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H. R. 2996

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 6, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SEC. 423. Within the amounts appropriated in this
2 Act, funding shall be allocated in the amounts specified
3 for those projects and purposes delineated in the table ti-
4 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the
5 explanatory statement accompanying this Act. The pre-
6 ceding sentence shall apply in addition to the allocation
7 requirements specified in this Act under the heading “Na-
8 tional Park Service–Historic Preservation Fund” for Save
9 America’s Treasures and under the heading “Environ-
10 mental Protection Agency–State and Tribal Assistance
11 Grants” for special project grants for the construction of
12 drinking water, wastewater and storm infrastructure and
13 for water quality protection.

14 SEC. 424. Not later than 120 days after the date on
15 which the President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request is
16 submitted to Congress, the President shall submit a report
17 to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the
19 Senate describing in detail all Federal agency obligations
20 and expenditures, domestic and international, for climate
21 change programs and activities in fiscal year 2008, fiscal
22 year 2009, and fiscal year 2010, including an accounting
23 of expenditures by agency with each agency identifying cli-
24 mate change activities and associated costs by line item
25 as presented in the President’s Budget Appendix.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2010

JUNE 23, 2009.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. DICKS of Washington, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 2996]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Project), the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other related agencies, including the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

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of omitted lands, administrative costs of conveyance, and gifts and donations must be appropriated before it can be used.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Committee recommendation includes the administrative provisions as requested.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people. The Service has responsibility for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and land under Service control.

The Service manages more than 150 million acres across the United States, encompassing a 550-unit National Wildlife Refuge System, additional wildlife and wetlands areas, and 70 National fish hatcheries. A network of law enforcement agents and port inspectors enforce Federal laws for the protection of fish and wildlife.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Appropriation enacted, 2009*	\$1,140,962,000
Budget estimate, 2010	1,218,206,000
Recommended, 2010	1,248,756,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+107,794,000
Budget estimate, 2010	+30,550,000

*Total does not include funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The amounts recommended by the Committee compared with the budget estimates by activity are shown in the following table:

	(Amounts in thousands)				Recommended versus Request
	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Request	Recommended	Enacted	
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE					
Resource Management					
Ecological Services:					
Endangered species					
Candidate conservation.....	10,670	10,592	11,592	+922	+1,000
Listing					
Critical habitat.....	10,458	10,632	10,632	+174	---
Listing.....	8,808	9,471	9,971	+1,163	+500
Subtotal.....	19,266	20,103	20,603	+1,337	+500
Consultation and Recovery					
Consultation.....	53,462	56,863	56,863	+3,401	---
Recovery.....	74,575	76,599	77,449	+2,874	+850
Subtotal, Endangered species.....	157,973	164,157	166,507	+8,534	+2,350
Habitat conservation:					
Partners for fish and wildlife.....	52,943	57,841	58,341	+5,398	+500
Project planning.....	32,048	35,235	35,235	+3,187	---
Coastal programs.....	14,736	14,946	16,146	+1,410	+1,200
National wetlands inventory.....	5,328	5,398	5,398	+70	---
Subtotal, Habitat conservation.....	105,055	113,420	115,120	+10,065	+1,700
Environmental contaminants					
Subtotal, Ecological Services.....	276,270	291,077	295,127	+18,857	+4,050

(Amounts in thousands)				
	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Request	Recommended Enacted	Recommended versus Request
National Wildlife Refuge System:				
Refuge operations:				
Wildlife and habitat management.....	199,859	214,778	230,778	+30,919
Refuge visitor services.....	75,571	78,973	79,973	+4,402
Refuge law enforcement.....	36,089	36,684	38,684	+2,595
Conservation planning.....	11,789	12,021	13,021	+1,232
Subtotal.....	323,308	342,456	362,456	+39,148
Refuge maintenance.....	139,551	140,823	140,823	---
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System.....	462,859	483,279	503,279	+20,000
Migratory Birds, Law Enforcement & International Conservation:				
Migratory bird management.....	50,846	53,025	53,525	+2,679
Law enforcement operations and maintenance.....	62,667	63,839	64,839	+2,172
International affairs.....	13,204	13,229	15,229	+2,025
Subtotal.....	126,717	130,093	133,593	+6,876
Fisheries:				
National fish hatchery system operations.....	48,649	50,271	52,271	+3,622
Maintenance and equipment.....	19,048	18,367	18,367	-681
Aquatic habitat and species conservation.....	55,411	60,198	61,498	+6,087
Aquatic invasive species.....	5,352	6,244	6,244	+892
Marine mammals.....	3,371	5,615	5,815	+2,444
Subtotal.....	131,831	140,695	144,195	+12,364

