

OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN 1998 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Bill Language

\$2,043,000 for the assessment of the mineral potential of public lands in Alaska.

Unspecified amount for the maintenance of a long-horned cattle herd on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

\$11,612,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to construct fishery mitigation facilities on the Lower Snake River.

\$2 million for local governments in Southern California for Natural Communities Conservation Planning.

\$500,000 for the Darwin Mountain House in Buffalo, NY, and \$500,000 for the Penn Center in South Carolina.

\$3 million for the Hispanic Cultural Center in New Mexico and \$1 million for the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial, both subject to authorization.

Language prohibiting the relocation of the Brooks River Lodge in the Katmai National Park and Preserve located in Alaska.

Directed transfer of the Bowden National Fish Hatchery from the United States to the State of West Virginia (without payment by the state) to be used by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Language establishing a commission to assist the city of Berlin, NH in identifying and studying the Androscoggin River Valley's "historical and cultural assets", accompanied by an authorization of \$50,000 for operating expenses of the commission.

\$800,000 for the World Forestry Center to continue research into land exchanges in the Umpqua River Basin region in Oregon.

Language specifying the relocation of Region 10 of the Forest Service to Ketchikan, AK, and reference to transfers and closures of other offices in Alaska directed in the report language.

Language dictating that not more than one quarter of the amount of hardwood harvested in 1989 may be cut from the Wayne National Forest in Ohio in 1998, and requiring that landscape architects must be used to "maintain a visually pleasing forest".

Language stating that Forest Service funds shall be available to counties within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area in Washington state.

Language stating that Forest Service funds shall be available for payments to Del Norte County, CA.

Earmark of unspecified funds for research on extraction, processing, use, and disposal of mineral substances without objectionable social and environmental costs, performed by the Albany Research Center in Oregon.

Language requiring compliance with all "Buy America" provisions.

Language prohibiting the use of any funds to demolish the bridge between Jersey City, NJ and Ellis Island.

Language authorizing the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to limit competition for watershed restoration projects in Washington, Oregon, and northern California to individuals and entities in historically timber dependent areas in those states that have been affected by reduced timber harvesting on federal lands.

Language mandating the transfer of the Wind River Nursery in Gifford Pinchot National Forest, WA to Skamania County, WA, in exchange for 120 acres of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Language exempting certain residents in specified areas from having to pay user fees for access to the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire.

Earmarks of Land and Water Conservation Funds for the New World Mines project (\$65 million), the Headwaters Forest agreement (\$100 million), acquisition of the Elwha and Glines dams in Washington, and acquisition of the Sterling Forest in New York (\$8.5 million).

Report Language

Earmarks totaling \$6.4 million for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, UT as follows:

- \$1,330,000 increase under land resources.
 - \$300,000 increase under wildlife and fisheries.
 - \$270,000 increase under threatened and endangered species.
 - \$1,150,000 increase under recreation management.
 - \$150,000 increase under energy and minerals.
 - \$300,000 increase under realty and ownership management.
 - \$1,050,000 increase under resource protection and maintenance.
- BLM is to allocate all recommended funds to the Utah State office and the project office assigned responsibility for

the monument. Report language prohibits reprogramming of funds from these lines.

\$100,000 for Alaska Gold Rush Centennial Task Force.

\$500,000 for Department of Defense to develop habitat mitigation plans in Alaska.

\$350,000 for the Virgin River Basin, UT.

\$400,000 for Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and related projects.

\$500,000 add-on to allow BLM to process oil and gas lease applications in Alaska, Arizona and Idaho.

\$700,000 for additional library support to Alaska Resources Library and Information Services Consortium to develop digital online library resources and data bases in Alaska, development and implement a plan to protect records at the Geologic Material Center in Eagle River, and develop a data base for mining claims.

Language earmarking funding at FY 97 levels (plus fixed costs and requiring FY 97 levels of employees to continue Alaska cadastral surveys and complete the transfer of 155 million acres of federal land in Alaska to state, Native villages, and individuals.

\$700,000 to fund a type I hotshot crew for wildland fire management in Alaska.

