



# U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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## Appropriations Committee Reports FY 2006 Interior Spending Bill

WASHINGTON – The Senate Committee on Appropriations today approved a \$26.3 billion fiscal year 2006 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The bill makes appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation), the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies for the period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006.

Amendments accepted by vote at Full Committee mark up:

Bond/Feinstein – modification to EPA small engine provision

Byrd – Abandoned Land Mine program extended for 9 months

Increase in NEA and NEH funding by \$5 million each

### GRAND TOTALS

FY 05 Enacted (including emergencies):	\$27.0 billion
FY 06 Budget Request:	\$25.7 billion
FY 06 House-passed:	\$26.2 billion
FY 06 Subcommittee Mark:	\$26.3 billion

### WILDLAND FIRE ACTIVITIES

The bill provides a total of \$2.513 billion for **wildland fire management activities**, including \$766.6 million for the **Bureau of Land Management** and \$1.746 billion for the **Forest Service**. The total includes \$492.2 million for **hazardous fuels reduction**, an increase of \$28.3 million over the enacted level. Additionally, the Committee has provided \$10 million for **Rural Fire Assistance**, \$66.68 million for **State Fire Assistance** and \$13.9 million for **Volunteer Fire Assistance**.

### LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Provides \$404 million from the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**, including \$162 million for **Federal land acquisition**, \$63 million for **Forest Legacy**, and \$30 million for **State Assistance**.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - \$9.88 billion

\$ 1.788 billion for the **Bureau of Land Management** (\$28.6 million below the FY 05 level)

- \$766.6 million for the Department of Interior **firefighting activity**, including \$211.2 million for **Hazardous Fuels Reduction**, \$9.8 million over the enacted level.
- \$109.8 million for **Energy and Minerals Development**, \$3.1 million over the enacted level.

\$2.3 billion for the **National Park Service**

- Provides \$1.75 billion for operation of the **national park system**, an increase of \$65 million over the FY 05 level. The amount includes \$20 million over the budget request for increases to individual park base budgets, and a total of \$595 million for **park maintenance activities**.
- \$72.5 million from the **Historic Preservation Fund**, including \$42.5 million for **preservation grants to states and tribes**, \$30 million for **Save America's Treasures** and \$7.5 million for **Preserve America**.

\$1.3 billion for the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** (\$22.9 million over the FY05 level [excluding emergencies])

- Provides \$262 million for **Endangered Species Act** activities, including \$73 million for **Recovery**, \$80 million for **Section 6 grants**, \$25 million for **Land Owner Incentive Program** and \$7.5 million for **Private Stewardship Grants**.
- Increases **State Wildlife Grants** by \$3 million over fiscal year 2005 to \$72 million.

\$963.1 million for the **U.S. Geological Survey** (\$27.6 million above the FY05 level [excluding emergencies])

\$159.5 million for the **Minerals Management Service** (\$14.3 million below the FY05 level)

\$110.5 million for the **Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement** (\$2.2 million above the FY05 enacted level)

\$2.27 billion for the **Bureau of Indian Affairs** (\$26.3 million below the FY05 level and \$81.9 million over the budget request)

- Funds **Tribally Controlled Community Colleges** at a total of \$56.4 million (\$13 million over the request level)
- Restores cuts of \$6.4 million to **Welfare Assistance** and \$8.8 million to **Johnson-O'Malley Education Grants**
- Funds **Law Enforcement** at \$189.9 million (\$12.2 million over the enacted level)
- Funds **Replacement School Construction** at \$58.5 million (\$15 million over the request level), **Education Facilities Improvement and Repair** at \$138.4 million (\$10 million over the request), and creates a \$10 million program to **repair and rehabilitate existing Indian irrigation systems**.

Funds **Office of the Special Trustee** at \$226.1 million, including \$34.5 million to reduce the fractionation of Indian lands. Provides \$58 million for **historical accounting activities**.

Funds **PILT** at \$235 million (\$35 million over the request and \$8.2 million over the FY05 level).

#### **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - \$4.12 billion**

Provides \$62.6 million for **forest legacy conservation easements**, \$5.5 million above the FY05 level.

Provides \$3.8 million above the request for **environmental review, monitoring, and processing of grazing permits**.

Provides \$1.75 billion for **fire activities**, including:

- \$281 million for **Hazardous Fuels Reduction** (\$18.4 million over FY05)
- \$51.6 million increase above the enacted level for **wildfire suppression**

#### **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE - \$3.224 billion:**

Amount provided is an increase of \$83.3 million over the FY05 enacted level, including:

- \$118.1 million increase **Clinical Services**
- \$26.7 million increase for **Contract Health Care**
- \$17.0 million increase over the request for **facilities construction**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - \$7.8 billion**

- \$730.8 million for the **Science and Technology** account (\$13.2 million below the FY05 level and \$29.8 million below the budget request)
- \$2.3 billion for the **Environmental Programs and Management** account (\$38 million above the FY05 level and \$20.8 million below the budget request)
- \$1.25 billion for the **Superfund** account (\$8.68 million above the FY05 enacted level and \$23 million below the budget request). The amount provided includes \$849.7 million for **Superfund clean-up** activities, matching the request.
- \$3.45 billion for the **State and Tribal Assistance Grants** account (\$120.8 million below the FY05 enacted level and \$493.8 million above the budget request)
  - \$1.1 billion for the **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund** (+\$370 million over request)
  - \$850 million for the **Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund**
- \$165 million for **Brownfields** programs

#### **OTHER RELATED AGENCIES:**

- \$624.1 million for the **Smithsonian Institution** (\$9 million over the FY05 enacted level and the budget request)
- \$111.6 million for the **National Gallery of Art** (\$9 million over the FY 05 enacted level)
- \$33 million for the **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** (\$21,000 below the FY05 enacted level)
- \$126.3 million for the **National Endowment for the Arts** (the FY05 enacted level)
- \$143.1 million for the **National Endowment for the Humanities** (the FY05 enacted level)