	(Amounts in thousands)			
	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Request	Recommended	Recommended versus Enacted Request
Climate Change Adaptive Science Capacity:				
Climate Change Planning.....	---	10,000	10,000	+10,000
Climate Change Adaptive Science Capacity.....	---	10,000	10,000	+10,000
Subtotal.....	---	20,000	20,000	+20,000
General Administration:				
Central office administration.....	39,652	40,485	40,485	+833
Regional office administration.....	42,305	43,340	43,340	+1,035
Service-wide operational support.....	34,620	36,440	36,440	+1,820
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.....	7,537	8,537	9,037	+1,500
National Conservation Training Center.....	19,171	25,260	24,260	+5,089
Subtotal.....	143,285	154,062	153,562	+10,277
Disposition of excess property - operational savings..	---	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 111-5).....	165,000	---	---	-165,000
Total, Resource Management.....	1,305,962	1,218,206	1,248,756	-57,206
Appropriations.....	(1,140,962)	(1,218,206)	(1,248,756)	(+107,794)
Emergency appropriations.....	(165,000)	---	---	(-165,000)
Total discretionary, excluding emergencies.....	(1,140,962)	(1,218,206)	(1,248,756)	(+107,794)
Construction				
Construction and rehabilitation:				
Line item construction.....	25,267	18,775	10,123	-15,144
Bridge and dam safety.....	1,350	1,855	1,855	+505
Nationwide engineering services.....	8,970	9,161	9,161	+191
Subtotal.....	35,587	29,791	21,139	-14,448
				-8,652

	(Amounts in thousands)			Recommended versus Request
	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Request	Recommended Enacted	
Species recovery land acquisition.....	14,186	29,685	29,685	+15,499
HCP land acquisition.....	40,508	36,008	36,008	-4,500
(Subtotal, Cooperative ES fund, land acquisition)	(54,694)	(65,693)	(65,693)	(+10,999)
Total (gross).....	80,001	100,000	100,000	+19,999
Cancellation of prior-year balances.....	-4,500	---	---	+4,500
Total, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.....	75,501	100,000	100,000	+24,499
National Wildlife Refuge Fund				
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	14,100	14,100	14,100	---
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund				
Wetlands conservation.....	40,941	50,540	50,540	+9,599
Administration.....	1,706	2,107	2,107	+401
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	42,647	52,647	52,647	+10,000
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund				
Migratory bird grants.....	4,750	4,750	5,250	+500

	(Amounts in thousands)			
	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Request	Recommended Enacted	Recommended versus Request
Multinational Species Conservation Fund				
African elephant conservation.....	2,000	2,000	2,250	+250
Rhinoceros and tiger conservation.....	2,500	2,500	3,000	+500
Asian elephant conservation.....	2,000	2,000	2,250	+250
Great ape conservation.....	2,000	2,000	2,250	+250
Marine turtle conservation.....	1,500	1,500	1,750	+250
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund..	10,000	10,000	11,500	+1,500
State and tribal wildlife grants.....	75,000	115,000	115,000	---
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration				
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration.....	---	28,000	---	-28,000
Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund				
Cancellation of prior-year funds.....	-497	---	---	+497
TOTAL, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.....				
Appropriations.....	1,720,451	1,637,494	1,635,642	-84,809
Rescissions.....	(1,445,502)	(1,637,494)	(1,635,642)	(+190,140)
Emergency appropriations.....	(-5,051)	---	---	(+5,051)
Emergency appropriations.....	(280,000)	---	---	(-280,000)
Total discretionary, excluding emergencies.....	(1,440,451)	(1,637,494)	(1,635,642)	(+195,191)

Ecological Services.—The Committee recommends \$295,127,000 for ecological services, \$18,857,000 above the fiscal year 2009 level and \$4,050,000 above the budget request.

Changes from the request include increases of \$1,000,000 for the candidate conservation program, \$500,000 for the listing program, \$1,200,000 for the coastal program, \$500,000 for whooping crane breeding facilities in Louisiana in the recovery program, \$350,000 for Stellers and spectacled sea eider recovery in Alaska, and \$500,000 for stream bank restoration in Georgia in the partners program.

