOOO rule, which were finally implemented in January 2015. The Committee notes that EPA has reported that methane emissions from hydraulically fractured natural gas wells have declined by 79 percent since 2005. Given that the NSPS OOOO has been implemented for such a limited amount of time and that emissions are declining without further EPA regulation, the Committee is concerned that additional regulation of methane emissions is premature. Before finalizing additional regulation, the Committee urges the Agency to ensure the NSPS OOOO rule is fully implemented and contains at least 1 year of data to better inform future decisions.

Ozone Layer Protection.—The use of HCFC-22, a gas principally used in refrigeration and air-conditioning systems, is currently being phased-down by the Agency under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer. While the Agency prohibits the sale of new air-conditioning units that are pre-charged with HCFC-22, it permits the sale of un-charged condensing equipment. To pursue the goal of an orderly phase down of HCFC-22, the Committee urges the Agency to continue evaluating the sale and performance of un-charged HCFC-22 condensing units in order to gauge the environmental and economic impact of the continued sale of this equipment.

Pesticide Registration Improvement Act.—The Committee appreciates the work of the EPA and its partners to implement a sensible registration service fee system for applications for pesticide registration. The Committee urges the Agency to ensure that its review of applications complies with the predictable evaluation process and specific decision review periods contemplated in the legislation to the maximum extent possible.

Response to Congressional Requests.—The Committee is concerned that the Agency has not provided Congressional Committees with underlying scientific data to confirm certain statements made by the administration. Providing underlying data to support assertions made is an important component of a transparent debate. As such, the Agency should respond to such requests in a timely and thorough manner.

Significant New Alternatives Policy ("SNAP") Program.—The Committee is aware that the Agency has proposed to change the listing status of certain substitutes used in domestic and commercial refrigeration and foam-blowing sectors pursuant to the SNAP program. The Committee has concerns about the costs, technology requirements, and compressed compliance periods associated with that proposal. It has also been suggested that the timeframe conflicts with the Department of Energy's energy conservation stand-

ards. The Committee notes that EPA’s proposal is not being driven by any statutory deadline, and, therefore, encourages the EPA to ensure its proposal takes into consideration the Department of Energy’s energy conservation standards as well as concerns related to costs and technology compliance.

St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway Project.—The Committee is aware that the St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway Project, authorized by Congress in 1954 and again in 1986, has yet to be completed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE] has completed numerous Environmental Impact Statements [EIS] on this project and is in the process of completing yet another EIS involving a blue-ribbon panel of third-party experts to address concerns voiced by EPA, the Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS], and others. The most recent EIS involved an interagency working group comprised of EPA and FWS personnel meeting over the past 6 years. In spite of the fact that the USACE is proposing significant environmental enhancements to the project, the Committee is aware the EPA and FWS have recently shared correspondence with the USACE opposing to the project. On many past occasions, Congress has urged the completion of this project, which provides vital flood protection to the citizens of New Madrid and Mississippi Counties in Southeast Missouri. Therefore, the Committee again expresses its support for the completion of the St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway Project and strongly discourages EPA from using any authority under the Clean Water Act, including authorities in section 404(c), to prohibit the project from moving forward.

Uranium Mill Tailings.—The Committee is concerned that the Agency has proposed new groundwater standards for facilities that produce uranium by in situ recovery [ISR] without consulting State regulators or the industry that will be regulated by the rule. The proposed standards include significant new requirements, such as the requirement for 30 years of groundwater monitoring, without providing any evidence that such a requirement is necessary to protect public health or that existing Federal and State regulatory programs are not sufficiently restoring groundwater. The Agency is directed to provide information to the Committee regarding its outreach efforts to State regulators in States where ISR currently exists or is proposed. Additionally, before finalizing the rule, the Agency should engage State regulators and impacted parties to ensure that the standards proposed are necessary to protect public health.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ELECTRIC MANIFEST SYSTEM FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$3,674,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 7,368,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 3,786,000 |

The bill provides \$3,786,000 for the Hazardous Waste Electric Manifest System Fund. This amount is an increase of \$112,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$41,489,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 50,099,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 41,489,000 |

The bill provides \$41,489,000 for the Office of Inspector General. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$42,317,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 51,507,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 42,317,000 |

The bill provides \$42,317,000 for buildings and facilities programs. This amount is an equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$1,088,769,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,153,834,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,106,809,000 |

The bill provides \$1,106,809,000 for Superfund programs. This amount is an increase of \$18,040,000 above the enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report. Additional changes to the request are detailed below.

Homeland Security.—\$33,751,000 is provided for homeland security activities, a reduction of \$2,611,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This recommendation is consistent with reductions proposed by the Administration.

Research: Sustainable Communities.—\$12,220,000 is provided for the sustainable and healthy communities program, a reduction of \$1,812,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This recommendation is consistent with reductions proposed by the Administration.

Superfund Cleanup.—\$732,607,000 is provided for Superfund cleanup activities, an increase of \$21,540,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. Within that amount, a \$1,714,000 increase is provided for emergency response and removal activities and a \$19,615,000 increase is provided for remedial activities. The Agency is directed to factor community acceptance into its Superfund remedial cleanup remedy selection process and, when supported by a community, consider remedial cleanup remedies that provide green space as part of a remedial action that is protective of human health and the environment.

Additional Guidance.—The Committee has provided the following additional guidance with respect to funding provided under this account:

Lead at Superfund Sites.—Using the funds provided, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall contract with

the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of the sources of lead in the environment at each designated Superfund site that is proximal to a historic surface lead mining district. The study shall focus on whether naturally occurring lead, lead-based paint, and the consumer use of products containing lead are significant sources of lead at such sites. The Administrator shall transmit to Congress a report containing the results of the study not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this act.

Sediment Guidance.—There remains a significant number of large cleanups involving contaminated sediment in rivers and ports across the country. Within 90 days of the enactment of this act, the Agency shall provide the Committee an analysis of the degree to which sediment guidance and adaptive management policies are being applied in a consistent basis at sediment sites currently undergoing investigation and/or remediation.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$91,941,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 95,326,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 91,485,000 |

The bill provides \$91,485,000 for leaking underground storage tank trust fund activities. This amount is \$456,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this statement.

INLAND OIL SPILL PROGRAM

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$18,209,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 23,378,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 18,078,000 |

The bill provides \$18,078,000 for inland oil spill programs. This amount is a decrease of \$131,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this statement.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$3,545,161,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 3,599,400,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 3,027,937,000 |

The bill provides \$3,027,937,000 for State and tribal assistance grants. This amount is \$517,224,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this statement. Additional changes to the request are detailed below.

Infrastructure Assistance.—\$1,852,896 has been provided for infrastructure assistance. The amount provided includes \$1,047,000,000 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund [CWSRF] program and \$775,896,000 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund [DWSRF] program. The Committee strongly supports the State Revolving Funds [SRFs] and regrets less funding is available for these funds than was available in fiscal year 2015. While that is the case, the Committee notes that more funding has been provided in the SRFs than was proposed by the Administra-

tion in fiscal year 2015 when its budget proposal abided by the spending limits required in law.

More than \$23,000,000,000 has been appropriated to the State Revolving Funds since fiscal year 2009. While this amount is substantial, the need is even greater. The EPA estimates more than \$334,000,000,000 is needed for public water systems that are eligible to receive funding from the DWSRF program and more than \$298,000,000,000 is needed for water systems that are eligible for the CWSRF program. Given the tremendous need, the Committee believes that the Agency should continue to look for innovative financing opportunities.

Targeted Airshed Grant.—\$15,000,000 has been provided for Targeted Airshed Grants. These grants have traditionally been distributed on a competitive basis to non-attainment areas that EPA determines are ranked as the top five most polluted areas relative to annual ozone or particulate matter 2.5 standards in the past. For fiscal year 2016, the Committee has provided funding in addition to base funds so that additional grants can be made on a competitive basis to particulate matter 2.5 non-attainment areas where wood stoves are a major cause of the non-attainment. Funds distributed in this manner should be used for a wood stove change out program or programs supporting the conversion of residential boilers to achieve attainment.

Categorical Grants.—For categorical grants to States and other environmental partners for the implementation of delegated programs, the bill provides \$1,060,041,000. The Committee continues to reject the elimination of the Radon program and the Beaches Protection program and funding is provided at fiscal year 2015 enacted levels for both programs.

Categorical Grant: Nonpoint Source (Sec. 319).—The Committee has provided \$164,195,000 in Nonpoint Source grants. The Committee urges the Agency to examine the allocation formula to ensure that resources are being spent in areas with the most pressing need.

Categorical Grant: State and Local Air Quality Management Grant Program.—For fiscal year 2016 and beyond, the Committee believes that, in accordance with EPA's recommendations, the formula determining the allocation of Air Quality Grant's should be modified to take into account recent population and demographic shifts.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

The bill continues several administrative provisions from previous years.

TITLE III
 RELATED AGENCIES
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 FOREST SERVICE

The U.S. Forest Service, a bureau of the Department of Agriculture, manages 193 million acres in 44 States and territories. In addition, the Service maintains a system of research stations and experimental forests and ranges throughout the country. The Agency also provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners, States, and communities to help sustain the Nation's urban and rural forests.

FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$296,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 291,982,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 291,904,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$291,904,000 for forest and rangeland research. This amount is \$78,000 below the budget request and \$4,096,000 below the enacted level.

Forest Inventory and Analysis.—The bill provides \$80,000,000 for forest inventory and analysis, \$13,000,000 above the enacted level.

Research and Development Programs.—The bill provides \$211,904,000 for base research activities. The Committee recognizes the role of the forests products sector in the U.S. economy and supports work at the Forest Products Laboratory to research the use of wood building materials in the domestic construction industry; and wood-based material usage such as fiber-based productions, cellulose nanomaterials, chemical feed stocks, and bioenergy. Because demand is expected to increase substantially for wood as a sustainable raw material and for associated technical expertise in the design of timber, wood and wood products in architecture and engineering, and other sustainable, renewable, and recyclable material and products, the Committee directs the Forest Products Laboratory to support work conducted at Land Grant Universities intended to accelerate the growth of the domestic finished wood products industry.

The Forest Products Laboratory, which conducts innovative wood and fiber utilization research that contributes to conservation and forest resource productivity, is provided \$27,000,000 to advance ongoing work and collaborative partnerships that will optimize the research for the commercialization of high value, high volume biomass uses while helping eliminate hazardous fuels in our Nation's forests.

White Nose Syndrome.—The Forest Service’s leading role in the fight against white nose syndrome in bats is to be commended, but as a greater focus is placed on the need for conservation measures on our Nation’s private and public forestlands, the Forest Service must continue to play an important role in the implementation of its National Science Strategy on White Nose Syndrome. The Forest Service is expected to prioritize white nose syndrome in bats.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$232,653,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 236,611,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 226,655,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$226,655,000 for State and private forestry programs, a decrease of \$5,998,000 below the enacted level. Program changes to the enacted level are detailed in the following budget activity narratives and funding levels for each subactivity can also be found in the table at the end of this report.

Landscape Scale Restoration.—The bill provides an appropriation of \$12,000,000 for the landscape scale restoration line item, an amount \$2,000,000 below the enacted level. The Committee recommends that the funding spent on the State and Private Forestry Redesign efforts, under the Landscape Scale Restoration Program [LSR] budget line item, be awarded to States to address priorities in Forest Action Plans. The goal would be to create a competitive process to fund the best cross-boundary, landscape-scale projects that are innovative, meet priority needs, and are outcome driven.

Forest Health Management.—The bill provides \$98,594,000 for forest health management activities, an amount \$5,983,000 below the enacted level. This includes \$58,750,000 for activities on Federal lands and \$39,844,000 on cooperative lands. Within the funds provided for forest health management activities, \$3,700,000 is to combat the threat of invasive plants and species.

Cooperative Forestry.—The bill provides \$108,061,000 for cooperative forestry activities, an increase of \$1,985,000 above the enacted level. This includes \$22,575,000 for forest stewardship, \$2,000,000 for community forest and open space conservation, and \$23,686,000 for urban and community forestry.

Forest Legacy.—The bill provides \$59,800,000 for the forest legacy program commensurate with the budget request and an increase of \$6,800,000 above the enacted level. The amount provided within this bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| MT | Trumbull Creek Watershed | \$6,500,000 | \$6,500,000 |
| GA | Lentile Longleaf Pine Tract | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 |
| ID | Hall Mountain-Kootenai Valley | 3,300,000 | 3,300,000 |
| FL | Silver Springs Watershed | 3,700,000 | 3,700,000 |
| NY | Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest | 5,455,000 | 5,455,000 |
| ME | Big Six Forest | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 |
| WA | Mt. St. Helens Forest Phase 2 | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 |
| UT | Zion-Orderville Gulch | 2,630,000 | 2,630,000 |
| TN | Sherwood Forest | 3,345,000 | 3,345,000 |
| OR | East Moraine Wallowa Lake | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| NC | East Fork of French Broad Headwaters Phase III | 2,800,000 | 2,800,000 |
| CT | Whip-Poor-Will Woods | 1,430,000 | 1,430,000 |

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| AR | Pine-Flatwoods Recovery Initiative | 1,150,000 | 1,150,000 |
| HI | Helemano Wilderness Area | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| PA | The Northeast Connection | 2,985,000 | 2,985,000 |
| TX | Longleaf Ridge | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| SC | Chestnut Ridge Extension | 1,005,000 | 1,005,000 |
| | Other projects | 1,200,000 | ..... |
| | Administration | 6,400,000 | 6,400,000 |
| | Total, Forest Legacy Program | 61,000,000 | 59,800,000 |

International Forestry.—The bill provides \$8,000,000 for international forestry activities, an amount equal to the enacted level.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$1,494,330,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,648,314,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,516,764,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$1,516,764,000 for national forest system operations, an increase of \$22,434,000 above the enacted level and \$131,550,000 below the budget request. Program changes to the enacted level are detailed in the following budget activity narratives and funding levels for each subactivity can also be found in the table at the end of this statement.

Integrated Resource Restoration [IRR].—The Committee notes that for the fifth consecutive fiscal year the budget request has included a major restructuring in which several programs are combined to form the Integrated Resource Restoration [IRR] budget line. The Committee rejects this consolidation. The Forest Service has yet to provide to the Committee tangible accomplishments, true management efficiencies and accountability achieved by the proposal through the IRR pilot projects. The Committee warns the Forest Service that in absence of adequate demonstrable benefits provided to the Committee prior to the fiscal year 2017 budget submission, IRR could be permanently rejected.

Land Management Planning, Inventory and Monitoring.—The bill provides \$36,998,000 for Land Management Planning and \$147,998,000 for Inventory and Monitoring, a decrease of \$756,000 and \$3,021,000 below the enacted level, respectively. The Committee rejects the proposal to consolidate these two line items.

Grazing Management.—The bill provides \$56,856,000 for grazing management programs, \$1,500,000 above the enacted level. The Committee rejects the proposed new grazing fees.

The Committees directs the Forest Service, to the greatest extent possible, to make vacant grazing allotments available to a holder of a grazing permit or lease when lands covered by the holder of the permit or lease are unusable because of drought or wildfire. The Committee recognizes the importance of grazing on Forest Service lands not only because of its economic impacts and ability to be used as management tool, but also for its role in the heritage of the Western States.

Forest Products.—The bill provides \$359,805,000 for forest products, \$20,675,000 above the enacted level. The Committee directs the Forest Service to report program outputs from the Forest Prod-

ucts line item by counting only commercial products, including sawlogs, pulpwood, commercial biomass, and commercial firewood. Personal use firewood should be reported separately and should not be used to calculate program costs or efficiencies.

The Committee notes that over the last 10 years the timber supply in Region 10 has been constrained to less than 10 percent of the allowable sale quantity in the current land management plan. As a result, numerous mills have closed. In an effort to restore confidence in the timber supply and foster and allow investment in new facilities, the Forest Service pledged to prepare and offer four 10-year timber sales each with a volume of 150–200 million board feet. The agency recently converted the first two timber sales to smaller stewardship projects. These projects will neither restore confidence, nor will they allow investment in new facilities. The Committee directs the Forest Service to prepare and offer, within 2 years, the four 10-year timber sales as promised.

Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness.—The bill provides \$261,719,000 for recreation, heritage, and wilderness, an amount equal to the enacted level. In recent years the Alaska Region has seen its recreation, trails and facilities funding shrink at a disproportionately higher rate when compared to other regions. The Committee urges the Forest Service to prioritize funding for recreation, trails and facilities in the Tongass National Forest and to bring investments in Region 10 more in-line with funding nationwide. This can be accomplished by returning to using regional priorities to allocate funds rather than models that use inputs that favor certain regions over others.

The Committee is concerned about the impacts of Executive Order 13658 on outfitters operating in national forests. The Committee understands that the Forest Service attempted to work with the Department of Labor to craft an exemption for outfitters operating in national forests and is disappointed that those efforts were rejected by the Department of Labor. The Committee urges the Forest Service to seek an alternative remedy.

Vegetation and Watershed Management.—The bill provides \$190,116,000 for vegetation and watershed management activities, which is \$5,400,000 above the enacted level. The Committee expresses concern with the pace and scale of the Forest Service's use of the authorities granted by section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 to perform critically needed treatments of insect and disease infested trees on National Forests. The Committee provides no less than \$5,400,000 to fully and promptly implement this authority.

Wildlife and Fish Habitat Management.—The bill provides \$140,466,000 for wildlife and fish habitat management, an amount equal to the enacted level.

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund [CFLR].—The bill provides \$40,000,000 for collaborative forest landscape restoration projects. The Committee notes that the CFLR was intended to leverage non-Federal resources to carry out collaborative projects across a mixed ownership landscape. The Committee has become aware of the lack of apparent transparency relating to funds required to carry out the CFLR program to-date. During fiscal year 2014, the Forest Service spent more than \$79,000,000 in non-CFLR

dollars with in CFLR project boundaries. If this spending trend were to continue, for every additional \$10,000,000 in additional CFLR funding, the Forest Service would spend nearly \$20,000,000 in additional non-CFLR funds within CFLR project areas. While the Committee supports collaboration, it is concerned about the impact this resource consumption has on lands outside project boundaries, particularly coupled with questions about the tangible benefits of the program. As such, the Committee rejects the proposal to increase funds for the program at this time. The Committee also directs the Forest Service to accurately portray the true cost of the CFLR program in future budget submissions and to make future requests reflective of such amounts as would be necessary to carry out all activities within project boundaries.

Minerals and Geology Management.—The bill provides \$78,423,000 for minerals and geology management, \$2,000,000 above the enacted level.