The Committee directs the Service to review the processes by which it reviews and determines the status of species. The Service should ensure the orderly and timely listing of any species warranting the protection of the Endangered Species Act while minimizing the use of the petition process. The Committee is concerned about the known backlog of candidate species that warrant listing proposals but for which that action has been precluded, in some cases for many years, by lack of sufficient resources. The Committee directs the Service to report on this issue, within 90 days of enactment. This report should identify mechanisms to coordinate efficiently and effectively with State fish and wildlife agencies, Indian Tribes, universities, and private organizations to identify species deserving protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Within the funding provided for candidate conservation, \$500,000 is provided for sage grouse conservation efforts in Idaho.

The Committee supports the funding included in the request for aplomado falcon and California condor recovery. The Service is encouraged to continue to support these ongoing, successful recovery efforts.

The Committee is concerned about increased mortality of bats in the northeastern United States from white nose syndrome and encourages the Service to work with the USGS to research the cause and extent of the problem and develop a mitigation plan.

The Committee encourages the Service to work with the High Desert Partnership in Oregon on developing and implementing landscape-level conservation strategies.

The Committee urges the Service to work with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition to help restore wetland habitat and improve water quality in the Upper Susquehanna River headwaters.

National Wildlife Refuge System.—The Committee recommends \$503,279,000 for the National Wildlife Refuge System, \$40,420,000 above the fiscal year 2009 level and \$20,000,000 above the budget request.

Changes from the request include increases of \$16,000,000 for refuge wildlife and habitat management, \$1,000,000 for volunteer programs in the visitor services program, \$2,000,000 for refuge law enforcement, \$1,000,000 for conservation planning, \$2,000,000 for annual maintenance and a decrease of \$2,000,000 from deferred maintenance.

The increased funding for wildlife and habitat should be used in conjunction with the refuge's workforce planning efforts to fill essential vacancies nationwide. The Service is directed to report to the Committee on the planned allocation of refuge system funding increases within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

The Committee believes that the Service should adequately document, protect, and manage significant cultural resources on its lands. The 150 million acre refuge system contains numerous cultural resources that can be found nowhere else. An example of this is the ancient Chamorro cave art that must be protected at Guam National Wildlife Refuge. The Committee urges the Service to expand its work to document and protect the numerous cultural resources on its lands.

The Committee remains concerned about the situation on the Southwestern Border and encourages the Service to direct a portion of the increase for refuge law enforcement to the Southwest.

The Committee is supportive of the new Marine National Monument designations within the refuge system. However, the Committee is concerned that the Service is not dedicating sufficient resources to the management of the new areas. Further, the Committee understands that there are two recent shipwrecks within the monument that are jeopardizing delicate coral reefs in the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. The Service should work with its partners to remove these ships before the damage to the coral reefs is irreversible.

The Committee supports the enhancement of public access to the Hanford Reach National Monument and encourages the Service to employ cooperative agreements with local governments and organizations, and the use of private voluntary labor, to carry out projects and programs to improve public access to the Monument.

Migratory Bird Management, Law Enforcement, and International Conservation.—The Committee recommends \$133,593,000 for migratory bird management, law enforcement, and international conservation, \$6,876,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and \$3,500,000 above the budget request.

Changes to the request include increases of \$500,000 for migratory bird management, \$1,000,000 for law enforcement and \$2,000,000 for international affairs.

The increase for migratory birds is for the urban treaty program. The Committee is aware that there is a backlog of communities that have expressed interest in the program and encourages the Service to continue to support this program as a part of their youth in the outdoors initiative.

The increase provided for law enforcement is for additional special agents to combat the growing trade in illegal wildlife. The number of special agents is alarmingly low, despite the fact that the trade in illegal wildlife and wildlife parts shows no signs of decreasing.

Within the increase for international affairs, \$2,000,000 is for the Wildlife Without Borders program.

The Committee is aware of the impacts of the Chytrid disease on amphibian species worldwide. Amphibian species are disappearing at over 200 times their historic rate, and if left unchecked, up to 30 percent of these species could be extinct within two to three decades. The Committee urges the Service to work with the international conservation community to establish conservation and captive breeding programs to conserve the most imperiled of these species.

Fisheries.—The Committee recommends \$144,195,000 for fisheries, \$12,364,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and \$3,500,000 above the budget request.