Law Enforcement.—The bill provides \$126,653,000 for law enforcement activities, an amount equal to the enacted level. Of the funds provided, up to \$13,000,000 is for marijuana eradication activities.

Tongass National Forest.—The Committee is concerned about the Forest Service's implementation strategy in Region 10 with respect to the timber program and its ability to preserve a viable timber industry. The Committee notes that in order to preserve a viable timber industry, the Forest Service must provide a reliable supply of economically viable timber from the national forest system that includes both old growth and young growth. To that end, the Committee expects the Forest Service to meet the requirements of section 705(a) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 539 d(a)). In addition, the Committee directs the Forest Service to make available funds previously set-aside for activities related to the proposed Transition Framework for assistance in Region 10 to conduct a comprehensive inventory of young growth to include the stand-level field work on young growth, recommended by the Tongass Advisory Committee, to ground-proof and refine inventory and growth data and improve inventory accuracy. Unless and until the comprehensive inventory is completed, the Forest Service shall not issue a Record of Decision for any Forest Plan Amendments to the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan that includes transition to young growth management.

Mark Twain National Forest.—The Committee is aware of commitments made by the Forest Service to study the economic impact and success associated with prescribed burning in the Missouri Pine-Oak Woodlands Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project area and on the Mark Twain National Forest, in general. The Forest Service is directed to refrain from using prescribed burns in the study area until such study is complete. Additionally, the Forest Service is directed to offer timber sales that will allow salvageable dying oak to be harvested prior to it losing its economic value.

Stewardship Contracting.—The Forest Service is directed to expeditiously prepare and publish draft rulemaking to establish a small business set-aside program for timber contracts undertaken using stewardship contracting authority that is consistent with pre-

vious commitments made by the Service and the Department of Agriculture on this matter.

Groundwater Directive.—The Forest Service is encouraged to withdraw the Groundwater Directive in light of agency acknowledgement of the challenges associated with implementing the directive.

Interdisciplinary Teams.—The Committee is concerned that there needs to be dramatic improvement in Federal forest management, to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuels, increase timber production, and restore forest jobs. The Committee urges the Forest Service to make investments to improve efficiency and expedite the backlog of planning work, and encourages the agencies to prioritize such hiring, including additional interdisciplinary teams, with appropriated funds, with a focus on areas where collaboratively developed management plans can contribute to forest restoration and also maintain infrastructure that could be critical to the Service’s ability to manage and restore lands in the future.

Bighorn Sheep Conservation.—The Committee directs the Forest Service to take prompt action to seek and enact multiple-use solutions to ensure our Nation does not continue to lose substantial portions of either our domestic sheep industry or our bighorn sheep conservation legacy. The Committee encourages the Forest Service to continue quantitative, science-based analyses of the risk of transmission of disease from domestic to bighorn sheep at the appropriate jurisdictional scale. In addition, the Committee encourages the Forest Service to work with partners to convene a roundtable discussion of diverse stakeholders including Federal land management agencies, domestic sheep industry representatives, grazing permittees, State wildlife management agencies, tribes, wild sheep conservation organizations, and other parties interested in collaboration on strategies and solutions to address risk of disease transmission. The Committee directs the Forest Service to brief the Committee on progress regarding the results from the roundtable prior to the submission of the fiscal year 2017 budget request.

Greater Sage-Grouse.—The Committee’s direction on greater sage-grouse can be found in the report language for the Bureau of Land Management.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$360,374,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 341,924,000 |
| Chairman’s recommendation | 358,164,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$358,164,000 for capital improvement and maintenance programs, a decrease of \$2,210,000 below the enacted level. As in previous years, this amount is offset with a \$16,000,000 scoring credit related to the Roads and Trails Fund.

Facilities.—The bill provides \$71,390,000, including \$55,369,000 for maintenance and \$16,021,000 for construction, a total decrease of \$210,000 below the enacted level.

Roads.—The bill provides \$181,094,000, including \$154,454,000 for maintenance and \$26,640,000 for construction, a total increase of \$13,000,000 above the enacted level.

Trails.—The bill provides \$77,530,000, including \$70,830,000 for maintenance and \$6,700,000 for construction, an amount equal to the enacted level. The Committee directs the Forest Service to use \$250,000 of the funds provided for trail maintenance for use by Ranger Districts for the purpose of entering into contracts with willing private outfitting, recreational services or nonprofit organizations in trail maintenance activities.

Deferred Maintenance.—The bill provides \$3,150,000 for deferred maintenance, an amount equal to the enacted level.

Legacy Road and Trail Remediation.—The bill provides \$25,000,000 for the legacy road initiative, a decrease of \$15,000,000 below the enacted level. The Forest Service is expected to allocate this funding in a manner proportionate to the distribution of roads in need of attention across the system and to direct funds to regions most in need of road remediation.

LAND ACQUISITION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$47,500,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 63,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 38,440,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$38,440,000 for land acquisition. This amount is a decrease of \$9,060,000 below the enacted level.

The Committee has provided \$3,000,000 for recreational access and the Forest Service is directed to prioritize recreational access projects that significantly enhance access to existing public lands that have inadequate access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. Further, the Committee expects the Service to report within 30 days of enactment of how this funding will be spent and include a description and explanation on the use of funds in future congressional budget justifications.

The amount provided within this bill is available for the following distribution of funds and projects requested by the administration:

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| CO | Upper Rio Grande: Rio Grande NF | \$5,000,000 | \$5,000,000 |
| CA | Hurdygurdy: Six Rivers NF | 700,000 | 700,000 |
| UT | Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail: Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF | 2,320,000 | 2,320,000 |
| NC | North Carolina's Threatened Treasures: Pisgah NF | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| NC | North Carolina's Threatened Treasures: Uwharrie NF | 450,000 | 450,000 |
| MT | High Divide: Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF | 1,525,000 | 1,525,000 |
| ID | High Divide: Caribou-Targhee NF | 1,625,000 | 1,625,000 |
| MT | High Divide: Gallatin NF | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| ID | High Divide: Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness | 425,000 | 425,000 |
| ID | High Divide: Sawtooth NF | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| CA | Sierra Nevada Checkerboard: Tahoe NF | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 |
| CO | Toll Properties: Roosevelt NF | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| TN | Tennessee Mountains: Cherokee NF | 1,635,000 | 1,635,000 |
| MO | Current River: Mark Twain NF | 2,070,000 | 2,070,000 |
| VA | Rivers of the Chesapeake: George Washington and Jefferson NF | 1,990,000 | 1,990,000 |
| | Other Projects | 21,560,000 | ..... |
| | Acquisition Management | 8,500,000 | 7,500,000 |
| | Cash Equalization | 250,000 | 250,000 |

| State | Project | Budget estimate | Bill (Discretionary) |
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| | Critical Inholdings/Wilderness | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| | Sportsman/Recreational Access | 5,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| | Total, Land Acquisition | 63,000,000 | 38,440,000 |

ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR NATIONAL FORESTS, SPECIAL ACTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$950,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 1,950,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 950,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$950,000, which is equal to the enacted level. These funds are derived from receipts at certain forests.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO COMPLETE LAND EXCHANGES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$216,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 216,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 216,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$216,000, which is equal to the enacted level. This amount is derived from funds deposited by State, county, and municipal governments or public school authorities pursuant to the act of December 4, 1967, as amended (16 U.S.C. 484a).

RANGE BETTERMENT FUND

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,320,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,320,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,320,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$2,320,000, which is equal to the request. This amount is for range rehabilitation, protection, and improvement, and is derived from fees received for livestock grazing on national forests pursuant to section 401(b)(1) of Public Law 94-579, as amended.

GIFTS, DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS FOR FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$45,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 45,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 45,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$45,000, which is equal to the budget request. This amount is derived from the fund established under 16 U.S.C. 1643(b).

MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS FOR SUBSISTENCE USES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,500,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,441,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,500,000 |

The bill provides an appropriation of \$2,500,000, equal to the enacted level. This account provides for carrying out the Forest Service's responsibilities for subsistence under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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| Appropriations, 2015 ¹ | \$2,636,358,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 ² | 3,208,607,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation ³ | 3,555,919,000 |

¹Includes \$303,060,000 appropriated under the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account.

²Includes \$854,578,000 for suppression designated as disaster pursuant to pending congressional action.

³Includes \$854,578,000 for suppression designated as emergency.

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$3,555,919,000 for wildland fire management, an increase of \$919,561,000 above the enacted level. This includes \$854,578,000 provided with an emergency designation, for additional suppression resources. Funding levels for each subactivity can also be found in the table at the end of this statement. Of the funds provided, \$2,000,000 is for the Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes to continue to enhance the Forest Service's capacity to execute science-based forest restoration treatments to reduce the risk of wildfires and improve the health of dry forest ecosystems.

Fire Operations.—The bill provides \$2,208,620,000 for wildfire preparedness and suppression operations, \$354,780,000 above the enacted level. This amount includes \$1,082,620,000 for preparedness and \$1,126,000,000 for suppression. As noted earlier, the bill provides \$854,578,000 with an emergency designation for additional suppression resources that are only available if regular discretionary funds for suppression are exhausted.

Other Operations.—The bill provides \$492,721,000 for other wildland fire management operations, an increase of \$13,263,000 above the enacted level. The bill provides \$375,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduction, of which up to \$15,000,000 may be used for biomass utilization grants, which the Forest Service is expected to use for the development of bioenergy and bio-based products, such as nanotechnology, that will expand commercial markets for low value wood to facilitate increased removal of biomass beyond traditional fuels treatment. Investing in the research and development of advanced woody biomass uses will help reduce excessive hazardous fuels on our Nation's forestlands while creating new economic markets and opportunity for taxpayers. The bill also provides \$19,795,000 for fire plan research and development, \$6,914,000 for joint fire science, \$78,012,000 for State fire assistance, and \$13,000,000 for volunteer fire assistance.

Fire Suppression Aviation.—The Committee acknowledges the importance of ensuring all available resources are on hand to fight the wildfires that ravage the Nation's forests, and understands how critical private industry is in these efforts. The Committee also recognizes the investment of the Forest Service in developing the Next Generation Large Air Tanker Modernization Strategy and the need to ensure a sufficient number of available aircraft and the proper mix of Federal and private equipment to adequately respond to the needs of the agencies fighting wildfires. Due to Congressional action, the Forest Service can expect to take possession of seven, Government-owned C-130H aircraft beginning this year, as well as to pursue the acquisition of new aircraft with funding provided in fis-

cal year 2015. The Forest Service is directed to evaluate and provide to the Committee evidence of cost-savings expected to result from the acquisition of Federal aircraft. This evaluation should include not only costs charged to the Forest Service, but costs charged to other agencies so the Committee has an accurate accounting of the actual cost of Federal ownership compared with utilization of private contractors.

Wildland Urban Interface.—The Committee understands the significant threat of severe wildland fires to communities and natural resources within the Wildland Urban Interface. The Committee believes that limited Federal budgets require innovative approaches that directly improve the capacity and capability of firefighters and communities to respond and fight wildland fires. The Committee supports the plan to utilize regional partnerships to implement 50 percent cost-shared approaches to install fire suppression response and suppression infrastructure, as well as coordinating programs that emphasize collaborative management of such programs. Priority shall be given to ongoing programs that have demonstrated the ability to implement such approaches.

Greater Sage-Grouse.—The Committee's direction on Greater sage-grouse can be found in the report language for the Bureau of Land Management.

Wildland Fire Science Partnership.—The Committee appreciates the work of the Wildland Fire Science Partnership and expects funds within joint fire science to be used to study current wildland firefighting operations and the safety and health impacts of such operations on wildland firefighters.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The bill continues several administrative provisions from previous years.

In order to improve transparency and communication between the Forest Service and the Committee, the Forest Service is directed to improve methods by which spending statistics can be reported by region, State and forest.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

The Indian Health Service [IHS] is the agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that has responsibility for providing Federal health services to approximately 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. The provision of health services to tribes grew out of the special relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes that was established in 1787, based on article I, section 8 of the Constitution, and given form and substance by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions, and Executive orders that followed. Most notable among these is the Snyder Act of 1921, which provides the basic authority for most Indian health services provided by the Federal Government to Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

IHS services are provided directly and through tribally contracted and operated programs in over 600 health care facilities located throughout the United States, primarily in rural and isolated areas. Health care is also purchased from more than 9,000 private providers annually. The Federal system consists of 28 hospitals, 61 health centers, and 34 health stations. Through Public Law 93–638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act, tribes and tribal organizations compact and contract health programs to manage 17 hospitals, 249 health centers and 70 health stations. In addition, grants to 34 nonprofit urban Indian health organizations provide a variety of health and referral services.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$4,182,147,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 4,463,260,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 3,539,523,000 |

The Committee recommends \$3,539,523,000 for clinical services programs of the Indian Health Service. This is a decrease of \$642,624,000 below the enacted level. The decrease reflects the Committee's creation of a new, separate account for contract support costs. In prior years, funds were reprogrammed from other important services programs in order to fully fund these obligations. Under the Committee's new budget structure which also establishes an indefinite appropriation for contract support costs, the full amount tribes are entitled to will be paid and other programs will not be reduced in cases where the agency may have underestimated these payments when submitting its budget. Taking the restructuring into account, the Committee's recommendation for the services appropriation is \$20,346,000 above the level for fiscal year 2015.

Increases above the enacted level in the services account include \$16,222,000 for staffing of newly opened health facilities, \$2,000,000 for the alcohol and substance abuse program to focus on tribal youth, and \$2,000,000 for operating shortfalls at previously authorized community health clinics. Funds for the staffing of new facilities are provided solely to support facilities on the Health Care Facilities Construction Priority System and Joint Venture construction projects that have opened in fiscal year 2015 or will open in fiscal year 2016. None of these funds may be allocated to a facility until such facility has achieved beneficial occupancy status.

Purchased and Referred Care.—The Committee is aware that certain Indian people in Oregon have not been counted for purposes of purchased and referred care under current Service policies and that the Service is currently considering options to address the situation, including the potential expansion of service delivery areas. The Committee believes that it is important that this issue be resolved without impacting existing purchased and referred care allocations to California and Oregon. Within 60 days of enactment of this act, the Service is directed to provide a report to the Committee detailing its proposed management actions to address the situation.

CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | |
| Chairman's recommendation | \$717,970,000 |

The Committee has included new language establishing an indefinite appropriation for contract support costs estimated to be \$717,970,000, which is an increase of \$55,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 level. The budget request proposed to fund this program within the "Indian Health Services" account. Under this heading the Committee has provided the full amount of the request for contract support costs. By virtue of the indefinite appropriation, additional funds may be provided by the agency if its budget estimate proves to be lower than necessary to meet the legal obligation to pay the full amount due to tribes. This account is solely for the purposes of paying contract support costs and no transfers from this account are permitted for other purposes.

INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$460,234,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 639,725,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 521,818,000 |

The Committee recommends \$521,818,000 for health facilities operations of the Indian Health Service. This amount is \$61,584,000 above the enacted level. Increases above the enacted level include \$1,584,000 for the staffing of new facilities; \$20,000,000 for facilities maintenance and improvement; \$20,000,000 for sanitation facilities construction; and \$20,000,000 for healthcare facilities construction in order to make progress on the next facility on the Service's Health Care Facilities Construction Priority System. The stipulations included in the "Indian Health Services" account regarding the allocation of funds for the staffing of new facilities pertain to the funds in this account as well.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, an agency within the National Institutes of Health, was authorized in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, to conduct multidisciplinary research and training activities associated with the Nation's Hazardous Substance Superfund program, and in section 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1988, to conduct training and education of workers who are or may be engaged in activities related to hazardous waste removal or containment or emergency response.

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$77,349,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 77,349,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 77,349,000 |

The bill provides \$77,349,000 for the operations of the "National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences" account. This amount is equal to the budget request and the enacted level.

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry [ATSDR], an agency of the Public Health Service, was created in section 104(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The ATSDR's primary mission is to conduct surveys and screening programs to determine relationships between exposure to toxic substances and illness. Other activities include the maintenance and annual update of a list of hazardous substances most commonly found at Superfund sites, the preparation of toxicological profiles on each such hazardous substance, consultations on health issues relating to exposure to hazardous or toxic substances, and the development and implementation of certain research activities related to ATSDR's mission.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$74,691,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 74,691,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 74,691,000 |

The bill provides a total appropriation of \$74,691,000 for the operations of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry account. This amount is equal to the budget request and the enacted level.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Council on Environmental Quality [CEQ] and the Office of Environmental Quality [OEQ] were established by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [NEPA] and the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, respectively. The Council serves as a source of environmental expertise and policy analysis for the White House, Executive Office of the President, and other Federal agencies. CEQ promulgates regulations binding on all Federal agencies to implement the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and resolves interagency environmental disputes informally and through issuance of findings and recommendations.

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$3,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 3,015,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 3,000,000 |

The bill provides \$3,000,000 for the operations of the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality account. This amount is equal to the enacted level.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board was authorized by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to investigate accidental releases of certain chemicals substances that result in, or may cause, serious injury, death, substantial property damage,

or serious adverse effects on human health. It became operational in fiscal year 1998.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$11,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 12,271,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 10,700,000 |

The bill provides \$10,700,000 for salaries and expenses of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. This amount is \$300,000 below the enacted level.

The Committee remains focused on activities at the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. The Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency investigated the Board and found troubling issues related to records management, contracting, and personnel management. The Committee is encouraged by efforts at the Board to remedy these issues, but remains concerned that more must be done to restore credibility to an agency with the important responsibility of investigating industrial chemical accidents. The Committee urges the administration to take all appropriate steps to address remaining credibility and personnel issues in an expeditious manner.

OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION

The Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation was established by Public Law 93-531. The Office is charged with planning and conducting relocation activities associated with the settlement of land disputes between the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$7,341,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 8,400,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 7,341,000 |

The bill provides \$7,341,000 for the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development [IAIA] was originally founded in 1962 as a Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA] high school. The Institute was moved out of the BIA in 1988 to become a federally chartered 4-year college governed by a board of trustees appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. Its mission is to serve as the national center of research, training, language, and scholarship for Native Americans and Alaska Natives through the dedicated study, creative application, preservation, and care of Native cultures and arts. In addition to its academic programs, the IAIA houses the National Collection of Contemporary Indian Art and carries the designation as the National Repository for Native Languages. The IAIA's operations are funded by direct Federal support and a diversified private sector approach to foundations, corporations, tribes, and individual donors.