The changes to the request include increases of \$1,000,000 for the mass marking of fish in the Great Lakes, \$1,000,000 to conduct scientific review of the Klamath, North Coast, and Central Valley hatchery operations in California, \$1,300,000 for the establishment of a fisheries resource office in West Virginia to focus on aquatic species restoration and management in the Appalachian Highlands region, and \$200,000 for sea otter and Steller sea lion conservation in Alaska.

The Service is directed to continue managing snakehead fish and determining the cause of cancer in bullhead catfish in the Potomac and South River watersheds.

The Committee has increased funding for sea otters in Alaska and directs the Service to continue its ongoing conservation efforts for the southern sea otter. The Service is directed to report to the Committee on its conservation efforts and the funding distribution for both northern and southern sea otter conservation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

Climate Change Adaptive Science Capacity.—The Committee recommends \$20,000,000, as requested for the new climate change adaptive science capacity activity.

The Committee agrees with the concept set forward in the request on the need for applied science and landscape level conservation as climate changes. The Committee has included further language and direction on this issue in the front of this report.

General Administration.—The Committee recommends \$153,562,000 for general administration, \$10,277,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and \$500,000 below the budget request.

The changes to the request include increases of \$500,000 for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and a decrease of \$1,000,000 from the National Conservation Training Center.

The Committee notes that the Service designated the California/Nevada office as a separate region and acknowledges the reasons for doing so. However, the Committee feels that, given increasing overhead costs, rental costs and rising fuel costs for field stations, the Service should be taking steps to reduce the overall number of offices and streamline the activities associated with these offices to the maximum extent possible.

The Service has successfully achieved a model for cross servicing administrative functions between regional offices with the addition of the California/Nevada region, which relies on the support functions provided by the Northwest region. The Committee directs the Service to provide a report with options for reducing the number of administrative offices and consolidating support services within 180 days of enactment of this Act. Information on the initial investments needed to achieve these goals, the impacts on personnel and potential cost efficiencies should be included in this report.

The Committee is also concerned about the continuity of Service programs and services among the regions. Program delivery, internet content, management differences, and organizational structures should be standardized so that regional boundaries are seamless and services are consistently delivered to the public.

Within the funding provided for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$1,500,000 is provided for competitive endangered species grants.

The Committee recognizes the importance of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and urges the Secretary to continue ongoing Departmental efforts to work with stakeholders.

Bill Language.—The Committee includes bill language, as in previous years, limiting funding for the endangered species listing program. A total of \$20,603,000 is for listing, of which \$10,632,000 is for critical habitat designation.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation enacted, 2009*	\$35,587,000
Budget estimate, 2010	29,791,000
Recommended, 2010	21,139,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	– 14,448,000
Budget estimate, 2010	– 8,652,000

*Total does not include funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Committee recommends \$21,139,000 for construction, \$14,448,000 below the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and \$8,652,000 below the budget request.

The distribution of the funding is as follows:

State	Station	Recommendation
AZ	Willow Beach NFH—Water treatment facilities	\$482,000
GU	Guam NWR—Invasive species fencing	866,000
IN	Big Oaks NWR—Old Timbers Dam	100,000
MN	Fergus Falls WMD—Stang Lake Dam	175,000
OK	Wichita Mountains WR—Lake Rush Dam	4,100,000
PA	Allegheny NFH—Fish production and electrical systems	1,500,000
WA	Turnbull NWR—Lower Pine Lake Dam	250,000
WA	Quinault NFH—Electric fish barriers	1,000,000
WY	Jackson NFH—Water supply line	1,650,000
Sub-Total		10,123,000
Dam safety program and inspections		1,115,000
Bridge safety program and inspections		740,000
Core engineering services		5,294,000
Seismic safety program		120,000
Environmental compliance management		1,000,000
Waste prevention, recycling, and EMS		100,000
Administrative cost allocation methodology		2,456,000
Fixed cost and related changes		191,000
Total construction		21,139,000

The Committee is aware that the Refuge System is building or replacing visitor centers with funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Committee is also aware that the Refuge System was previously working to update its priority list for visitor centers. The Service should be cautious in developing new priorities and base the location of these proposed visitor centers on a logical, national methodology. The Committee believes that refuge visitor centers are appropriate in limited locations provided they are modest facilities that quickly orient the public to the refuge and encourage them to get out on the landscape rather than linger in large buildings that are expensive to maintain. Additionally, the Committee applauds the Service for its development of a visitor center planning tool, but feels that scoping

must be based on realistic visitation estimates, account for proximity to large populated areas, and focus on getting the visiting public, including school groups, onto the land to experience wildlife and nature first-hand.