PAYMENT TO THE INSTITUTE

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$9,469,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 11,619,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 11,619,000 |

The bill provides \$11,619,000 for the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Development, which is an increase of \$2,150,000 over the enacted level. The additional funding will allow the Administration to forward fund the Institute.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Congress established the Smithsonian Institution in 1846 to administer a large bequest left to the United States by James Smithson, an English scientist, for the purpose of establishing in Washington, DC, an institution “. . . for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.” The act establishing the Smithsonian provided for the administration of the trust, independent of the Government itself, by a Board of Regents and a Secretary, who were given broad discretion in the use of these funds. The board was to be composed of both private citizens and members of all three branches of the Federal Government in order to ensure “the wise and faithful use” of the Institution’s funds. The trust funds were permanently loaned to the U.S. Treasury to be maintained in a separate account, with the interest from that money used for the operation of the Institution. Construction of the Smithsonian Castle was completed in 1855 and collections that the Government had accepted on behalf of the Institution were moved into the building. Today, the Smithsonian Institution is the world’s largest museum and research complex, housing approximately 144 million objects and specimens, and receiving an estimated 25 million visitors annually.

Its facilities include 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities—most located in or near Washington, DC, with others in Massachusetts, New York, Florida, Arizona, Hawaii, and the Republic of Panama. The Smithsonian’s growth continues as construction proceeds on the National Museum of African American History and Culture, authorized by Congress in 2003 and scheduled to open to the public in 2016.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$675,343,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 735,825,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 689,566,000 |

The bill provides \$689,566,000 for salaries and expenses of the Smithsonian Institution. This amount is an increase of \$14,223,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Committee understands the role the Institution has played as a source of learning and inspiration, and appreciates the challenges the Institution must overcome to keep the museums open and available to the public. The Committee also understand the importance of collaboration and partnerships and strongly encourages areas, such as the National Zoological Park, to work with external sources to provide support in pathological research, services, and training to augment the existing needs of the National Zoo.

The Committee provides a total of \$273,714,000 for Facilities Services, of which \$71,985,000 is for Facilities Maintenance and \$201,729,000 is for Facilities Operations, Security and Support. Within the funds provided in the Salaries and Expenses account, it is the Committee's expectation that any additional staff, activities, or necessary expenses required may be utilized for the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in 2016.

The creation of a Museum of the American Latino within the Smithsonian Institution at some future date continues to be a strongly supported priority. Until such time, the Smithsonian Latino Center, which was formed in 1997 with the goal of promoting the inclusion of Latino contributions in the Institution's exhibitions, collections and public outreach programs, should continue this important work. In accordance with the recommendations provided to Congress and the President of the United States in the May 2011 report by the National Museum of the American Latino Commission (created by Public Law 110-229), the Committee urges collaboration between the Smithsonian and appropriate Federal and local organizations to increase Latino programming, exhibitions, collections, and outreach at the Institution. The Committee expects that within the funds provided for program support and outreach, the Institution will be able to increase support for this effort. The Committee is also aware the Asian Pacific American Center is examining ways in which it could expand its outreach, both within the Institution and beyond the National Mall. Within the funds provided for program outreach and support, the Committee encourages the Institution to find ways to share the contributions Asian American have contributed to the American experience.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$144,198,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 200,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 129,975,000 |

The bill includes \$129,965,000 for the Smithsonian Institution's Facilities Capital program, \$14,223,000 below the current year enacted level. Within these funds, \$89,165,000 is provided for revitalizations efforts and \$40,810,000 for planning and design efforts. The Committee understands the Institution will initiate the planning and design phase for renovations to the National Air and Space Museum within this funding. The Committee recognizes the Institution's efforts to comply with Federal initiatives on energy efficiency and sustainable buildings, and notes that federally supported museums are an ideal forum for applying advanced building technologies for the preservation of art and energy efficiency. Therefore, the Committee encourages federally supported museums to integrate innovative energy saving building technologies and design features, such as dynamic glass and other building efficiency technologies, in its new construction, renovation, and maintenance plans.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

The National Gallery of Art was created in 1937 by a joint resolution of Congress accepting Andrew W. Mellon's gift to the Nation of his art collection. The generosity of the Mellon family also provided the funds to construct the Gallery's two landmark buildings, the West Building, designed by Alexander Pope and completed in 1941, and the East Building, designed by I.M. Pei and completed in 1978. In 1999, an outdoor sculpture garden was created with funding from the Cafritz Foundation. Today, these two buildings and the Sculpture Garden form a museum complex that houses one of the world's premier art collections. Since the Gallery's founding, Federal funds have been appropriated to ensure the operation, maintenance, protection, and care of its collection. Private contributions are used by the Gallery for art acquisition and conservation, scholarly and scientific research, exhibitions, and educational outreach programs.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$119,500,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 126,660,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 122,500,000 |

The bill provides \$122,500,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Gallery of Art. This amount is \$3,000,000 above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The distribution of funds among the Gallery's various activities is displayed in the table that accompanies this report.

REPAIR, RESTORATION, AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$19,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 26,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 16,000,000 |

The bill provides \$16,000,000 for major repairs, restoration and renovation of the Gallery's buildings. This amount is \$3,000,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Originally established in 1958 as the National Cultural Center, an independently administered bureau of the Smithsonian Institution, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts was designated as a living memorial to President Kennedy in 1964. The Kennedy Center building was constructed with a combination of private contributions, Federal matching funds and long-term revenue bonds held by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Since 1972, Congress has provided funds for the operations and repair of the presidential monument, initially through the National Park Service and since 1995 to the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. Approximately 87 percent of the Center's total annual operating budget is derived from nonappropriated funds such as ticket sales, auxiliary income, investment income and private contributions that support performing arts programming and administrative activities.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$22,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 21,660,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 21,660,000 |

The bill provides \$21,660,000 for the operations and maintenance of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the same amount as the administration's fiscal year 2016 request.

CAPITAL REPAIR AND RESTORATION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$10,800,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 14,740,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 11,140,000 |

The bill provides \$11,140,000 for the Kennedy Center's capital repair and restoration program, \$340,000 above fiscal year 2015 enacted.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is the living national memorial to President Wilson established by Congress in 1968 and headquartered in Washington, DC. Its mission is to commemorate the ideals and concerns of the former president by providing a link between the world of ideas and the world of policy; and by fostering research, study, discussion, and collaboration among a full spectrum of individuals concerned with policy and scholarship in national and world affairs. The Woodrow Wilson Center is a nonpartisan institution that is supported by a combination of public and private funds.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$10,500,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 10,420,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 10,500,000 |

The bill provides \$10,500,000 for salaries and expenses of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the same amount as the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Established in 1965 as an independent agency of the Federal Government, the National Endowment for the Arts [NEA] is the official arts organization of the United States Government. As the largest annual funder of the arts in the United States, the NEA has helped to create regional theater, opera, ballet, symphony orchestras, museums and other arts organizations that Americans now enjoy. Since its founding, the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded more than 120,000 grants that have brought the arts to Americans in communities both large and small. The NEA, through its competitive, peer-reviewed grants process, uses the majority of its annual operating funds to award grants to nonprofit organizations for arts education, arts outreach, artistic excellence and partnership agreements. In addition to those activities, State and

jurisdictional arts agencies are awarded 40 percent of the Endowment's funds.

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriations, 2015 | \$146,021,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 147,949,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 146,021,000 |

The bill provides \$146,021,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment for the Arts, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The NEA is to be commended for the work it has done through its Healing Arts Partnerships with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital to incorporate arts therapy into the treatment plans of active-duty military patients and their families. The agency is encouraged to explore options on how to expand this partnership. The Committee also directs State arts agencies to explore how they can contribute to expanding arts programs for service members and their families at the local level. The distribution of funds among the agency's various activities is displayed in the table that accompanies this statement.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH] was established by the 1965 National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act as an independent Federal agency of the United States Government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. Today, it is the largest funder of humanities programs in the Nation. NEH's longstanding tradition of a peer-reviewed competitive grant process is designed to ensure that the most meritorious projects are funded. Typically, NEH grants are used to support cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television and radio, and individual scholars. The NEH, through its State-Federal partnership, also provides grants to State humanities councils in all 50 States and the 6 territories.

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$146,021,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 147,942,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 146,021,000 |

The bill provides \$146,021,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment for the Humanities, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The Committee encourages the NEH to continue and expand the special programming for the initiative Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War through funding provided for special initiatives. The distribution of funds among the agency's various activities is displayed in the table that accompanies this statement.

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

The Commission of Fine Arts was established in 1910 to fill the need for a permanent agency whose members would be qualified to

make available to the Government expert opinion on questions of art and architecture. The Commission's mission, as design proposals are brought before it, is to safeguard and improve the appearance and symbolic significance of the city as a capital. The Commission provides knowledgeable advice on matters pertaining to architecture, landscape architecture, sculpture, painting, and the decorative arts to all branches and departments of the Federal and District of Columbia governments when such matters affect the National Capital. The Commission also must approve of the site and design of all commemorative works and memorials erected in the District. The Commission advises on the design of circulating and commemorative coinage and must approve the siting and design for national memorials, both in the United States and on foreign soil, in accordance with the American Battle Monuments Act and the Commemorative Works Act.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,524,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,653,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,653,000 |

The bill provides \$2,653,000 for salaries and expenses of the Commission of Fine Arts, the same amount as the administration's fiscal year 2016 request and an increase of \$129,000 over the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

NATIONAL CAPITAL ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs program was established by Public Law 99-190 to provide grants for general operating support to District of Columbia nonprofit arts and other cultural organizations. In fiscal year 1988, administrative responsibility for the program was transferred from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Commission of Fine Arts. Currently, this program helps support more than 20 nationally renowned organizations in the Nation's Capital by providing funding for operating expenses, jobs, exhibits, and performances that might not have been possible otherwise.

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 2,000,000 |

The bill provides \$2,000,000, the same amount as the fiscal year 2015 appropriation, to continue support for the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs program administered by the Commission of Fine Arts.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as an independent Federal agency. The Council's mission is to promote the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our Nation's historic resources, and advise the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for discussion of Federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic properties. One of the principal responsibilities of the Council is to implement Sec-

tion 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires that the Council be given an opportunity to comment on the impacts of projects or actions undertaken by other Federal agencies on sites or structures eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$6,204,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 6,080,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 6,080,000 |

The bill provides \$6,080,000 for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a reduction of \$124,000 below the enacted level.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The National Capital Planning Commission [NCPC] was established in 1924 as a park planning agency. Two years later, the agency's role was expanded to include more comprehensive planning. The National Capital Planning Act of 1952 designated the NCPC as the central planning agency for the Federal Government in the National Capital Region. Today, major functions and responsibilities of the NCPC include comprehensive and coordinated planning for the Nation's Capital; an annual assessment of all proposed Federal capital improvements in the national capital region; the review of proposed Federal development projects; and representation of the Federal interest in local and regional planning initiatives.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$7,948,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 8,348,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 7,948,000 |

The bill provides \$7,948,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Capital Planning Commission, equal to the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was created by Congress in 1980 through Public Law 96-388 with the mandate to operate and maintain a permanent living memorial museum to the victims of the Holocaust; provide appropriate ways for the Nation to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust through the annual national civic observances known as the Days of Remembrance; and carry out the recommendations of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. The building that houses the museum was constructed with private funds and opened to the public in 1993. Since that time, the museum has attracted four to five times the number of expected visitors and has been highly successful in its fundraising efforts. With private contributions comprising nearly 50 percent of its annual operating budget, the Holocaust Memorial Museum serves as a model for the public-private partnership.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$52,385,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 54,959,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 52,385,000 |

The bill provides \$52,385,000 for operations of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the same amount as the fiscal year 2015 enacted level.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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| Appropriations, 2015 | \$1,000,000 |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | 2,000,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | 1,000,000 |

The bill provides \$1,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, \$1,000,000 below the administration's fiscal year 2016 request and the same amount as the fiscal year 2015 enacted level for salaries and expenses.

CONSTRUCTION

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| Appropriations, 2015 | |
| Budget estimate, 2016 | \$68,200,000 |
| Chairman's recommendation | |

No funds have been provided in the "Capital Construction" account for the memorial. The Committee is concerned that significant unresolved issues remain among the many stakeholders involved with the Eisenhower Memorial. Construction should not commence until there is broad support among the public, the Eisenhower family, and Congress concerning the design and construction. However, language has been included in the bill under title IV, General Provisions, that extends the memorial's site authority to September 30, 2016. The current authority expires in September 2015.

TITLE IV
GENERAL PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Title IV of the bill includes the following general provisions:

SEC. 401. Provides that appropriations available in the bill shall not be used to produce literature or otherwise promote public support of a legislative proposal on which legislative action is not complete or for publicity or propaganda purposes in support of administration policies except to the executive branch or Congress.

SEC. 402. Continues a provision providing for annual appropriations unless expressly provided otherwise in this act.

SEC. 403. Continues a provision providing restrictions on departmental assessments unless approved by the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 404. Retains the mining patent moratorium carried in previous years.

SEC. 405. Continues a provision regarding the payment of contract support costs.

SEC. 406. Provides that only certain amounts provided in the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act may be used to fund contract support costs.

SEC. 407. Continues a provision providing that the Secretary of Agriculture shall not be considered in violation of certain provisions of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act solely because more than 15 years have passed without revision of a forest plan, provided that the Secretary is working in good faith to complete the plan revision within available funds.

SEC. 408. Prohibits oil, natural gas, and mining-related activities within current national monument boundaries, except where such activities are allowed under the presidential proclamation establishing the monument.

SEC. 409. Restricts funding appropriated for acquisition of land or interests in land from being used for declarations of taking or complaints in condemnation.

SEC. 410. Addresses timber sales involving Alaska western red and yellow cedar.

SEC. 411. Restricts awards of no-bid contracts.

SEC. 412. Requires the public disclosure of certain reports.

SEC. 413. Continues a provision which delineates the grant guidelines for the National Endowment for the Arts.

SEC. 414. Continues a provision which delineates the program priorities for the National Endowment for the Arts.

SEC. 415. Retains certain reporting requirements regarding the status of appropriations balances.

SEC. 416. Continues a provision on reporting on the use of climate change funds.

SEC. 417. Prohibits Federal Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act in certain cases.

SEC. 418. Continues prohibition of any rules that would require the regulation of emissions from livestock.

SEC. 419. Continues prohibition on EPA using funds to implement a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting system for manure management systems.

SEC. 420. Extends existing authority to collect recreation fees for one year.

SEC. 421. Prohibits modifying definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

SEC. 422. Extends the authority for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission by 1 year.

SEC. 423. Continues standards for the use of American iron and steel for certain infrastructure projects.

SEC. 424. Prohibits funding to update national ambient air quality standards until certain compliance thresholds have been achieved.

SEC. 425. Continues prohibition on regulation of fishing tackle and ammunition under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

SEC. 426. Continues certain contracting authorities.

SEC. 427. Extends the Chesapeake Bay Initiative until 2017.

SEC. 428. Prohibition on sewage dumping into the Great Lakes.

SEC. 429. Stewardship Contracting technical correction.

SEC. 430. Continues provision regarding grazing permits on Forest Service lands.

SEC. 431. Prohibits expansion of certain regulations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

SEC. 432. Prohibits funding for greenhouse gas guidance under the National Environmental Policy Act.

SEC. 433. Technical corrections to Good Neighbor Authority.

TITLE V

WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING

Title V of the bill includes language to create a new cap adjustment to the statutory discretionary spending limits for wildland fire suppression activities, to combat the most severe, complex, and threatening fires, and to serve as a contingency reserve. This mechanism is critically needed to provide certainty for the Federal agencies tasked with preventing and responding to the increasing incidence of catastrophic wildfires throughout the country. In addition, the language requires specific reporting and cost containment by the agencies utilizing this new cap adjustment. Further explanation can be found in the front matter of this statement. The language in title V is a modification of the proposal included in the fiscal year 2016 budget request, which is also the subject matter of bipartisan legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Rule XVI, paragraph 7 requires that every report on a general appropriation bill filed by the Committee must identify each recommended amendment which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.

Those items are as follows:

- Sums provided to the Bureau of Land Management for management of lands and resources, land acquisition, construction and maintenance, and loans to States.
- Sums provided to the Bureau of Land Management to inventory, manage, and improve rangelands for domestic livestock grazing pursuant to Public Law 95–514, the Public Rangeland Improvement Act of 1978.
- \$172,131,000 for the endangered species program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Sums provided to the Fish and Wildlife service for coastal wetlands planning, protection, and restoration.
- Sums provided for the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to the Fisheries Act of 1995.
- Sums provided to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the conservation and protection of marine mammals pursuant to Public Law 103–238, the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994.
- Sums provided for Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration grants.
- Sums provided to the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act; Fisheries Restoration Irrigation Mitigation Act; and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.
- Sums provided to the U.S. Geological Survey for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.
- Sums provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to The Tribal Colleges or Universities Assistance Act of 1978; The Indian Tribal Justice Act; Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Act; and The No Child Left Behind Act.
- \$1,106,809,000 for the Hazardous Substance Superfund.
- \$20,000,000 for State and tribal assistance grants: Alaska Native Villages.
- \$1,047,000,000 for State and tribal assistance grants: Clean Water SRF.
- \$775,896,000 for State and tribal assistance grants: Drinking Water SRF.

- Sums provided pursuant to the Clean Air Act, Radon Abatement Act, Clean Water Act, BEACH Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Solid Waste Disposal Act [RCRA], Toxic Substances Control Act, Pollution Prevention Act, and the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act.
- \$3,000,000 for matching funds for projects of the National Forest Foundation, U.S. Forest Service.
- \$146,021,000 for the National Endowment for the Arts.
- \$146,021,000 for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(c), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on June 18, 2015, the Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, provided, that the bill be subject to amendment and that the bill be consistent with its budget allocation, by a recorded vote of 16–14, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

| Yeas | Nays |
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| Chairman Cochran | Ms. Mikulski |
| Mr. McConnell | Mr. Leahy |
| Mr. Shelby | Mrs. Murray |
| Mr. Alexander | Mrs. Feinstein |
| Ms. Collins | Mr. Durbin |
| Ms. Murkowski | Mr. Reed |
| Mr. Graham | Mr. Tester |
| Mr. Kirk | Mr. Udall |
| Mr. Blunt | Mrs. Shaheen |
| Mr. Moran | Mr. Merkley |
| Mr. Hoeven | Mr. Coons |
| Mr. Boozman | Mr. Schatz |
| Mrs. Capito | Ms. Baldwin |
| Mr. Cassidy | Mr. Murphy |
| Mr. Lankford | |
| Mr. Daines | |

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is

printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

TITLE 16—CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 5B—WILDLIFE RESTORATION

§ 669b. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

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(b) Investment of unexpended amounts

(2) The interest on obligations held in the fund—

(A) * * *

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(C) shall become available for apportionment under this chapter at the beginning of fiscal year **[2016]** *2017*.

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CHAPTER 87—FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT

§ 6809. Sunset provision

The authority of the Secretary to carry out this chapter shall terminate on **[September 30, 2016]** *September 30, 2017*.

TITLE 33—NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

CHAPTER 26—WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

SUBCHAPTER IV—PERMITS AND LICENSES

§ 1342. National pollutant discharge elimination system

(a) Permits for discharge of pollutants

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(r) Discharges incidental to the normal operation of recreational vessels

No permit shall be required under this chapter by the Administrator (or a State, in the case of a permit program approved under subsection (b)) for the discharge of any graywater, bilge water, cooling water, weather deck runoff, oil water separator effluent, or effluent from properly functioning marine engines, or any other discharge that is incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, if the discharge is from a recreational vessel.

(s) PROHIBITION ON SEWAGE DUMPING INTO THE GREAT LAKES.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) BYPASS.—The term “bypass” means an intentional diversion of waste streams to bypass any portion of a treatment facility which results in a discharge into the Great Lakes.

(B) DISCHARGE.—

(i) *IN GENERAL.*—The term “discharge” means a direct or indirect discharge of untreated sewage or partially treated sewage from a treatment works into the Great Lakes or a tributary of the Great Lakes.

(ii) *INCLUSIONS.*—The term “discharge” includes a bypass and a combined sewer overflow.

(C) *GREAT LAKES.*—The term “Great Lakes” has the meaning given the term in section 118(a)(3).

(D) *PARTIALLY TREATED SEWAGE.*—The term “partially treated sewage” means any sewage, sewage and storm water, or sewage and wastewater, from domestic or industrial sources that—

(i) is not treated to national secondary treatment standards for wastewater; or

(ii) is treated to a level less than the level required by the applicable national pollutant discharge elimination system permit.

(E) *TREATMENT FACILITY.*—The term “treatment facility” includes all wastewater treatment units used by a publicly owned treatment works to meet secondary treatment standards or higher, as required to attain water quality standards, under any operating conditions.

(F) *TREATMENT WORKS.*—The term “treatment works” has the meaning given the term in section 212.

(2) *PROHIBITION.*—A publicly owned treatment works is prohibited from performing a bypass unless—

(A)(i) the bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;

(ii) there is not a feasible alternative to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime; and

(iii) the treatment works provides notice of the bypass in accordance with this subsection; or

(B) the bypass does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, and the bypass is for essential maintenance to ensure efficient operation of the treatment facility.

(3) *LIMITATION.*—The requirement of paragraph (2)(A)(ii) is not satisfied if—

(A) adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent the bypass; and

(B) the bypass occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance.

(4) *IMMEDIATE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Administrator shall work with States having publicly owned treatment works subject to the requirements of this subsection to create immediate notice requirements in the event of discharge that provide for the method, contents, and requirements for public availability of the notice.

(B) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—At a minimum, the contents of the notice shall include—

- (I) the exact dates and times of the discharge;
- (II) the volume of the discharge; and
- (III) a description of any public access areas impacted.

(ii) **CONSISTENCY.**—Minimum requirements shall be consistent for all States.

(C) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—The Administrator and States described in subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) follow-up notice requirements that provide a more full description of each event, the cause, and plans to prevent reoccurrence; and

(ii) annual publication requirements that list each treatment works from which the Administrator or the State receive a follow-up notice.

(D) **TIMING.**—The notice and publication requirements described in this paragraph shall be implemented not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this subsection.

(5) **SEWAGE BLENDING.**—Bypasses prohibited by this section include bypasses resulting in discharges from a publicly owned treatment works that consist of effluent routed around treatment units and thereafter blended together with effluent from treatment units prior to discharge.

(6) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—As soon as practicable, the Administrator shall establish procedures to ensure that permits issued under this section (or under a State permit program approved under this section) to a publicly owned treatment works include requirements to implement this subsection.

(7) **INCREASE IN MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING AFTER JANUARY 1, 2035.**—Notwithstanding section 309, in the case of a violation of this subsection occurring on or after January 1, 2035, or any violation of a permit limitation or condition implementing this subsection occurring after that date, the maximum civil penalty that shall be assessed for the violation shall be \$100,000 per day for each day the violation occurs.

(8) **APPLICABILITY.**—This subsection shall apply to a bypass occurring after the last day of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection.

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SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1377. Indian tribes

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SEC. 519. ESTABLISHMENT OF GREAT LAKES CLEANUP FUND.

(a) **Definitions.**—In this section:

(1) *FUND.*—The term “Fund” means the Great Lakes Cleanup Fund established by subsection (b).

(2) *GREAT LAKES; GREAT LAKES STATES.*—The terms “Great Lakes” and “Great Lakes States” have the meanings given the terms in section 118(a)(3).

(b) *ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.*—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “Great Lakes Cleanup Fund” (referred to in this section as the “Fund”).

(c) *TRANSFERS TO FUND.*—Effective January 1, 2035, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund amounts equivalent to the penalties collected for violations of section 402(s).

(d) *ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.*—The Administrator shall administer the Fund.

(e) *USE OF FUNDS.*—The Administrator shall—

(1) make the amounts in the Fund available to the Great Lakes States for use in carrying out programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, including habitat protection and wetland restoration; and

(2) allocate those amounts among the Great Lakes States based on the proportion that—

(A) the amount attributable to a Great Lakes State for penalties collected for violations of section 402(s); bears to

(B) the total amount of those penalties attributable to all Great Lakes States.

(f) *PRIORITY.*—In selecting programs and activities to be funded using amounts made available under this section, a Great Lakes State shall give priority consideration to programs and activities that address violations of section 402(s) resulting in the collection of penalties.

SHORT TITLE

SEC. [519] 520. This Act may be cited as the “Federal Water Pollution Control Act” (commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act).

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SUBCHAPTER VI—STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUNDS

§ 1387. Authorization of appropriations

【There is】 (a) *There is* authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this subchapter the following sums:

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(5) \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 1994.

(b) *TREATMENT OF GREAT LAKES CLEANUP FUND.*—For purposes of this title, amounts made available from the Great Lakes Cleanup Fund under section 519 shall be treated as funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title and as funds made available under this title, except that the funds shall be made available to the Great Lakes States in accordance with section 519.

TITLE 54—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

SUBTITLE I—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

DIVISION A—ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 1023—PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

§ 102301. Volunteers in park program

(a) ENFORCEMENT.—* * *

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(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not more than **[\$5,000,000]** *\$10,000,000* for each fiscal year.

**HISTORIC SITES AND NATIONAL MONUMENT,
PUBLIC LAW 93-486**

TITLE II

SEC. 204. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act[, but not to exceed \$500,000].

**UNITED STATES INSULAR AREAS,
PUBLIC LAW 95-348**

AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK

SEC. 5. (a) * * *

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(g) For the development, maintenance, and operation of the park (but not for any acquisition of land or interests in lands), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated **[not to exceed \$3,000,000]** *such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Section* effective October 1, 1978. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.

**BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT
CONTROL ACT OF 1985, PUBLIC LAW 99-177**

**PART C—EMERGENCY POWERS TO ELIMINATE
DEFICITS IN EXCESS OF MAXIMUM DEFICIT AMOUNT**

SEC. 251. ENFORCING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.

(a) ENFORCEMENT.—

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(b) ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—

(1) CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.—* * *

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(2) SEQUESTRATION REPORTS.—* * *

(A) EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS; OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS/GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—* * *

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(D) DISASTER FUNDING.—

(i) If, for fiscal years 2012 through 2021, appropriations for discretionary accounts are enacted that Congress designates as being for disaster relief in statute, the adjustment for a fiscal year shall be the total of such appropriations for the fiscal year in discretionary accounts designated as being for disaster relief, but not to exceed the total of—

(I) the average funding provided for disaster relief over the previous 10 years, excluding the highest and lowest years; [and] *plus*

(II) the amount, for years when the enacted new discretionary budget authority designated as being for disaster relief for the preceding fiscal year was less than the average as calculated in subclause (I) for that fiscal year, that is the difference between the enacted amount and the allowable adjustment as calculated in such subclause for that fiscal year[.]; *less*

(III) *the additional new budget authority provided in an appropriation Act for wildfire suppression operations pursuant to subparagraph (E) for the preceding fiscal year.*

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(iv) Appropriations considered disaster relief under this subparagraph in a fiscal year shall not be eligible for adjustments under subparagraph (A) for the fiscal year.

(v) *Beginning in fiscal year 2018, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the calculation of the “average funding provided for disaster relief over the previous 10 years” shall include, for each year within that average, the additional new budget authority provided in an appropriation Act for wildfire suppression operations pursuant to subparagraph (E) for the preceding fiscal year.*

(E) WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—

(i) *DEFINITIONS.—In this subparagraph:*

(I) *ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—The term “additional new budget authority” means the amount provided for a fiscal year in an appropriation Act that is—*

(aa) in excess of 100 percent of the average costs for wildfire suppression operations over the previous 10 years; and

(bb) specified to pay for the costs of wildfire suppression operations.

(II) WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS.—The term “wildfire suppression operations” means the emergency and unpredictable aspects of wildland firefighting, including—

(aa) support, response, and emergency stabilization activities;

(bb) other emergency management activities; and

(cc) the funds necessary to repay any transfers needed for the costs of wildfire suppression operations.

(ii) ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—If a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for a fiscal year is enacted that specifies an amount for wildfire suppression operations in the Wildland Fire Management accounts at the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior, then the adjustments for that fiscal year shall be the amount of additional budget authority provided in that Act for wildfire suppression operations for that fiscal year, but shall not exceed—

(I) for fiscal year 2016, \$1,460,000,000 in additional new budget authority;

(II) for fiscal year 2017, \$1,557,000,000 in additional new budget authority;

(III) for fiscal year 2018, \$1,778,000,000 in additional new budget authority;

(IV) for fiscal year 2019, \$2,030,000,000 in additional new budget authority;

(V) for fiscal year 2020, \$2,319,000,000 in additional new budget authority; and

(VI) for fiscal year 2021, \$2,650,000,000 in additional new budget authority.

(iii) AVERAGE COST CALCULATION.—The average costs for wildfire suppression operations over the previous 10 years shall be calculated annually and reported in the budget of the President submitted under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for each fiscal year.

**OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT
ACT OF 1996, PUBLIC LAW 104-333**

DIVISION II

TITLE II—TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA

SEC. 208. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assist-
ance under this title after September 30, [2015] 2021.

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TITLE III—AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

SEC. 310. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assist-
ance under this title after September 30, [2015] 2021.

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**TITLE VI—SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE
CORRIDOR**

SEC. 607. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assist-
ance under this title after September 30, [2015] 2021.

**CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE ACT OF 1998,
PUBLIC LAW 105-312**

TITLE V—CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE

SEC. 502. CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS.

(a) CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NET-
WORK.—

* * * * *

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized
to be appropriated to carry out this section \$3,000,000 for each of
fiscal years 1999 through [2015] 2017.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000,
PUBLIC LAW 106-79**

TITLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 8162. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL. (a) FINDINGS.—
Congress finds that—

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(m) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—* * *

* * * * *

(3) EXPIRATION.—Any reference in section 8903(e) of title 40, U.S.C. to the expiration at the end of, or extension beyond, a 7-year period shall be considered to be a reference to an expiration on, or extension beyond, **September 30, 2015** *September 30, 2016*.

**HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT OF 2003,
PUBLIC LAW 108-148**

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 604. STEWARDSHIP END RESULT CONTRACTING PROJECTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—* * *

* * * * *

(d) AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS.—

(1) PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.—* * *

* * * * *

(5) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Notwithstanding subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a), the Chief may enter into an agreement or contract under subsection (b). *Notwithstanding the Materials Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 602(a)), the Director may enter into an agreement or contract under subsection (b).*

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(7) FIRE LIABILITY PROVISIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Chief **and the Director** shall issue for use in all contracts and agreements under this section fire liability provisions that are in substantially the same form as the fire liability provisions contained in—

**CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012,
PUBLIC LAW 112-74**

DIVISION E—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES

SEC. 412. In awarding a Federal contract with funds made available by this Act, notwithstanding Federal Government procurement and contracting laws, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior (the “Secretaries”) may, in evaluating bids and proposals, through **fiscal year 2015,** *fiscal year 2017*, give consideration to local contractors who are from, and who provide employment and training for, dislocated and displaced workers in an economically disadvantaged rural community, including those

historically timber-dependent areas that have been affected by reduced timber harvesting on Federal lands and other forest-dependent rural communities isolated from significant alternative employment opportunities: * * *

**CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014,
PUBLIC LAW 113-76**

DIVISION G—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFSHORE PAY AUTHORITY EXTENSION

SEC. 117. For fiscal years 2014 [and 2015] *through 2016*, funds made available in this title for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to establish higher minimum rates of basic pay described in section 121(c) of division E of Public Law 112-74 (125 Stat. 1012).

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ONSHORE PAY AUTHORITY

SEC. 123. For fiscal years 2014 [and 2015] *through 2016*, funds made available in this title for the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to establish higher minimum rates of basic pay for employees of the Department of the Interior carrying out the inspection and regulation of onshore oil and gas operations on public lands in the Petroleum Engineer (GS-0881) and Petroleum Engineering Technician (G-0802) job series at grades 5 through 14 at rates no greater than 25 percent above the minimum rates of basic pay normally scheduled, and such higher rates shall be consistent with subsections (e) through (h) of section 5305 of title 5, United States Code.

**AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014,
PUBLIC LAW 113-79**

TITLE VIII—FORESTRY

Subtitle C—Reauthorization of Other Forestry-Related Laws

SEC. 8206. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—* * *

* * * * *

(b) GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.—

(1) GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.—

* * * * *

(2) TIMBER SALES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—* * *

(B) APPROVAL OF SILVICULTURE PRESCRIPTIONS AND MARKING GUIDES.—The Secretary shall provide or approve all silviculture prescriptions and marking guides to be applied on Federal land in all timber sale projects conducted under this section.

(C) FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—*Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3)(B), existing roads shall be repaired or reconstructed to a satisfactory condition to perform authorized restoration services including removal of timber.*

**CARL LEVIN AND HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2015, PUBLIC LAW 113-291**

**DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORIZATIONS**

**TITLE XXX—NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED GENERAL
PROVISIONS**

Subtitle J—Other Matters

SEC. 3096. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES.

For payments in lieu of taxes under chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, which shall be available without further appropriation to the Secretary of the Interior—

- (1) \$33,000,000 for fiscal year 2015; and
- (2) \$37,000,000 for fiscal year 2015 to be available for obligation and payment beginning on October 1, 2015.

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

| | Budget authority | | Outlays | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Committee allocation | Amount in bill | Committee allocation | Amount in bill |
| Comparison of amounts in the bill with the subcommittee allocation for 2016: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies: | | | | |
| Mandatory | 62 | 62 | 62 | ¹ 62 |
| Discretionary | 30,010 | 31,065 | 31,565 | ¹ 32,601 |
| Security | | | NA | NA |
| Nonsecurity | 30,010 | 31,065 | NA | NA |
| Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism | | | | |
| Projections of outlays associated with the recommendation: | | | | |
| 2016 | | | | ² 21,027 |
| 2017 | | | | 5,965 |
| 2018 | | | | 2,396 |
| 2019 | | | | 1,014 |
| 2020 and future years | | | | 543 |
| Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2016 | NA | 5,406 | NA | 2,108 |

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

NOTE.—Consistent with the funding recommended in the bill as an emergency requirement and in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the BBEDCA of 1985, the Committee anticipates that the Budget Committee will provide a revised 302(a) allocation for the Committee on Appropriations reflecting an upward adjustment of \$1,055,000,000 in budget authority plus associated outlays.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**
[In thousands of dollars]

| Item | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with (+ or -) | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | | | | | |
| BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT | | | | | |
| Management of Lands and Resources | | | | | |
| Land Resources: | | | | | |
| Soil, water and air management | 43,239 | 46,755 | 42,735 | -504 | -4,020 |
| Rangeland management | 79,000 | 76,444 | 79,000 | ..... | +2,556 |
| Grazing administration management ..... | ..... | 16,500 | ..... | ..... | -16,500 |
| Grazing administration management offsetting collections ..... | ..... | -16,500 | ..... | ..... | +16,500 |
| Forestry management | 9,838 | 9,980 | 9,980 | +142 | ..... |
| Riparian management | 21,321 | 22,784 | 21,321 | ..... | -1,463 |
| Cultural resources management | 15,131 | 17,206 | 15,131 | ..... | -2,075 |
| Wild horse and burro management | 77,245 | 80,555 | 80,245 | +3,000 | -310 |
| Subtotal | 245,774 | 253,724 | 248,412 | +2,638 | -5,312 |
| Wildlife and Fisheries: | | | | | |
| Wildlife management | 52,338 | 89,381 | 89,381 | +37,043 | ..... |
| Fisheries management | 12,530 | 12,685 | 12,530 | ..... | -155 |
| Subtotal | 64,868 | 102,066 | 101,911 | +37,043 | -155 |
| Threatened and endangered species | 21,458 | 21,567 | 21,567 | +109 | ..... |
| Recreation Management: | | | | | |
| Wilderness management | 18,264 | 18,559 | 14,264 | -4,000 | -4,295 |
| Recreation resources management | 48,697 | 56,851 | 51,197 | +2,500 | -5,654 |
| Subtotal | 66,961 | 75,410 | 65,461 | -1,500 | -9,949 |
| Energy and Minerals: | | | | | |
| Oil and gas management | 53,183 | 59,671 | 59,671 | +6,488 | |