The Committee urges the Service to act expeditiously in completing the previously funded planning and design of the Cahaba River NWR visitor center, AL.

LAND ACQUISITION

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$42,455,000
Budget estimate, 2010	65,000,000
Recommended, 2010	67,250,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+24,795,000
Budget estimate, 2010	+2,250,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$67,250,000 for land acquisition, \$24,795,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and \$2,250,000 above the budget request.

The distribution of the funding is as follows:

State	Project	Committee recommendation
AK	Alaska Maritime NWR	\$300,000
AK	Togiak NWR	500,000
AK	Yukon Delta NWR	500,000
AL	Bon Secour NWR	500,000
AZ	Leslie Canyon NWR	500,000
CA	San Joaquin River NWR	2,000,000
CA	Grasslands WMA	1,000,000
DE	Prime Hook NWR	1,000,000
FL	St. Marks NWR	500,000
FL	Crystal River NWR	500,000
GA	Bond Swamp NWR	1,200,000
HI	James Campbell NWR	500,000
IA	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	1,500,000
IA/MN	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	500,000
IL	Cypress Creek NWR	500,000
IN	Patoka River NWR	1,150,000
LA	Red River NWR	500,000
LA	Upper Ouachita NWR	1,000,000
MA/NH/VT/CT	Silvio O. Conte NW&FR	2,250,000
MD	Blackwater NWR	2,000,000
ME	Rachel Carson NWR	3,000,000
MO	Big Muddy NF&WR	300,000
MS	Panther Swamp NWR	500,000
MT	Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area	3,750,000
MT	Red Rock Lakes NWR	1,000,000
Multi	Highlands Conservation	2,000,000
ND	North Dakota WMA	1,000,000
ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	1,000,000
NJ	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR	1,100,000
NJ	Cape May NWR	2,000,000
NJ	Great Swamp NWR	750,000
NM	Sevilleta NWR	500,000
OR	Nestucca Bay NWR	1,000,000
PA	Cherry Valley NWR	500,000
SC	Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin NWR	500,000
SC	Waccamaw NWR	600,000
TN	Chickasaw NWR	500,000
TX	Laguna Atascosa NWR	500,000
TX	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR	1,000,000
TX	San Bernard NWR	2,500,000
TX	Balcones Canyonlands NWR	1,000,000
UT	Bear River MBR	500,000

State	Project	Committee recommendation
VA	Back Bay NWR	545,000
VA	Great Dismal Swamp NWR	500,000
VA	James River NWR	1,000,000
VA	Rappahannock River NWR	500,000
WA	Nisqually NWR	500,000
WA	Willapa Bay NWR	750,000
	Sub-total	47,695,000
	Inholdings, emergencies and hardships	5,000,000
	Exchanges	2,000,000
	Acquisition management	10,555,000
	Administrative cost allocation methodology	2,000,000
	Total	67,250,000

The Committee has included language on land acquisition in the front section of this report.

COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund provides grants to States and territories for endangered species recovery actions on non-Federal lands and provides funds for non-Federal land acquisition to facilitate habitat protection. Individual States and territories provide 25 percent of grant project costs. Cost sharing is reduced to 10 percent when two or more States or territories are involved in a project.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$75,501,000
Budget estimate, 2010	100,000,000
Recommended, 2010	100,000,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+24,499,000
Budget estimate, 2010	0

The Committee recommends \$100,000,000 for the cooperative endangered species conservation fund, as requested, \$24,499,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level.

Within the funding provided for this program, \$34,307,000 is derived from the Cooperative Endangered Species Fund, and \$65,693,000 is derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The request proposed to fund the entire amount from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND

This program makes payments in lieu of taxes based on their fair market value, to counties in which Service lands are located. Payments to counties are estimated to be \$22,726,000 in fiscal year 2010, with \$14,100,000 derived from this appropriation and \$8,626,000 from the net refuge receipts estimated to be collected in fiscal year 2009.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$14,100,000
Budget estimate, 2010	14,100,000
Recommended, 2010	14,100,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	0
Budget estimate, 2010	0

The Committee recommends \$14,100,000 for the National Wildlife Refuge Fund, the same as the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and the budget request.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, leverages partner contributions for wetlands conservation. Projects to date have been in 50 States, 13 Canadian provinces, 25 Mexican states, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In addition to this appropriation, the Service receives funding from fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; interest earned on tax receipts in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration account from taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, pistols, and revolvers, and from the Sport Fish Restoration account from taxes on fishing tackle and equipment, electric trolling motors and fish finders, and certain marine gasoline taxes. By law, sport fish restoration receipts are used for coastal wetlands in States bordering the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, States bordering the Great Lakes, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the freely associated States in the Pacific, and American Samoa.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$42,647,000
Budget estimate, 2010	52,647,000
Recommended, 2010	52,647,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+10,000,000
Budget estimate, 2010	0

The Committee recommends \$52,647,000 for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, as requested, \$10,000,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level.