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—Continued

(In thousands of dollars)

| Item | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with (+ or -) | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Oil and gas permit processing | 32,500 | 7,125 | 7,125 | - 25,375 | ..... |
| Oil and gas inspection and enforcement | 41,126 | 48,000 | 48,000 | + 6,874 | ..... |
| Subtotal, Oil and gas | 126,809 | 114,796 | 114,796 | - 12,013 | ..... |
| Oil and gas permit processing fees | - 32,500 | ..... | ..... | + 32,500 | ..... |
| Oil and gas inspection and enforcement fees ..... | ..... | - 48,000 | ..... | ..... | + 48,000 |
| Subtotal, Offsetting collections | - 32,500 | - 48,000 | ..... | + 32,500 | + 48,000 |
| Coal management | 9,595 | 10,868 | 10,868 | + 1,273 | ..... |
| Other mineral resources | 10,586 | 11,879 | 11,879 | + 1,293 | ..... |
| Renewable energy | 29,061 | 29,356 | 26,000 | - 3,061 | - 3,356 |
| Subtotal, Energy and Minerals | 143,551 | 118,899 | 163,543 | + 19,992 | + 44,644 |
| Realty and Ownership Management: | | | | | |
| Alaska conveyance | 22,000 | 22,220 | 22,000 | ..... | - 220 |
| Cadastral, lands, and realty management | 45,658 | 51,252 | 45,658 | ..... | - 5,594 |
| Subtotal | 67,658 | 73,472 | 67,658 | ..... | - 5,814 |
| Resource Protection and Maintenance: | | | | | |
| Resource management planning | 38,125 | 59,341 | 48,125 | + 10,000 | - 11,216 |
| Abandoned mine lands | 16,987 | 19,946 | 19,946 | + 2,959 | ..... |
| Resource protection and law enforcement | 25,325 | 25,495 | 24,325 | - 1,000 | - 1,170 |
| Hazardous materials management | 15,612 | 15,786 | 15,612 | ..... | - 174 |
| Subtotal | 96,049 | 120,568 | 108,008 | + 11,959 | - 12,560 |
| Transportation and Facilities Maintenance: | | | | | |
| Annual maintenance | 38,637 | 38,942 | 38,942 | + 305 | ..... |

| | | | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Deferred maintenance | 26,995 | 31,387 | 26,995 | ..... | - 4,392 |
| Subtotal | 65,632 | 70,329 | 65,937 | +305 | - 4,392 |
| Workforce and Organizational Support: | | | | | |
| Administrative support | 47,127 | 50,942 | 47,127 | ..... | - 3,815 |
| Bureauwide fixed costs | 91,010 | 93,645 | 91,010 | ..... | - 2,635 |
| Information technology management | 25,696 | 25,958 | 25,696 | ..... | - 262 |
| Subtotal | 163,833 | 170,545 | 163,833 | ..... | - 6,712 |
| Challenge cost share | 2,413 | 12,416 | 2,413 | ..... | - 10,003 |
| National landscape conservation system, base program | 31,819 | 48,470 | 36,819 | + 5,000 | - 11,651 |
| Communication site management | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | ..... | ..... |
| Offsetting collections | - 2,000 | - 2,000 | - 2,000 | ..... | ..... |
| Subtotal, Management of lands and resources | 970,016 | 1,067,466 | 1,045,562 | + 75,546 | - 21,904 |
| Mining Law Administration: | | | | | |
| Administration | 39,696 | 39,696 | 39,696 | ..... | ..... |
| Offsetting collections | - 57,000 | - 56,000 | - 56,000 | + 1,000 | ..... |
| Subtotal, Mining Law Administration | - 17,304 | - 16,304 | - 16,304 | + 1,000 | ..... |
| Total, Management of Lands and Resources | 952,712 | 1,051,162 | 1,029,258 | + 76,546 | - 21,904 |
| Land Acquisition | | | | | |
| Land acquisition | 14,226 | 30,384 | 12,306 | - 1,920 | - 18,078 |
| Emergencies, hardships, and inholdings | 1,616 | 1,616 | 1,616 | ..... | ..... |
| Acquisition management | 1,904 | 2,000 | 2,000 | + 96 | ..... |
| Recreational access | 2,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | + 1,000 | - 1,000 |
| Total, Land acquisition | 19,746 | 38,000 | 18,922 | - 824 | - 19,078 |
| Oregon and California Grant Lands | | | | | |
| Western Oregon resources management | 101,423 | 95,255 | 93,255 | - 8,168 | - 2,000 |
| Western Oregon information and resource data systems | 1,772 | 1,786 | 1,772 | ..... | - 14 |
| Western Oregon transportation & facilities maintenance | 9,517 | 9,602 | 9,517 | ..... | - 85 |
| Western Oregon construction and acquisition | 312 | 324 | 324 | | |
| Western Oregon national monument | 753 | 767 | 753 | + 12 | - 14 |

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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—Continued
 (In thousands of dollars)

| Item | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with (+ or -) | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Total, Oregon and California Grant Lands | 113,777 | 107,734 | 105,621 | -8,156 | -2,113 |
| Range Improvements | | | | | |
| Current appropriations | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | |
| Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures | | | | | |
| Service charges, deposits, and forfeitures | 32,465 | 31,050 | 31,050 | -1,415 | |
| Offsetting fees | -32,465 | -31,050 | -31,050 | +1,415 | |
| Total, Service charges, deposits and forfeitures | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Trust Funds and Permanent Operating Funds | | | | | |
| Current appropriations | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 | | |
| TOTAL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT | 1,120,235 | 1,230,896 | 1,187,801 | +67,566 | -43,095 |
| UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE | | | | | |
| Resource Management | | | | | |
| Ecological Services (Fiscal Year 2015 Structure): | | | | | |
| Endangered species: | | | | | |
| Candidate conservation | 12,030 | | 14,150 | +2,120 | +14,150 |
| Listing and critical habitat | 20,515 | | 17,515 | -3,000 | +17,515 |
| Consultation and HOPS | 62,550 | | 62,550 | | +62,550 |
| Recovery | 77,916 | | 77,916 | | +77,916 |
| Subtotal | 173,011 | | 172,131 | -880 | +172,131 |
| Habitat conservation: | | | | | |
| Partners for fish and wildlife | 51,776 | | 52,103 | +327 | +52,103 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|--|--|---------|----------|
| Conservation planning assistance | 33,014 | | | | -247 | +32,767 |
| Coastal programs | 13,184 | | | | +109 | +13,293 |
| National wetlands inventory | 4,861 | | | | | +4,861 |
| Subtotal | 102,835 | | | | +189 | +103,024 |
| Environmental contaminants | 9,557 | | | | | +9,557 |
| Subtotal, Ecological services | 285,403 | | | | -691 | +284,712 |
| Ecological Services (Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Structure): | | | | | | |
| Listing | | 23,002 | | | | -23,002 |
| Planning and consultation | | 108,943 | | | | -108,943 |
| Conservation and restoration | | 126,298 | | | | -126,298 |
| Subtotal | | 258,243 | | | | -258,243 |
| Habitat conservation (Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Structure): | | | | | | |
| Partners for fish and wildlife | | 52,393 | | | | -52,393 |
| Coastal programs | | 13,375 | | | | -13,375 |
| Subtotal | | 65,768 | | | | -65,768 |
| National Wildlife Refuge System: | | | | | | |
| Wildlife and habitat management | 230,343 | 249,832 | | | +1,000 | -18,489 |
| Visitor services | 70,319 | 76,792 | | | +3,424 | -3,049 |
| Refuge law enforcement | 38,054 | 38,959 | | | -2,000 | -2,905 |
| Conservation planning | 2,988 | 2,665 | | | -408 | -85 |
| Refuge maintenance | 132,498 | 139,910 | | | -1,000 | -8,412 |
| Subtotal | 474,202 | 508,158 | | | +1,016 | -32,940 |
| Conservation and Enforcement: | | | | | | |
| Migratory bird management | 46,468 | 53,602 | | | -113 | -7,247 |
| Law enforcement | 66,737 | 75,423 | | | +1,953 | -6,733 |
| International affairs | 14,506 | 14,696 | | | +97 | -93 |
| Science support | 16,985 | | | | -16,985 | |
| Subtotal | 144,696 | 143,721 | | | -15,048 | -14,073 |
| Fish and Aquatic Conservation: | | | | | | |
| National fish hatchery system operations | 52,860 | 53,418 | | | +558 | |
| Maintenance and equipment | 17,920 | 19,920 | | | +2,000 | |

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—Continued
(In thousands of dollars)

| Item | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with (+ or -) | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Aquatic habitat and species conservation | 76,668 | 74,152 | 80,733 | + 4,065 | + 6,581 |
| Subtotal | 147,448 | 147,490 | 154,071 | + 6,623 | + 6,581 |
| Cooperative landscape conservation | 13,988 | 17,869 | 7,344 | - 6,644 | - 10,525 |
| Science Support: | | | | | |
| Adaptive science | | 15,159 | 5,724 | + 5,724 | - 9,435 |
| Service science | | 16,516 | 6,468 | + 6,468 | - 10,048 |
| Subtotal | | 31,675 | 12,192 | + 12,192 | - 19,483 |
| General Operations: | | | | | |
| Central office operations | 39,985 | 42,257 | 40,312 | + 327 | - 1,945 |
| Regional office operations | 37,722 | 41,798 | 37,344 | - 378 | - 4,454 |
| Servicewide bill paying | 35,227 | 35,898 | 34,130 | - 1,097 | - 1,768 |
| National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | 7,022 | 7,022 | 7,022 | | |
| National Conservation Training Center | 21,965 | 25,830 | 21,552 | - 413 | - 4,278 |
| Health benefits for seasonal employees | | 1,103 | | | - 1,103 |
| Subtotal | 141,921 | 153,908 | 140,360 | - 1,561 | - 13,548 |
| Total, Resource Management | 1,207,658 | 1,326,832 | 1,203,545 | - 4,113 | - 123,287 |
| Construction | | | | | |
| Construction and rehabilitation: | | | | | |
| Line item construction projects | 6,554 | 11,554 | 14,554 | + 8,000 | + 3,000 |
| Bridge and dam safety programs | 1,972 | 1,972 | 1,972 | | |
| Nationwide engineering service | 7,161 | 7,286 | 7,161 | | - 125 |

| | 15,687 | 20,812 | 23,687 | + 8,000 | + 2,875 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Total, Construction | | | | | |
| Land Acquisition | | | | | |
| Acquisitions | 25,071 | 35,911 | 30,571 | + 5,500 | - 5,340 |
| Emergencies, hardships, and inholdings | 5,351 | 5,351 | 5,351 | | |
| Exchanges | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | | |
| Acquisition management | 12,613 | 12,773 | 10,000 | - 2,613 | - 2,773 |
| Highlands Conservation Act Grants | 3,000 | | | - 3,000 | |
| Recreational access | | 2,500 | 1,000 | + 1,000 | - 1,500 |
| Land protection planning | | 465 | 465 | + 465 | |
| Total, Land Acquisition | 47,535 | 58,500 | 48,887 | + 1,352 | - 9,613 |
| Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund | | | | | |
| Grants and administration: | | | | | |
| Conservation grants | 10,508 | 10,508 | 10,508 | | |
| HCP assistance grants | 9,485 | 7,390 | 7,390 | - 2,095 | |
| Administration | 2,702 | 3,002 | 2,702 | | - 300 |
| Subtotal | 22,695 | 20,900 | 20,600 | - 2,095 | - 300 |
| Land acquisition: | | | | | |
| Species recovery land acquisition | 9,462 | 11,162 | 7,640 | - 1,822 | - 3,522 |
| HCP land acquisition grants to states | 17,938 | 17,938 | 14,177 | - 3,761 | - 3,761 |
| Subtotal | 27,400 | 29,100 | 21,817 | - 5,583 | - 7,283 |
| Total, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund | 50,095 | 50,000 | 42,417 | - 7,678 | - 7,583 |
| National Wildlife Refuge Fund | | | | | |
| Payments in lieu of taxes | 13,228 | | 13,228 | | + 13,228 |
| North American Wetlands Conservation Fund | | | | | |
| North American Wetlands Conservation Fund | 34,145 | 34,145 | 35,145 | + 1,000 | + 1,000 |
| Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation | | | | | |
| Migratory bird grants | 3,660 | 4,160 | 3,660 | | - 500 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Multinational Species Conservation Fund | | | | | |
| African elephant conservation fund | 1,582 | 2,582 | 2,082 | + 500 | - 500 |
| Rhinos and tiger conservation fund | 2,440 | 3,440 | 2,940 | + 500 | - 500 |
| Asian elephant conservation fund | 1,557 | 1,557 | 1,557 | | |
| Great ape conservation fund | 1,975 | 1,975 | 1,975 | | |
| Marine turtle conservation fund | 1,507 | 1,507 | 1,507 | | |
| Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund | 9,061 | 11,061 | 10,061 | + 1,000 | - 1,000 |
| State and Tribal Wildlife Grants | | | | | |
| State wildlife grants (formula) | 49,124 | 51,000 | 51,000 | + 1,876 | |
| State wildlife grants (competitive) | 5,487 | 13,000 | 5,487 | | - 7,513 |
| Tribal wildlife grants | 4,084 | 6,000 | 4,084 | | - 1,916 |
| Total, State and tribal wildlife grants | 58,695 | 70,000 | 60,571 | + 1,876 | - 9,429 |
| TOTAL, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE | 1,439,764 | 1,575,510 | 1,441,201 | + 1,437 | - 134,309 |
| NATIONAL PARK SERVICE | | | | | |
| Operation of the National Park System | | | | | |
| Park Management: | | | | | |
| Resource stewardship | 317,207 | 351,242 | 318,707 | + 1,500 | - 32,535 |
| Visitor services | 242,986 | 276,935 | 242,986 | | - 33,949 |
| Park protection | 348,802 | 359,034 | 348,802 | | - 10,232 |
| Facility operations and maintenance | 697,312 | 848,944 | 727,312 | + 30,000 | - 121,632 |
| Park support | 489,462 | 498,373 | 505,462 | + 16,000 | + 7,089 |
| Subtotal | 2,095,769 | 2,334,528 | 2,143,269 | + 47,500 | - 191,259 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|
| External administrative costs | 180,004 | 180,603 | 180,004 | ..... | ..... | - 599 |
| Total, Operation of the National Park System | 2,275,773 | 2,515,131 | 2,323,273 | + 47,500 | ..... | - 191,858 |
| National Recreation and Preservation | | | | | | |
| Recreation programs | 589 | 858 | 589 | ..... | ..... | - 269 |
| Natural programs | 13,560 | 13,743 | 13,575 | + 15 | ..... | - 168 |
| Cultural programs | 24,562 | 25,502 | 24,562 | ..... | ..... | - 940 |
| International park affairs | 1,648 | 1,667 | 1,648 | ..... | ..... | - 19 |
| Environmental and compliance review | 433 | 440 | 433 | ..... | ..... | - 7 |
| Grant administration | 2,004 | 2,037 | 2,004 | ..... | ..... | - 33 |
| Heritage Partnership Programs | 20,321 | 9,952 | 20,321 | ..... | ..... | + 10,369 |
| Total, National Recreation and Preservation | 63,117 | 54,199 | 63,132 | + 15 | ..... | + 8,933 |
| Historic Preservation Fund | | | | | | |
| State historic preservation offices | 46,925 | 46,925 | 46,925 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tribal grants | 8,985 | 9,985 | 8,985 | ..... | ..... | - 1,000 |
| Competitive grants | 500 | 30,500 | 5,500 | + 5,000 | ..... | - 25,000 |
| New grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities ..... | ..... | 2,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | - 2,500 |
| Total, Historic Preservation Fund | 56,410 | 89,910 | 61,410 | + 5,000 | ..... | - 28,500 |
| Construction | | | | | | |
| General Program: | | | | | | |
| Line item construction and maintenance | 61,678 | 153,344 | 116,276 | + 54,598 | ..... | - 37,068 |
| Emergency and unscheduled | 3,855 | 3,855 | 3,855 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Housing | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dam safety | 1,248 | 1,248 | 1,248 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Equipment replacement | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Planning, construction | 7,266 | 16,520 | 7,266 | ..... | ..... | - 9,254 |
| Construction program management | 36,771 | 48,330 | 36,771 | ..... | ..... | - 11,559 |
| General management plans | 11,821 | 11,970 | 11,821 | ..... | ..... | - 149 |
| Total, Construction | 138,339 | 250,967 | 192,937 | + 54,598 | ..... | - 58,030 |
| Land and Water Conservation Fund (rescission of contract authority) | - 28,000 | - 30,000 | - 28,000 | | | + 2,000 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Land Acquisition and State Assistance | | | | | |
| Assistance to States: | | | | | |
| State conservation grants (formula) | 42,000 | 45,000 | 48,883 | + 6,883 | + 3,883 |
| State conservation grants (competitive) | 3,000 | 5,000 | 3,000 | | - 2,000 |
| Administrative expenses | 3,117 | 3,161 | 3,117 | | - 44 |
| Subtotal | 48,117 | 53,161 | 55,000 | + 6,883 | + 1,839 |
| National Park Service: | | | | | |
| Acquisitions | 23,475 | 34,818 | 25,740 | + 2,265 | - 9,078 |
| Recreational access | | 2,000 | 1,000 | + 1,000 | - 1,000 |
| American Battlefield Protection Program | 8,986 | 8,986 | 8,000 | - 986 | - 986 |
| Emergencies, hardships, relocations, and deficiencies | 3,928 | 3,928 | 3,928 | | |
| Acquisition management | 9,526 | 9,679 | 7,679 | - 1,847 | - 2,000 |
| Inholdings, donations, and exchanges | 4,928 | 4,928 | 4,928 | | |
| Subtotal | 50,843 | 64,339 | 51,275 | + 432 | - 13,064 |
| Total, Land Acquisition and State Assistance | 98,960 | 117,500 | 106,275 | + 7,315 | - 11,225 |
| Centennial Challenge | 10,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 | | - 40,000 |
| TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE | 2,614,599 | 3,047,707 | 2,729,027 | + 114,428 | - 318,680 |
| UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY | | | | | |
| Surveys, Investigations, and Research | | | | | |
| Ecosystems: | | | | | |
| Status and trends | 20,473 | 22,178 | 20,473 | | - 1,705 |
| Fisheries: Aquatic and endangered resources | 20,886 | 25,422 | 20,886 | | - 4,536 |

| | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Wildlife: Terrestrial and endangered resources | 45,257 | 46,671 | 45,757 | + 500 | - 914 |
| Terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments | 36,224 | 42,755 | 36,224 | ..... | - 6,531 |
| Invasive species | 16,830 | 19,281 | 17,330 | + 500 | - 1,951 |
| Cooperative research units | 17,371 | 19,992 | 17,371 | ..... | - 2,621 |
| Total, Ecosystems | 157,041 | 176,299 | 158,041 | + 1,000 | - 18,258 |
| Climate and Land Use Change: | | | | | |
| Climate variability: | | | | | |
| Climate science centers | 26,735 | 37,403 | 25,735 | - 1,000 | - 11,668 |
| Climate research and development | 21,495 | 26,656 | 20,495 | - 1,000 | - 6,161 |
| Carbon sequestration | 9,359 | 18,513 | 8,859 | - 500 | - 9,654 |
| Subtotal | 57,589 | 82,572 | 55,089 | - 2,500 | - 27,483 |
| Land Use Change: | | | | | |
| Land remote sensing | 67,894 | 97,531 | 71,194 | + 3,300 | - 26,337 |
| Land change science | 10,492 | 11,725 | 9,692 | - 800 | - 2,033 |
| Subtotal | 78,386 | 109,256 | 80,886 | + 2,500 | - 28,370 |
| Total, Climate and Land Use Change | 135,975 | 191,828 | 135,975 | ..... | - 55,853 |
| Energy, Minerals, and Environmental Health: | | | | | |
| Minerals resources | 45,931 | 47,717 | 49,371 | + 3,440 | + 1,654 |
| Energy resources | 24,895 | 28,068 | 24,695 | - 200 | - 3,373 |
| Contaminant biology | 10,197 | 12,070 | 10,197 | ..... | - 1,873 |
| Toxic substances hydrology | 11,248 | 15,447 | 11,248 | ..... | - 4,199 |
| Total, Energy, Minerals, and Environmental Health | 92,271 | 103,302 | 95,511 | + 3,240 | - 7,791 |
| Natural Hazards: | | | | | |
| Earthquake hazards | 59,503 | 57,952 | 59,803 | + 300 | + 1,851 |
| Volcano hazards | 25,121 | 25,709 | 26,321 | + 1,200 | + 612 |
| Landslide hazards | 3,485 | 4,039 | 3,485 | ..... | - 554 |
| Global seismographic network | 4,853 | 9,799 | 6,453 | + 1,600 | - 3,346 |
| Geomagnetism | 1,888 | 3,624 | 1,888 | ..... | - 1,736 |
| Coastal and marine geology | 40,336 | 45,230 | 40,336 | | - 4,894 |
| Total, Natural Hazards | 135,186 | 146,353 | 138,286 | + 3,100 | - 8,067 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Water Resources: | | | | | |
| Groundwater resources | 11,348 | | | - 11,348 | |
| National water quality assessment | 59,459 | | | -59,459 | |
| National streamflow information program | 34,901 | | | - 34,901 | |
| Hydrologic research and development | 11,215 | | | - 11,215 | |
| Hydrologic networks and analysis | 30,134 | | | - 30,134 | |
| Cooperative Water Program | 57,710 | | | - 57,710 | |
| Water Availability and Use Science Program | | 46,758 | 41,182 | +41,182 | -5,576 |
| Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program | | 73,533 | 72,135 | +72,135 | - 1,398 |
| National Water Quality Program | | 96,087 | 92,791 | +92,791 | - 3,296 |
| Water Resources Research Act Program | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | | |
| Total, Water Resources | 211,267 | 222,878 | 212,608 | + 1,341 | - 10,270 |
| Core Science Systems: | | | | | |
| Science, synthesis, analysis, and research | 24,299 | 25,897 | 24,299 | | - 1,598 |
| National cooperative geological mapping | 24,397 | 25,339 | 24,397 | | - 942 |
| National Geospatial Program | 58,532 | 75,731 | 63,354 | +4,822 | - 12,377 |
| Total, Core Science Systems | 107,228 | 126,967 | 112,050 | + 4,822 | - 14,917 |
| Science Support: | | | | | |
| Administration and management | 84,192 | 90,599 | 84,192 | | - 6,407 |
| Information services | 21,419 | 22,229 | 21,419 | | - 810 |
| Total, Science Support | 105,611 | 112,828 | 105,611 | | - 7,217 |
| Facilities: | | | | | |
| Rental payments and operations & maintenance | 93,141 | 107,047 | 93,141 | | - 13,906 |

| | 7,280 | 7,280 | 7,280 | 7,280 | ..... |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Deferred maintenance and capital improvement ..... |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Total, Facilities | 100,421 | 114,327 | 100,421 | | - 13,906 |
| TOTAL, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY | 1,045,000 | 1,194,782 | 1,058,503 | + 13,503 | - 136,279 |
| BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT | | | | | |
| Ocean Energy Management | | | | | |
| Renewable energy | 23,104 | 24,278 | 24,278 | + 1,174 | ..... |
| Conventional energy | 49,633 | 59,869 | 59,869 | + 10,236 | ..... |
| Environmental assessment | 65,712 | 68,045 | 68,045 | + 2,333 | ..... |
| General support services | 15,002 | ..... | ..... | - 15,002 | ..... |
| Executive direction | 16,319 | 18,665 | 18,665 | + 2,346 | ..... |
| Subtotal | 169,770 | 170,857 | 170,857 | + 1,087 | ..... |
| Offsetting rental receipts | - 94,868 | - 92,961 | - 92,961 | + 1,907 | ..... |
| Cost recovery fees | - 2,480 | - 3,661 | - 3,661 | - 1,181 | ..... |
| Subtotal, offsetting collections | - 97,348 | - 96,622 | - 96,622 | + 726 | ..... |
| TOTAL, BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT | 72,422 | 74,235 | 74,235 | + 1,813 | ..... |
| BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT | | | | | |
| Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement | | | | | |
| Environmental enforcement | 8,314 | ..... | ..... | - 8,314 | ..... |
| Operations, safety and regulation | 133,597 | 151,768 | 151,768 | + 18,171 | ..... |
| Administrative operations | 15,676 | 18,268 | 18,268 | + 2,592 | ..... |
| General support services | 13,912 | ..... | ..... | - 13,912 | ..... |
| Executive direction | 18,227 | 19,736 | 19,736 | + 1,509 | ..... |
| Subtotal | 189,726 | 189,772 | 189,772 | + 46 | ..... |
| Offsetting rental receipts | - 50,412 | - 49,399 | - 49,399 | + 1,013 | ..... |
| Inspection fees | - 65,000 | - 65,000 | - 59,000 | + 6,000 | ..... |
| Cost recovery fees | - 8,167 | - 7,808 | - 7,808 | + 359 | |
| Subtotal, Offsetting collections | - 123,579 | - 122,207 | - 116,207 | + 7,372 | + 6,000 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Total, Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement | 66,147 | 67,565 | 73,565 | + 7,418 | + 6,000 |
| Oil spill research | 14,899 | 14,899 | 14,899 | | |
| TOTAL, BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT | 81,046 | 82,464 | 88,464 | + 7,418 | + 6,000 |
| OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT | | | | | |
| Regulation and Technology | | | | | |
| Environmental protection | 91,832 | 91,880 | 92,032 | +200 | + 152 |
| Permit fees | 40 | 1,900 | 40 | | - 1,860 |
| Offsetting collections | -40 | -1,900 | -40 | | + 1,860 |
| Technology development and transfer | 14,455 | 20,086 | 14,546 | + 91 | - 5,540 |
| Financial management | 505 | 711 | 508 | + 3 | - 203 |
| Executive direction | 15,921 | 15,711 | 15,661 | -260 | - 50 |
| Civil penalties (indefinite) | 100 | 100 | 100 | | |
| Subtotal | 122,813 | 128,488 | 122,847 | + 34 | - 5,641 |
| Civil penalties (offsetting collections) | -100 | -100 | -100 | | |
| Total, Regulation and Technology | 122,713 | 128,388 | 122,747 | + 34 | - 5,641 |
| Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund | | | | | |
| Environmental restoration | 9,480 | 11,431 | 9,533 | + 53 | - 1,898 |
| Technology development and transfer | 3,544 | 6,283 | 3,563 | + 19 | - 2,720 |
| Financial management | 6,396 | 6,477 | 6,436 | + 40 | - 41 |

| | 7,979 | 7,883 | 7,856 | -123 | -27 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Executive direction | 27,399 | 32,074 | 27,388 | -11 | -4,686 |
| Total, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund | 150,112 | 160,462 | 150,135 | +23 | -10,327 |
| BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION | | | | | |
| Operation of Indian Programs | | | | | |
| Tribal Budget System | | | | | |
| Tribal Government: | | | | | |
| Aid to tribal government | 24,614 | 24,833 | 24,833 | +219 | ..... |
| Consolidated tribal government program | 76,348 | 77,088 | 77,088 | +740 | ..... |
| Self governance compacts | 158,767 | 162,321 | 162,321 | +3,554 | ..... |
| Contract support | 246,000 | 272,000 | ..... | -246,000 | -272,000 |
| Indian self determination fund | 5,000 | 5,000 | ..... | -5,000 | -5,000 |
| New tribes | 463 | 464 | 464 | +1 | ..... |
| Small and needy tribes | 1,845 | 3,095 | 1,845 | ..... | -1,250 |
| Road maintenance | 26,461 | 26,693 | 26,693 | +232 | ..... |
| Tribal government program oversight | 8,181 | 12,273 | 8,273 | +92 | -4,000 |
| Subtotal | 547,679 | 583,767 | 301,517 | -246,162 | -282,250 |
| Human Services: | | | | | |
| Social services | 40,871 | 47,179 | 44,179 | +3,308 | -3,000 |
| Welfare assistance | 74,809 | 74,791 | 74,791 | -18 | ..... |
| Indian child welfare act | 15,433 | 15,641 | 15,641 | +208 | ..... |
| Housing improvement program | 8,009 | 8,021 | 8,021 | +12 | ..... |
| Human services tribal design | 407 | 246 | 246 | -161 | ..... |
| Human services program oversight | 3,105 | 3,126 | 3,126 | +21 | ..... |
| Subtotal | 142,634 | 149,004 | 146,004 | +3,370 | -3,000 |
| Trust—Natural Resources Management: | | | | | |
| Natural resources, general | 5,089 | 8,168 | 5,168 | +79 | -3,000 |
| Irrigation operations and maintenance | 11,359 | 12,898 | 11,398 | +39 | -1,500 |
| Rights protection implementation | 35,420 | 40,138 | 37,638 | +2,218 | -2,500 |
| Tribal management/development program | 9,244 | 14,263 | 9,263 | +19 | -5,000 |
| Endangered species | 2,675 | 3,684 | 2,684 | +9 | -1,000 |
| Cooperative landscape conservation | 9,948 | 30,355 | 9,955 | +7 | -20,400 |
| Integrated resource information program | 2,996 | 3,996 | 2,996 | | -1,000 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Agriculture and range | 30,494 | 30,751 | 30,751 | +257 | |
| Forestry | 47,735 | 51,914 | 49,914 | +2,179 | -2,000 |
| Water resources | 10,297 | 14,917 | 10,367 | +70 | -4,550 |
| Fish, wildlife and parks | 13,577 | 15,646 | 13,646 | +69 | -2,000 |
| Resource management program oversight | 6,018 | 6,066 | 6,066 | +48 | ..... |
| Subtotal | 184,852 | 232,796 | 189,846 | +4,994 | -42,950 |
| Trust—Real Estate Services | 127,002 | 143,686 | 127,486 | +484 | -16,200 |
| Education: | | | | | |
| Elementary and secondary programs (forward funded) | 536,897 | 565,517 | 542,577 | +5,680 | -22,940 |
| (Tribal grant support costs) | (62,395) | (75,335) | (64,395) | (+2,000) | (-10,940) |
| Post secondary programs (forward funded) | 69,793 | 69,793 | 74,793 | +5,000 | +5,000 |
| Subtotal, forward funded education | 606,690 | 635,310 | 617,370 | +10,680 | -17,940 |
| Elementary and secondary programs | 119,195 | 142,361 | 122,361 | +3,166 | -20,000 |
| Post secondary programs | 64,182 | 69,412 | 64,602 | +420 | -4,810 |
| Education management | 20,464 | 57,381 | 20,601 | +137 | -36,780 |
| Subtotal, Education | 810,531 | 904,464 | 824,934 | +14,403 | -79,530 |
| Public Safety and Justice: | | | | | |
| Law enforcement | 328,296 | 334,976 | 347,958 | +19,662 | +12,982 |
| Tribal courts | 23,280 | 28,173 | 28,173 | +4,893 | ..... |
| Fire protection | 1,274 | 1,274 | 1,274 | ..... | ..... |
| Subtotal | 352,850 | 364,423 | 377,405 | +24,555 | +12,982 |
| Community and economic development | 35,996 | 40,619 | 36,119 | +123 | -4,500 |
| Executive direction and administrative services | 227,692 | 241,832 | 229,108 | +1,416 | -12,724 |

| | (48,553) | (46,663) | (43,810) | (-4,743) | (-2,853) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| (Housing improvement, road maint, etc. in bill lang) | 2,429,236 | 2,660,591 | 2,232,419 | -196,817 | -428,172 |
| Total, Operation of Indian Programs | | | | | |
| Contract Support Costs | | | | | |
| Contract support cost | | | 272,000 | +272,000 | +272,000 |
| Indian Self-determination fund | | | 5,000 | +5,000 | +5,000 |
| Total, Contract Support Cost | | | 277,000 | +277,000 | +277,000 |
| Construction | | | | | |
| Education | 74,501 | 133,245 | 79,476 | +4,975 | -53,769 |
| Public safety and justice | 11,306 | 11,306 | 11,306 | | |
| Resources management | 34,427 | 34,488 | 34,488 | +61 | |
| General administration | 8,642 | 9,934 | 9,934 | +1,292 | |
| Total, Construction | 128,876 | 188,973 | 135,204 | +6,328 | -53,769 |
| Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians | | | | | |
| Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians | 35,655 | 67,656 | 40,655 | +5,000 | -27,001 |
| Total, Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians | 35,655 | 67,656 | 40,655 | +5,000 | -27,001 |
| Indian guaranteed loan program account | 7,731 | 7,748 | 7,748 | +17 | |
| TOTAL, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION | 2,601,498 | 2,924,968 | 2,693,026 | +91,528 | -231,942 |
| DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES | | | | | |
| Office of the Secretary | | | | | |
| Leadership and administration | 122,885 | 128,256 | 122,885 | | -5,371 |
| Management services | 20,747 | 20,966 | 20,747 | | -219 |
| New Coastal Resilience Fund | | 50,000 | | | -50,000 |
| Office of Natural Resources Revenue | 121,631 | 128,717 | 121,631 | | -7,086 |
| Total, Office of the Secretary | 265,263 | 327,939 | 265,263 | | -62,676 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Insular Affairs | | | | | |
| Assistance to Territories | | | | | |
| Territorial Assistance: | | | | | |
| Office of Insular Affairs | 9,448 | 10,184 | 9,448 | ..... | - 736 |
| Technical assistance | 14,504 | 24,239 | 14,504 | ..... | - 9,735 |
| Maintenance assistance fund | 1,081 | 5,000 | 1,081 | ..... | - 3,919 |
| Brown tree snake | 3,500 | 3,000 | 3,500 | ..... | + 500 |
| Coral reef initiative | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | ..... | ..... |
| Empowering insular communities | 2,971 | 4,421 | 2,971 | ..... | - 1,450 |
| Compact impact | 3,000 | 1,344 | 3,000 | ..... | + 1,656 |
| Subtotal, Territorial Assistance | 35,504 | 49,188 | 35,504 | ..... | - 13,684 |
| American Samoa operations grants | 22,752 | 22,752 | 22,752 | ..... | ..... |
| Northern Marianas covenant grants | 27,720 | 27,720 | 27,720 | ..... | ..... |
| Total, Assistance to Territories | 85,976 | 99,660 | 85,976 | ..... | - 13,684 |
| Compact of Free Association | | | | | |
| Compact of Free Association—Federal services | 2,818 | 2,818 | 2,818 | ..... | ..... |
| Enewetak support | 500 | 500 | 500 | ..... | ..... |
| Compact payments, Palau | 13,147 | ..... | 13,147 | ..... | + 13,147 |
| Total, Compact of Free Association | 16,465 | 3,318 | 16,465 | ..... | + 13,147 |
| Total, Insular Affairs | 102,441 | 102,978 | 102,441 | ..... | - 537 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--|--|
| Office of the Solicitor | | | | | | | |
| Legal services | 59,091 | 63,167 | 57,091 | -2,000 | -6,076 | | |
| General administration | 4,971 | 4,982 | 4,971 | | -11 | | |
| Ethics | 1,738 | 1,739 | 1,738 | | -1 | | |
| Total, Office of the Solicitor | 65,800 | 69,888 | 63,800 | -2,000 | -6,088 | | |
| Office of Inspector General | | | | | | | |
| Audit and investigations | 37,538 | 39,503 | 37,538 | | -1,965 | | |
| Administrative services and information management | 12,509 | 12,721 | 12,509 | | -212 | | |
| Total, Office of Inspector General | 50,047 | 52,224 | 50,047 | | -2,177 | | |
| Office of Special Trustee for American Indians | | | | | | | |
| Federal Trust Programs | | | | | | | |
| Program operations, support, and improvements | 136,998 | 140,938 | 136,998 | | -3,940 | | |
| (Office of Historical Accounting) | (23,061) | (22,120) | (22,120) | (-941) | | | |
| Executive direction | 2,031 | 2,040 | 2,031 | | -9 | | |
| Total, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians | 139,029 | 142,978 | 139,029 | | -3,949 | | |
| TOTAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES | 622,580 | 696,007 | 620,580 | -2,000 | -75,427 | | |
| DEPARTMENT-WIDE PROGRAMS | | | | | | | |
| Wildland Fire Management | | | | | | | |
| Fire Operations: | | | | | | | |
| Preparedness | 318,970 | 323,685 | 323,685 | +4,715 | | | |
| Fire suppression operations | 291,657 | 268,571 | 383,673 | +92,016 | +115,102 | | |
| Subtotal, Fire operations | 610,627 | 592,256 | 707,358 | +96,731 | +115,102 | | |
| Other Operations: | | | | | | | |
| Fuels management | 164,000 | 148,279 | 170,000 | +6,000 | +21,721 | | |
| Resilient landscapes | | 30,000 | | | -30,000 | | |
| Burned area rehabilitation | 18,035 | 18,970 | 18,970 | +935 | | | |
| Fire facilities | 6,127 | 10,000 | 6,427 | +300 | -3,573 | | |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Joint fire science | 5,990 | 5,990 | 5,990 | | |
| Subtotal, Other operations | 194,152 | 213,239 | 20,187 | + 7,235 | - 11,852 |
| Subtotal, Wildland fire management | 804,779 | 805,495 | 908,745 | + 103,966 | + 103,250 |
| Wildland fire management (emergency) | | | 200,000 | + 200,000 | + 200,000 |
| Total, Wildland fire management | 804,779 | 805,495 | 1,108,745 | + 303,966 | + 303,250 |
| FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account | | | | | |
| FLAME wildfire suppression reserve account | 92,000 | | | - 92,000 | |
| Total, All wildland fire accounts | 896,779 | 805,495 | 1,108,745 | + 211,966 | + 303,250 |
| Wildland fire disaster relief | | 200,000 | | | - 200,000 |
| Total, Wildland Fire Management | 896,779 | 1,005,495 | 1,108,745 | + 211,966 | + 103,250 |
| Central Hazardous Materials Fund | | | | | |
| Central hazardous materials fund | 10,010 | 10,011 | 10,011 | + 1 | |
| Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund | | | | | |
| Damage assessments | 2,500 | 2,063 | 2,500 | | + 437 |
| Program management | 2,192 | 2,466 | 2,192 | | - 274 |
| Restoration support | 2,075 | 3,607 | 2,075 | | - 1,532 |
| Oil Spill Preparedness | 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,000 | | - 100 |
| Total, Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund | 7,767 | 9,236 | 7,767 | | - 1,469 |