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 2000 authorizes grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, with 75 percent of the amounts available to be expended on projects outside the U.S. There is a three to one matching requirement under this program.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$4,750,000
Budget estimate, 2010	4,750,000
Recommended, 2010	5,250,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+500,000
Budget estimate, 2010	+500,000

The Committee recommends \$5,250,000 for the neotropical migratory bird conservation program, \$500,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and the budget request.

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

This account combines funding for programs under the former rewards and operations (African elephant) account, the former rhinoceros and tiger conservation account, the Asian elephant conservation program, and the great ape conservation program. The African Elephant Act of 1988 established a fund for assisting nations and organizations involved with conservation of African ele-

phants. The Service provides grants to African Nations and to qualified organizations and individuals to protect and manage critical populations of these elephants. The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 authorized programs to enhance compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and U.S. or foreign laws prohibiting the taking or trade of rhinoceros, tigers, or their habitat. The Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 authorized a grant program, similar to the African elephant program, to enable cooperators from regional and range country agencies and organizations to address Asian elephant conservation problems. The world's surviving populations of wild Asian elephants are found in 13 south and southeastern Asian countries. The Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 authorized grants to foreign governments, the CITES secretariat, and non-governmental organizations for the conservation of great apes.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$10,000,000
Budget estimate, 2010	10,000,000
Recommended, 2010	11,500,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+1,500,000
Budget estimate, 2010	+1,500,000

The Committee recommends \$11,500,000 for the multinational species conservation fund, \$1,500,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and the budget request.

The funding levels are as follows: \$3,000,000 for rhinoceros and tiger conservation, \$1,750,000 for marine turtle conservation, and \$2,250,000 each for African elephant conservation, Asian elephant conservation, and great ape conservation.

The Committee is aware that the International Crane Conservation Act and the Rare Cats and Canids Act are in the process of being authorized. The Committee encourages the Administration to include funding for these important conservation programs in their next budget submission.

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS

The State and Tribal wildlife grants program provides funds for States to implement their comprehensive wildlife conservation plans for species of greatest conservation need. States are required to provide at least a 25 percent cost share for grants that implement the State Wildlife Action Plans.

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$75,000,000
Budget estimate, 2010	115,000,000
Recommended, 2010	115,000,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	+40,000,000
Budget estimate, 2010	0

The Committee recommends \$115,000,000 for State and Tribal wildlife grants, as requested, \$40,000,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level. Within the amount provided, \$7,000,000 is for competitively awarded grants to Indian Tribes.

The Committee has agreed to the requested funding increase in this account, however, the Committee has not allowed the full amount to be used for updating the State Wildlife Action Plans to incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation. The Committee is aware that some States have previously incorporated cli-

mate change concepts into their plans and that the remaining States will do so as a part of their required periodic updates. Therefore, the Committee directs the Service to provide at least half of the requested funding increase for on-the-ground conservation projects in addition to updating the State Wildlife Action Plans.

Bill Language.—The Committee has included bill language that changes the State funding match requirements for this program from 50 percent to 25 percent.

FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Appropriation enacted, 2009	\$0
Budget estimate, 2010	28,000,000
Recommended, 2010	0
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2009	0
Budget estimate, 2010	-28,000,000

The Committee has not included the requested increase for the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration youth program. The Committee supports the youth in the outdoors initiative, but has concerns with the implementation of this particular component.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Established in 1916, the National Park Service has stewardship responsibilities for the protection and preservation of the heritage resources of the national park system.

The system, consisting of 391 separate and distinct units, is recognized globally as a leader in park management and resource preservation. The national park system represents much of the finest the Nation has to offer in terms of scenery, historical and archeological relics, and cultural heritage. Through its varied sites, the National Park Service attempts to explain America's history, interpret its culture, preserve examples of its natural ecosystems, and provide recreational and educational opportunities for U.S. citizens and visitors from all over the world. In addition, the National Park Service provides support to Tribal, local, and State governments to preserve culturally significant, ecologically important, and public recreational lands.

The National Park Service will be 100 years old in 2016 and the Service has embarked on an historic ten-year effort to enhance the national parks leading up to this historic celebration. The Committee continues to support this effort and the \$2,260,684,000 recommended will provide the resources to continue to prepare the system for a second century of conservation, environmental stewardship and recreation benefiting millions of visitors from throughout the world. Included in the recommendation is a \$100,000,000 increase above the 2009 enacted level, not including fixed costs increases, for the operations of the National Parks and \$25,000,000 for the Parks Partnership, as requested.

Table of Allocations by Activity.—The following table describes funding by activity for all accounts of the National Park Service.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT—Continued
[Presidentially Directed Spending Items]

Agency	Account	Recipient	Project	Amount	Requester(s)	
					Administration	House
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Multiple—Greater Yellowstone Area	\$1,000,000	The President	Rehberg
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Multiple—Sierra Nevada Checkerboard	\$1,000,000	The President	
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Ottawa NF—Great Lakes/Great Lands	\$1,500,000	The President	Stupak
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	San Bernardino NF—Garner Home Ranch	\$500,000	The President	
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Six Rivers NF—Agnew Tract	\$1,000,000	The President	
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Wallowa-Whitman NF—Imnaha River Canyon, Hells Canyon	\$1,500,000	The President	
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	Wasatch-Cache NF—High Uintas	\$1,500,000	The President	
US Forest Service	Land Acquisition	US Forest Service	White Mountain NF	\$434,000	The President	

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[Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Agency	Account	Recipient	Project	Amount	Requester(s)	
Bureau of Land Management	Land Acquisition	Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento, CA	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	\$500,000	Bono Mack	
Fish and Wildlife Service	Resource Management	Alaska Sealife Center, Seward, AK	Stellers and Spectacled Sea Eider Research	\$350,000	Young (AK)	
Fish and Wildlife Service	Resource Management	Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Athens, GA	Georgia Streambank Restoration	\$500,000	Johnson (GA); Scott (GA); Marshall	

Fish and Wildlife Service	Resource Management	Idaho Governor, Boise, ID	Idaho Sage-Grouse Management Plan	\$500,000	Simpson
Fish and Wildlife Service	Resource Management	Audubon Institute, New Orleans, LA	Endangered Whooping Crane Propagation Facility	\$500,000	Cao
Fish and Wildlife Service	Fisheries	Alaska Sea Otter and Stellar Sea Lion Commission, Old Harbor, AK	Sea Otter and Stellar Sea Lion Education and Conservation	\$200,000	Young (AK)
Fish and Wildlife Service	Fisheries	University of California, Davis, CA	Review of the Klamath, North Coast, and Central Valley Hatchery Operations in California	\$1,000,000	Thompson (CA)
Fish and Wildlife Service	Fisheries	USFWS, Fort Snelling, MN	Mass Marking of Hatchery Fish	\$1,000,000	Dingell
Fish and Wildlife Service	Fisheries	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC	West Virginia Fisheries Resource Office	\$1,300,000	Mollohan
Fish and Wildlife Service	Land Acquisition	The Conservation Fund, Tallahassee, FL	Crystal River NWR, Three Sisters Spring	\$500,000	Brown-Waite, Ginny
Fish and Wildlife Service	Land Acquisition	Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Basking Ridge, NJ	Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	\$750,000	Frelinghuysen, Sires; Rothman (NJ)
Fish and Wildlife Service	Land Acquisition	The Conservation Fund, Chesapeake, VA	Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	\$500,000	Forbes
Fish and Wildlife Service	Land Acquisition	Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge, Warsaw, VA	Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge, Bowers property	\$500,000	Wittman; Moran (VA)
National Park Service	Statutory or Contractual Aid	Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, San Francisco, CA	Angel Island State Park Immigration Station Hospital Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000	Pelosi; Woolsey
National Park Service	Statutory or Contractual Aid	National Park Service, Washington, DC	Chesapeake Bay Gateways	\$400,000	Sarbanes; Moran (VA); Cummings; Hoyer; Kratovil
National Park Service	Statutory or Contractual Aid	Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Baltimore, MD	Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail	\$500,000	Ruppersberger; Sarbanes; Cummings