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|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Working Capital Fund | 57,100 | 74,462 | 57,100 | | -17,362 |
| TOTAL, DEPARTMENT-WIDE PROGRAMS | 971,656 | 1,099,204 | 1,183,623 | +211,967 | +84,419 |
| Appropriations | (971,656) | (899,204) | (983,623) | (+11,967) | (+84,419) |
| Emergency appropriations ..... | ..... | ..... | (200,000) | (+200,000) | (+200,000) |
| Disaster relief cap adjustment ..... | ..... | (200,000) | ..... | ..... | (-200,000) |
| TOTAL, TITLE I, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | 107,189,912 | 12,086,235 | 11,226,595 | +507,683 | -859,640 |
| Appropriations | (107,469,912) | (12,116,235) | (11,054,595) | (+307,683) | (-1,061,640) |
| Rescissions of contract authority | (-28,000) | (-30,000) | (-28,000) | ..... | (+2,000) |
| Emergency appropriations ..... | ..... | ..... | (200,000) | (+200,000) | (+200,000) |
| (Disaster relief cap adjustment) ..... | ..... | (200,000) | ..... | ..... | (-200,000) |
| TITLE II—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY | | | | | |
| Science and Technology | | | | | |
| Clean air and climate | 116,541 | 124,844 | 105,982 | -10,559 | -18,862 |
| (Climate protection program) | (8,018) | (8,124) | (7,973) | (-45) | (-151) |
| Enforcement | 13,669 | 14,398 | 13,669 | ..... | -729 |
| Homeland security | 37,122 | 38,150 | 36,285 | -837 | -1,865 |
| Indoor air and radiation | 5,997 | 6,615 | 6,255 | +258 | -360 |
| IT/data management/security | 3,089 | 3,196 | 3,196 | +107 | ..... |
| Operations and administration | 68,339 | 79,170 | 68,339 | ..... | -10,831 |
| Pesticide licensing | 6,027 | 7,691 | 6,054 | +27 | -1,637 |
| Research: Air, climate and energy | 91,906 | 100,342 | 90,400 | -1,506 | -9,942 |
| Research: Chemical safety and sustainability | 126,930 | 140,722 | 125,948 | -982 | -14,774 |
| Research: Computational toxicology | (21,409) | (33,775) | (21,409) | ..... | (-12,366) |
| (Research: Endocrine disruptor) | (16,253) | (15,417) | (15,417) | (-836) | ..... |
| Research: National priorities | 4,100 | ..... | 4,100 | ..... | +4,100 |
| Research: Safe and sustainable water resources | 107,434 | 111,022 | 104,912 | -2,522 | -6,110 |
| Research: Sustainable and healthy communities | 149,975 | 139,172 | 135,110 | -14,865 | -4,062 |
| Water: Human health protection | 3,519 | 3,766 | 3,708 | +189 | -58 |
| Total, Science and Technology | 734,648 | 769,088 | 703,958 | -30,690 | -65,130 |
| (By transfer from Superfund) | (18,850) | (16,217) | (16,217) | (-2,633) | ..... |
| Environmental Programs and Management | | | | | |
| Brownfields | 25,593 | 29,599 | 27,562 | +1,969 | -2,037 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Clean air and climate | 273,108 | 336,907 | 248,590 | -24,518 | -88,317 |
| (Climate protection program) | (95,436) | (109,625) | (85,892) | (-9,544) | (-23,733) |
| Compliance | 101,665 | 122,424 | 101,665 | | -20,759 |
| Enforcement | 240,637 | 269,256 | 233,178 | -7,459 | -36,078 |
| (Environmental justice) | (6,737) | (13,971) | (6,636) | (-101) | (-7,335) |
| Environmental protection: National priorities | 12,700 | | 15,000 | +2,300 | +15,000 |
| Geographic programs: | | | | | |
| Great Lakes Restoration Initiative | 300,000 | 250,000 | 300,000 | | +50,000 |
| Chesapeake Bay | 73,000 | 70,000 | 73,000 | | +3,000 |
| San Francisco Bay | 4,819 | 3,988 | 4,819 | | +831 |
| Puget Sound | 28,000 | 29,998 | 29,998 | +1,998 | |
| Long Island Sound | 2,893 | 2,893 | 3,940 | | +1,047 |
| Gulf of Mexico | 4,482 | 3,908 | 8,110 | +3,628 | +4,202 |
| South Florida | 1,704 | 1,340 | 1,340 | | |
| Lake Champlain | 4,399 | 1,399 | 4,399 | -364 | |
| Lake Pontchartrain | 948 | 948 | 948 | | +3,000 |
| Southern New England estuaries | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | |
| Other geographic activities | 1,445 | 939 | 939 | -506 | |
| Subtotal | 427,737 | 370,413 | 432,493 | +4,756 | +62,080 |
| Homeland security | 10,195 | 10,274 | 9,738 | -457 | -536 |
| Indoor air and radiation | 27,637 | 30,277 | 28,255 | +618 | -2,022 |
| Information exchange/Outreach | 126,538 | 155,678 | 121,004 | -5,534 | -34,674 |
| (Children and other sensitive populations: Agency coordination) | (6,035) | (8,035) | (7,088) | (+540) | (-947) |
| (Environmental education) | (8,702) | (10,969) | (4,351) | (-4,351) | (-6,618) |
| International programs | 15,400 | 16,561 | 16,373 | +973 | -188 |
| IT/data management/security | 90,536 | 103,061 | 90,536 | | -12,525 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Legal/science/regulatory/economic review | 111,414 | 138,786 | 104,291 | - 7,123 | - 34,495 |
| Operations and administration | 482,751 | 505,402 | 478,090 | - 4,661 | - 27,312 |
| Pesticide licensing | 102,363 | 111,765 | 105,304 | + 2,941 | - 6,461 |
| Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) | 104,877 | 111,242 | 108,827 | + 3,950 | - 2,415 |
| Toxics risk review and prevention | 92,521 | 87,705 | 88,764 | - 3,757 | + 1,059 |
| (Endocrine disruptors) | (7,553) | (4,259) | (4,259) | (- 3,294) | |
| Underground storage tanks (UST/UST) | 11,295 | 11,657 | 11,295 | | - 362 |
| Water: Ecosystems: | | | | | |
| National estuary program/Coastal waterways | 26,723 | 27,310 | 27,310 | + 587 | |
| Wetlands | 21,065 | 23,334 | 20,478 | - 587 | - 2,856 |
| Subtotal | 47,788 | 50,644 | 47,788 | | - 2,856 |
| Water: Human health protection | 98,507 | 125,768 | 97,454 | - 1,053 | - 28,314 |
| Water quality protection | 210,417 | 294,299 | 195,291 | - 15,126 | - 59,008 |
| Total, Environmental Programs and Management | 2,613,679 | 2,841,718 | 2,561,498 | - 52,181 | - 280,220 |
| Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund | | | | | |
| E-Manifest System Fund | 3,674 | 7,368 | 3,786 | + 112 | - 3,582 |
| Audits, evaluations, and investigations | | | | | |
| (By transfer from Superfund) | 41,489 | 50,099 | 41,489 | | - 8,610 |
| | (9,939) | (8,459) | (8,459) | (- 1,480) | |
| Buildings and Facilities | | | | | |
| Homeland security: Protection of EPA personnel and infrastructure | 6,676 | 7,875 | 6,676 | | - 1,199 |
| Operations and administration | 35,641 | 43,632 | 35,641 | | - 7,991 |
| Total, Buildings and Facilities | 42,317 | 51,507 | 42,317 | | - 9,190 |
| Hazardous Substance Superfund | | | | | |
| Audits, evaluations, and investigations | 9,939 | 8,459 | 8,459 | - 1,480 | |
| Compliance | 995 | 1,067 | 1,009 | + 14 | - 58 |
| Enforcement | 166,375 | 173,263 | 166,176 | - 199 | - 7,087 |
| Homeland security | 36,362 | 33,767 | 33,751 | - 2,611 | - 16 |
| Indoor air and radiation | 1,985 | 2,180 | 2,065 | + 80 | - 115 |
| Information exchange/outreach | 1,328 | 1,366 | 1,238 | - 90 | - 128 |
| IT/data management/security | 14,485 | 15,642 | 15,198 | + 713 | - 444 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Legal/science/regulatory/economic review | 1,253 | 1,241 | 1,241 | -12 | |
| Operations and administration | 128,105 | 137,340 | 130,014 | +1,909 | -7,326 |
| Research: Chemical safety and sustainability | 2,843 | 2,831 | 2,831 | -12 | ..... |
| Research: Sustainable communities | 14,032 | 12,220 | 12,220 | -1,812 | ..... |
| Superfund cleanup: | | | | | |
| Superfund: Emergency response and removal | 181,306 | 190,732 | 182,480 | +1,174 | -8,252 |
| Superfund: Emergency preparedness | 7,636 | 7,843 | 7,843 | +207 | ..... |
| Superfund: Federal facilities | 21,125 | 26,265 | 21,669 | +544 | -4,596 |
| Superfund: Remedial | 501,000 | 539,618 | 520,615 | +19,615 | -19,003 |
| Subtotal | 711,067 | 764,458 | 732,607 | +21,540 | -31,851 |
| Total, Hazardous Substance Superfund | 1,088,769 | 1,153,834 | 1,106,809 | +18,040 | -47,025 |
| Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund (LUST) | | | | | |
| Enforcement | 620 | 627 | 627 | +7 | ..... |
| Operations and administration | 1,352 | 1,681 | 1,351 | -1 | -330 |
| Research: Sustainable communities | 320 | 348 | 327 | +7 | -21 |
| Underground storage tanks (LUST/UST) | 89,649 | 92,670 | 89,180 | -469 | -3,490 |
| (LUST/UST) | (9,240) | (9,409) | (9,409) | (+169) | ..... |
| (LUST cooperative agreements) | (55,040) | (54,402) | (54,402) | (-638) | ..... |
| (Energy Policy Act grants) | (25,369) | (28,859) | (25,369) | ..... | (-3,490) |
| Total, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund | 91,941 | 95,326 | 91,485 | -456 | -3,841 |
| Inland Oil Spill Program (Formerly Oil Spill Response) | | | | | |
| Compliance | 139 | 155 | 148 | +9 | -7 |
| Enforcement | 2,413 | 2,424 | 2,424 | +11 | |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Oil | 14,409 | 18,524 | 14,409 | | -4,115 |
| Operations and administration | 584 | 1,762 | 584 | | -1,178 |
| Research: Sustainable communities | 664 | 513 | 513 | ..... | -151 |
| Total, Inland Oil Spill Program | 18,209 | 23,378 | 18,078 | -131 | -5,300 |
| State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) | | | | | |
| Alaska Native villages | 10,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | +10,000 | +10,000 |
| Brownfields projects | 80,000 | 110,000 | 80,000 | ..... | -30,000 |
| Clean water state revolving fund (SRF) | 1,448,887 | 1,116,000 | 1,047,000 | -401,887 | -69,000 |
| Diesel emissions grants | 30,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | -10,000 | +10,000 |
| Drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) | 906,896 | 1,186,000 | 775,896 | -131,000 | -410,104 |
| Mexico border | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | +5,000 | +5,000 |
| Targeted airshed grants | 10,000 | ..... | 15,000 | +5,000 | +15,000 |
| Subtotal, Infrastructure assistance grants | 2,490,783 | 2,437,000 | 1,967,896 | -522,887 | -469,104 |
| Categorical grants: | | | | | |
| Beaches protection | 9,549 | ..... | 9,549 | ..... | +9,549 |
| Brownfields | 47,745 | 49,500 | 47,745 | ..... | -1,755 |
| Environmental information | 9,646 | 25,346 | 9,646 | ..... | -15,700 |
| Hazardous waste financial assistance | 99,693 | 99,693 | 99,693 | ..... | ..... |
| Lead | 14,049 | 14,049 | 14,049 | ..... | ..... |
| Nonpoint source (Sec. 319) | 159,252 | 164,915 | 164,915 | +5,663 | ..... |
| Pesticides enforcement | 18,050 | 18,050 | 18,050 | ..... | -500 |
| Pesticides program implementation | 12,701 | 13,201 | 12,701 | ..... | -18,358 |
| Pollution control (Sec. 106) | 230,806 | 249,164 | 230,806 | ..... | (-652) |
| (Water quality monitoring) | (17,848) | (18,500) | (17,848) | ..... | ..... |
| Pollution prevention | 4,765 | 4,765 | 4,765 | ..... | ..... |
| Public water system supervision | 101,963 | 109,700 | 101,963 | ..... | -7,737 |
| Radon | 8,051 | ..... | 8,051 | ..... | +8,051 |
| State and local air quality management | 228,219 | 268,229 | 228,219 | ..... | -40,010 |
| Toxics substances compliance | 4,919 | 4,919 | 4,919 | ..... | ..... |
| Tribal air quality management | 12,829 | 12,829 | 12,829 | ..... | ..... |
| Tribal general assistance program | 65,476 | 96,375 | 65,476 | ..... | -30,899 |
| Underground injection control (UIC) | 10,506 | 10,506 | 10,506 | ..... | ..... |
| Underground storage tanks | 1,498 | 1,498 | 1,498 | | |
| Wetlands program development | 14,661 | 19,661 | 14,661 | | -5,000 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Subtotal, Categorical grants | 1,054,378 | 1,162,400 | 1,060,041 | + 5,663 | - 102,359 |
| Total, State and Tribal Assistance Grants | 3,545,161 | 3,599,400 | 3,027,937 | - 517,224 | - 571,463 |
| Subtotal, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY | 8,179,887 | 8,591,718 | 7,597,357 | - 582,530 | - 994,361 |
| Administrative Provisions | - 40,000 | ..... | ..... | + 40,000 | ..... |
| Rescission ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| TOTAL, TITLE II, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY | 8,139,887 | 8,591,718 | 7,597,357 | - 542,530 | - 994,361 |
| Appropriations | (8,179,887) | (8,591,718) | (7,597,357) | (- 582,530) | (- 994,361) |
| Rescissions | (- 40,000) | ..... | ..... | ( + 40,000) | ..... |
| (By transfer) | (28,789) | (24,676) | (24,676) | (- 4,113) | ..... |
| TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| FOREST SERVICE ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Forest and Rangeland Research ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Forest inventory and analysis | 70,000 | 83,000 | 80,000 | + 10,000 | - 3,000 |
| Research and development programs | 226,000 | 208,982 | 211,904 | - 14,096 | + 2,922 |
| Total, Forest and rangeland research | 296,000 | 291,982 | 291,904 | - 4,096 | - 78 |
| State and Private Forestry ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Landscapes scale restoration | 14,000 | 23,513 | 12,000 | - 2,000 | - 11,513 |
| Forest Health Management: | | | | | |
| Federal lands forest health management | 58,922 | 58,998 | 58,750 | - 172 | - 248 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Cooperative lands forest health management | 45,655 | 40,678 | 39,844 | - 5,811 | - 834 |
| Subtotal | 104,577 | 99,676 | 98,594 | - 5,983 | - 1,082 |
| Cooperative Forestry: | | | | | |
| Forest stewardship | 23,036 | 23,049 | 22,975 | - 461 | - 474 |
| Forest legacy | 53,000 | 61,000 | 59,800 | + 6,800 | - 1,200 |
| Community forest and open space conservation | 2,000 | 1,683 | 2,000 | ..... | + 317 |
| Urban and community forestry | 28,040 | 23,686 | 23,686 | - 4,354 | ..... |
| Subtotal, Cooperative Forestry | 106,076 | 109,418 | 108,061 | + 1,985 | - 1,357 |
| International forestry | 8,000 | 4,004 | 8,000 | ..... | + 3,996 |
| Total, State and Private Forestry | 232,653 | 236,611 | 226,655 | - 5,998 | - 9,956 |
| National Forest System | | | | | |
| Integrated resource restoration ..... | ..... | 822,110 | ..... | ..... | - 822,110 |
| Land management planning | 37,754 | ..... | 36,998 | ..... | + 36,998 |
| Inventory and monitoring | 151,019 | ..... | 147,998 | - 3,021 | + 147,998 |
| Land management planning, assessment and monitoring ..... | ..... | 184,236 | ..... | ..... | - 184,236 |
| Recreation, heritage and wilderness | 261,719 | 263,942 | 261,719 | ..... | - 2,223 |
| Grazing management | 55,356 | 49,706 | 56,856 | + 1,500 | + 7,150 |
| Forest products | 339,130 | ..... | 359,805 | + 20,675 | + 359,805 |
| Vegetation and watershed management | 184,716 | ..... | 190,116 | + 5,400 | + 190,116 |
| Wildlife and fish habitat management | 140,466 | ..... | 140,466 | ..... | + 140,466 |
| Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund | 40,000 | 60,000 | 40,000 | ..... | - 20,000 |
| Minerals and geology management | 76,423 | 70,689 | 78,423 | + 2,000 | + 7,734 |
| Landownership management | 77,730 | 71,601 | 77,730 | ..... | + 6,129 |
| Law enforcement operations | 126,633 | 126,030 | 126,653 | ..... | + 623 |
| Valles Caldera National Preserve | 3,364 | ..... | ..... | - 3,364 | ..... |
| Total, National Forest System | 1,494,330 | 1,648,314 | 1,516,764 | + 22,434 | - 131,550 |
| Capital Improvement and Maintenance | | | | | |
| Facilities: | | | | | |
| Maintenance | 55,369 | 55,674 | 55,369 | | - 305 |
| Construction | 16,231 | 16,021 | 16,021 | - 210 | |
| Subtotal | 71,600 | 71,695 | 71,390 | - 210 | - 305 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Roads: | | | | | |
| Maintenance | 143,454 | 129,580 | 154,454 | + 11,000 | + 24,874 |
| Construction | 24,640 | 24,682 | 26,640 | + 2,000 | + 1,958 |
| Subtotal | 168,094 | 154,262 | 181,094 | + 13,000 | + 26,832 |
| Trails: | | | | | |
| Maintenance | 69,777 | 74,264 | 70,830 | + 1,053 | - 3,434 |
| Construction | 7,753 | 8,252 | 6,700 | - 1,053 | - 1,552 |
| Subtotal | 77,530 | 82,516 | 77,530 | ..... | - 4,986 |
| Deferred maintenance | 3,150 | 33,451 | 3,150 | ..... | - 30,301 |
| Legacy road and trail remediation | 40,000 | ..... | 25,000 | - 15,000 | + 25,000 |
| Subtotal, Capital improvement and maintenance | 360,374 | 341,924 | 358,164 | - 2,210 | + 16,240 |
| Deferral of road and trail fund payment | - 17,000 | - 17,000 | - 16,000 | + 1,000 | + 1,000 |
| Total, Capital improvement and maintenance | 343,374 | 324,924 | 342,164 | - 1,210 | + 17,240 |
| Land Acquisition | | | | | |
| Acquisitions | 36,000 | 47,250 | 25,690 | - 10,310 | - 21,560 |
| Acquisition management | 7,500 | 8,500 | 7,500 | ..... | - 1,000 |
| Cash equalization | 500 | 250 | 250 | - 250 | ..... |
| Recreational access | 2,000 | 5,000 | 3,000 | + 1,000 | - 2,000 |
| Critical inholdings/wilderness | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,000 | + 500 | ..... |
| Total, Land Acquisition | 47,500 | 63,000 | 38,440 | - 9,060 | - 24,560 |
| Acquisition of land for national forests, special acts | 950 | 1,950 | 950 | | - 1,000 |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Acquisition of lands to complete land exchanges | 216 | 216 | 216 | | | |
| Range betterment fund | 2,320 | 2,320 | 2,320 | | | |
| Gifts, donations and bequests for forest and rangeland research | 45 | 45 | 45 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Management of national forest lands for subsistence uses | 2,500 | 2,441 | 2,500 | ..... | ..... | + 59 |
| Wildland Fire Management | | | | | | |
| Fire operations: | | | | | | |
| Wildland fire preparedness | 1,145,840 | 1,082,620 | 1,082,620 | ..... | - 63,220 | ..... |
| Wildland fire suppression operations | 708,000 | 794,534 | 1,126,000 | ..... | + 418,000 | + 331,466 |
| Wildland fire management (emergency) | | | 854,578 | ..... | + 854,578 | + 854,578 |
| Subtotal, fire operations | 1,853,840 | 1,877,154 | 3,063,198 | ..... | + 1,209,358 | + 1,186,044 |
| Other operations: | | | | | | |
| Hazardous fuels | 361,749 | 359,126 | 375,000 | ..... | + 13,251 | + 15,874 |
| (Hazardous Fuels Base Program) | (346,749) | (344,126) | (360,000) | ..... | (+ 13,251) | (+ 15,874) |
| (Biomass Grants) | (15,000) | (15,000) | (15,000) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fire plan research and development | 19,795 | 19,820 | 19,795 | ..... | ..... | - 25 |
| Joint fire sciences program | 6,914 | 6,917 | 6,914 | ..... | ..... | - 3 |
| State fire assistance | 78,000 | 78,012 | 78,012 | ..... | + 12 | ..... |
| Volunteer fire assistance | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Subtotal, Other operations | 479,458 | 476,875 | 492,721 | ..... | + 13,263 | + 15,846 |
| Subtotal, Wildland Fire Management | 2,333,298 | 2,354,029 | 3,555,919 | ..... | + 1,222,621 | + 1,201,890 |
| FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account | | | | | | |
| FLAME wildfire suppression reserve account | 303,060 | ..... | ..... | ..... | - 303,060 | ..... |
| Total, All wildland fire accounts | 2,636,358 | 2,354,029 | 3,555,919 | ..... | + 919,561 | + 1,201,890 |
| Wildland fire disaster relief | | | | | | |
| Total, Wildland Fire Management | 2,636,358 | 3,208,607 | 3,555,919 | ..... | + 919,561 | + 347,312 |
| Total, Forest Service without Wildland Fire Management | 2,419,888 | 2,571,803 | 2,421,958 | ..... | + 2,070 | - 149,845 |
| TOTAL FOREST SERVICE | 5,056,246 | 5,780,410 | 5,977,877 | ..... | + 921,631 | + 197,467 |
| Appropriations | (5,056,246) | (4,925,832) | (5,123,299) | | (+ 67,053) | (+ 197,467) |
| Emergency appropriations | | | (854,578) | | (+ 854,578) | (+ 854,578) |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Disaster Relief cap adjustment | | (854,578) | | | (- 854,578) |
| DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | | | | | |
| INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE | | | | | |
| Indian Health Services | | | | | |
| Clinical Services: | | | | | |
| Hospital and health clinics | 1,836,789 | 1,936,323 | 1,846,076 | + 9,287 | - 90,247 |
| Dental health | 173,982 | 181,459 | 175,690 | + 1,708 | - 5,769 |
| Mental health | 81,145 | 84,485 | 81,578 | + 433 | - 2,907 |
| Alcohol and substance abuse | 190,981 | 227,062 | 195,971 | + 4,990 | - 31,091 |
| Purchased/referred care | 914,139 | 984,475 | 915,347 | + 1,208 | - 69,128 |
| Subtotal | 3,197,036 | 3,413,804 | 3,214,662 | + 17,626 | - 199,142 |
| Preventive Health: | | | | | |
| Public health nursing | 75,640 | 79,576 | 76,140 | + 500 | - 3,436 |
| Health education | 18,026 | 18,122 | 18,122 | + 96 | - 1,014 |
| Community health representatives | 58,469 | 62,363 | 58,469 | | - 3,894 |
| Immunization (Alaska) | 1,826 | 1,950 | 1,950 | + 124 | |
| Subtotal | 153,961 | 163,025 | 154,681 | + 720 | - 8,344 |
| Other services: | | | | | |
| Urban Indian health | 43,604 | 43,604 | 43,604 | | |
| Indian health professions | 48,342 | 48,342 | 48,342 | | |
| Tribal management grant program | 2,442 | 2,442 | 2,442 | | |
| Direct operations | 68,065 | 68,338 | 70,065 | + 2,000 | + 1,727 |
| Self-governance | 5,727 | 5,735 | 5,727 | | - 8 |
| Contract support costs | 662,970 | 717,970 | | - 662,970 | - 717,970 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Subtotal | 831,150 | 886,431 | 170,180 | -660,970 | -716,251 |
| Total, Indian Health Services | 4,182,147 | 4,463,260 | 3,539,523 | -642,624 | -923,737 |
| Contract Support Costs | | | | | |
| Indian Health Facilities | | | | | |
| Maintenance and improvement | 53,614 | 89,097 | 73,614 | +20,000 | -15,483 |
| Sanitation facilities construction | 79,423 | 115,138 | 99,423 | +20,000 | -15,715 |
| Health care facilities construction | 85,048 | 185,048 | 105,048 | +20,000 | -80,000 |
| Facilities and environmental health support | 219,612 | 226,870 | 221,196 | +1,584 | -5,674 |
| Equipment | 22,537 | 23,572 | 22,537 | ..... | -1,035 |
| Total, Indian Health Facilities | 460,234 | 639,725 | 521,818 | +61,584 | -117,907 |
| TOTAL, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE | 4,642,381 | 5,102,985 | 4,779,311 | +136,930 | -323,674 |
| NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH | | | | | |
| National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences | 77,349 | 77,349 | 77,349 | ..... | ..... |
| AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY | | | | | |
| Toxic substances and environmental public health | 74,691 | 74,691 | 74,691 | ..... | ..... |
| TOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | 4,794,421 | 5,255,025 | 4,931,351 | +136,930 | -323,674 |
| OTHER RELATED AGENCIES | | | | | |
| EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT | | | | | |
| Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality | 3,000 | 3,015 | 3,000 | ..... | -15 |
| CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 11,000 | 12,271 | 10,700 | -300 | -1,571 |
| OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 7,341 | 8,400 | 7,341 | ..... | -1,059 |
| INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| Payment to the Institute | 9,469 | 11,619 | 11,619 | +2,150 | |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Museum and Research Institutes: | | | | | |
| SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION | | | | | |
| Salaries and Expenses | | | | | |
| National Air and Space Museum | 18,603 | 19,469 | 19,109 | +506 | -360 |
| Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory | 23,957 | 24,343 | 24,343 | +386 | |
| Major scientific instrumentation | 4,118 | 6,118 | 4,118 | | -2,000 |
| Universe Center | 184 | 184 | 184 | | |
| National Museum of Natural History | 47,992 | 48,935 | 48,935 | +943 | |
| National Zoological Park | 25,420 | 26,603 | 25,903 | +483 | -700 |
| Smithsonian Environmental Research Center | 3,909 | 3,992 | 3,992 | +83 | |
| Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute | 14,025 | 14,271 | 14,271 | +246 | |
| Biodiversity Center | 1,520 | 2,285 | 1,525 | +5 | -760 |
| Arthur M. Sackler Gallery/Freer Gallery of Art | 6,049 | 6,169 | 6,169 | +120 | |
| Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage | 2,503 | 2,603 | 2,603 | +100 | |
| Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum | 4,755 | 4,842 | 4,842 | +87 | |
| Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden | 4,301 | 4,605 | 4,455 | +154 | -150 |
| National Museum of African Art | 4,227 | 4,632 | 4,302 | +75 | -330 |
| World Cultures Center | 284 | 284 | 284 | | |
| Anacostia Community Museum | 2,093 | 2,415 | 2,135 | +42 | -280 |
| Archives of American Art | 1,859 | 1,898 | 1,898 | +39 | |
| National Museum of African American History and Culture | 40,648 | 41,501 | 41,501 | +853 | |
| National Museum of American History | 22,840 | 24,333 | 23,333 | +493 | -1,000 |
| National Museum of the American Indian | 31,444 | 32,077 | 32,027 | +583 | -50 |
| National Portrait Gallery | 5,997 | 6,448 | 6,118 | +121 | -330 |
| Smithsonian American Art Museum | 9,474 | 10,005 | 9,675 | +201 | -330 |
| American Experience Center | 593 | 595 | 595 | +2 | |
| Subtotal, Museums and Research Institutes | 276,795 | 288,607 | 282,317 | +5,522 | -6,290 |

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|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Mission enabling: | | | | | | | | | |
| Program support and outreach: | | | | | | | | | |
| Outreach | 9,150 | 14,317 | 9,317 | +167 | -5,000 | | | | |
| Communications | 2,567 | 3,945 | 2,620 | + 53 | -1,325 | | | | |
| Institution-wide programs | 10,505 | 14,784 | 10,505 | | -4,279 | | | | |
| Office of Exhibits Central | 2,974 | 3,037 | 3,037 | +63 | | | | | |
| Museum Support Center | 1,848 | 1,884 | 1,884 | + 36 | | | | | |
| Museum Conservation Institute | 3,244 | 3,308 | 3,308 | + 64 | | | | | |
| Smithsonian Institution Archives | 2,167 | 2,223 | 2,223 | +56 | | | | | |
| Smithsonian Institution Libraries | 10,399 | 10,748 | 10,748 | +349 | | | | | |
| Subtotal, Program support and outreach | 42,854 | 54,246 | 43,642 | + 788 | -10,604 | | | | |
| Office of Chief Information Officer | 48,929 | 53,395 | 51,595 | + 2,666 | -1,800 | | | | |
| Administration | 34,067 | 34,977 | 34,822 | +755 | -155 | | | | |
| Inspector General | 3,416 | 3,476 | 3,476 | + 60 | | | | | |
| Facilities services: | | | | | | | | | |
| Facilities maintenance | 71,403 | 86,695 | 71,985 | +582 | -14,710 | | | | |
| Facilities operations, security and support | 197,879 | 214,429 | 201,729 | + 3,850 | -12,700 | | | | |
| Subtotal, Facilities services | 269,282 | 301,124 | 273,714 | + 4,432 | -27,410 | | | | |
| Subtotal, Mission enabling | 398,548 | 447,218 | 407,249 | + 8,701 | -39,969 | | | | |
| Total, Salaries and expenses | 675,343 | 735,825 | 689,566 | + 14,223 | -46,259 | | | | |
| Facilities Capital | | | | | | | | | |
| Revitalization | 97,588 | 144,590 | 89,165 | - 8,423 | -55,425 | | | | |
| Facilities planning and design | 22,600 | 55,410 | 40,810 | + 18,210 | -14,600 | | | | |
| Construction | 24,010 | | | -24,010 | | | | | |
| Total, Facilities Capital | 144,198 | 200,000 | 129,975 | - 14,223 | - 70,025 | | | | |
| TOTAL, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION | 819,541 | 935,825 | 819,541 | | -116,284 | | | | |
| NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries and Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and utilization of art collections | 39,418 | 42,226 | 40,918 | + 1,500 | -1,308 | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds | 33,858 | 34,532 | 33,858 | | - 674 | | | | |

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| Item | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate | Chairman's recommendation | Chairman's recommendation compared with (+ or -) | |
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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| Protection of buildings, grounds and contents | 22,418 | 22,943 | 23,918 | + 1,500 | + 975 |
| General administration | 23,806 | 26,959 | 23,806 | | - 3,153 |
| Total, Salaries and Expenses | 119,500 | 126,660 | 122,500 | + 3,000 | - 4,160 |
| Repair, Restoration and Renovation of Buildings | | | | | |
| Base program | 19,000 | 26,000 | 16,000 | - 3,000 | - 10,000 |
| TOTAL, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART | 138,500 | 152,660 | 138,500 | | - 14,160 |
| JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS | | | | | |
| Operations and maintenance | 22,000 | 21,660 | 21,660 | - 340 | |
| Capital repair and restoration | 10,800 | 14,740 | 11,140 | + 340 | - 3,600 |
| TOTAL, JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS | 32,800 | 36,400 | 32,800 | | - 3,600 |
| WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 10,500 | 10,420 | 10,500 | | + 80 |
| NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES | | | | | |
| National Endowment for the Arts | | | | | |
| Grants and Administration | | | | | |
| Grants: | | | | | |
| Direct grants | 62,380 | 63,420 | 62,380 | | - 1,040 |
| Challenge America grants | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,600 | | |
| Subtotal | 69,980 | 71,020 | 69,980 | | - 1,040 |

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|---|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|---------|
| State partnerships: | | | | | | | |
| State and regional | 36,716 | 37,262 | 36,716 | | | | - 546 |
| Underserved set-aside | 9,937 | 10,084 | 9,937 | | | | - 147 |
| Subtotal | 46,653 | 47,346 | 46,653 | | | | - 693 |
| Subtotal, Grants | 116,633 | 118,366 | 116,633 | | | | - 1,733 |
| Program support | 1,990 | 1,780 | 1,990 | | | | + 210 |
| Administration | 27,398 | 27,803 | 27,398 | | | | - 405 |
| Total, Arts | 146,021 | 147,949 | 146,021 | | | | - 1,928 |
| National Endowment for the Humanities | | | | | | | |
| Grants and Administration | | | | | | | |
| Grants: | | | | | | | |
| Bridging cultures | 3,500 | | 3,500 | | | | + 3,500 |
| Special Initiative: The Common Bond | | 5,500 | | | | | - 5,500 |
| Federal/State partnership | 42,528 | 43,040 | 42,528 | | | | - 512 |
| Preservation and access | 15,460 | 15,200 | 15,460 | | | | + 260 |
| Public programs | 13,684 | 13,454 | 13,684 | | | | + 230 |
| Research programs | 14,784 | 14,536 | 14,784 | | | | + 248 |
| Education programs | 13,265 | 13,040 | 13,265 | | | | + 225 |
| Program development | 500 | 500 | 500 | | | | |
| Digital humanities initiatives | 4,400 | 4,480 | 4,400 | | | | - 80 |
| Subtotal, Grants | 108,121 | 109,750 | 108,121 | | | | - 1,629 |
| Matching Grants: | | | | | | | |
| Treasury funds | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | | | | |
| Challenge grants | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | | | | |
| Subtotal, Matching grants | 10,900 | 10,900 | 10,900 | | | | |
| Administration | 27,000 | 27,292 | 27,000 | | | | - 292 |
| Total, Humanities | 146,021 | 147,942 | 146,021 | | | | - 1,921 |
| TOTAL, NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES | 292,042 | 295,891 | 292,042 | | | | - 3,849 |

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| | | | | 2015 appropriation | Budget estimate |
| COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 2,524 | 2,653 | 2,653 | +129 | |
| NATIONAL CAPITAL ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS | | | | | |
| Grants | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | ..... | ..... |
| ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 6,204 | 6,080 | 6,080 | -124 | ..... |
| NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses | 7,948 | 8,348 | 7,948 | ..... | -400 |
| UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM | | | | | |
| Holocaust Memorial Museum | 52,385 | 54,959 | 52,385 | ..... | -2,574 |
| DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION | | | | | |
| Construction ..... | ..... | 68,200 | ..... | ..... | -68,200 |
| Salaries and expenses | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 | ..... | -1,000 |
| Total, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION | 1,000 | 70,200 | 1,000 | ..... | -69,200 |
| TOTAL, TITLE III, RELATED AGENCIES | | | | | |
| Emergency appropriations | 11,246,921 | 12,646,176 | 12,307,337 | +1,060,416 | -338,839 |
| (Disaster Relief cap adjustment) | | (854,578) | (854,578) | (+854,578) | (+854,578) |
| | | | | | (-854,578) |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | 30,105,720 | 33,324,129 | 31,131,289 | + 1,025,569 | - 2,192,840 |
| Appropriations | (30,173,720) | (32,299,551) | (30,104,711) | (- 69,009) | (- 2,194,840) |
| Rescissions | (- 40,000) | (- 30,000) | (- 28,000) | (+ 40,000) | (+ 2,000) |
| Rescissions of contract authority | (- 28,000) | (1,054,578) | (1,054,578) | (+ 1,054,578) | (+ 1,054,578) |
| Emergency appropriations | (28,789) | (24,676) | (24,676) | (- 4,113) | (- 1,054,578) |
| Disaster Relief cap adjustment | | | | | |
| (By transfer) | | | | | |

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