\$1,925,000 for redevelopment of Interior interagency fire operations center in Billings, MT.

Earmarks for habitat conservations as follows:

--\$600,000 for Middle Rio Grande (Bosque) Program.

--\$200,000 for Platte River studies, CO.

--\$1,131,000 for Chicago Wetlands Office.

\$200,000 increase for Yukon River escapement monitoring and research, AK, and \$400,000 for Alaska salmon conservation.

\$578,000 for the Great Lakes initiative related to fisheries.

\$1,000,000 for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and \$200,000 for the Caddo Lake Institute, TX.

Add-ons for construction projects as follows:

--\$600,000 for dike repair of Bear River National Wildlife Refuge, UT.

--\$335,000 for an Administrative building at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, MD.

--\$425,000 to replace the boardwalk at Horicon national Wildlife Refuge, WI.

--\$1,000,000 for rehabilitation at John Hay Estate, NH.

--\$1,000,000 for complete construction of Keauhou Bird Conservation Center, HI.

--\$480,000 for access trail and public use facility rehabilitation for Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, AK.

--\$702,000 to replace bridges at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, MO.

--\$400,000 to replace irrigation system at national Elk Refuge, WY.

--\$2,000,000 for Mora hatchery at Southwest Fisheries Technology Center, NM.

--\$840,000 for trail construction and access at Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, WA.

\$12,732,000 add-on in land acquisition, for a total of \$57,292,000, which is all earmarked for specific projects [see page 27 of report].

\$100,000 for Park Service trails office in support of Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail activities, and \$400,000 for technical assistance along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

\$200,000 for support of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail and the California and Pony Express National Historic Trails.

\$100,000 earmarks for the Park Service to establish a Katmai National Park and Preserve satellite office on Kodiak Island, AK.

Earmarks of recreation and preservation funds for:

--\$100,000 add-on for Aleutian World War II National Historic Area.

--\$324,000 extra for Blackstone River Corridor Heritage Commission.

--\$829,000 extra for Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal.

--\$238,000 extra for Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission.

--\$65,000 extra for lower Mississippi Delta.

--\$200,000 extra for Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor Commission.

--\$758,000 extra for Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission.

--\$285,000 extra for Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

--\$480,000 extra for Wheeling National Heritage Area.

Earmarks of National Park Service construction funds for unrequested projects, as follows:

- \$2,200,000 to construct the Alaska Native Heritage Center, AK.
- \$500,000 for directional signs, et cetera at Blackstone River Valley national Historic Commission, MA/RI.
- \$2,000,000 to move the lighthouse at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, NC.
- \$500,000 to construct a storage facility at the Center for Archeological Studies, AL.
- \$500,000 to design and engineer the C&O Canal National Historical Park, MD.
- \$500,000 for restoration of the Darwin Martin House, NY.
- \$250,000 for Fort Jefferson rehabilitation at Dry Tortugas National Park, FL.
- \$3,000,000 for a multiagency center with BLM at El Malpais National Monument, NM.
- \$3,400,000 for rehabilitation of Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR.
- \$2,860,000 for site development at Fort Sumter National Monument, SC.
- \$750,000 for facilities planning at Gauley National Recreation Area, WV.
- \$700,000 to rehabilitate facilities and monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park, PA.
- \$1,731,000 for wastewater treatment at Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, AK.
- \$3,000,000 for an arts center at the Hispanic Cultural Center, NM.
- \$500,000 for the stabilization and lead paint for Hot Springs National Park, AR.
- \$200,000 for the rehabilitation of Katmai National Park and Preserve, AK.
- \$300,000 for an interagency facility at Kenai Fjords National Park, AK.
- \$310,000 for the repair of fences at Manzanar National Historic Site, CA.
- \$8,000,000 for road construction at Natchez Trace Parkway, MS.
- \$153,000 for roof repair and access at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, MA.
- \$2,525,000 for access and trails stabilization at New River Gorge National River, WV.
- \$1,000,000 for construction of Oklahoma City Memorial, OK.
- \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of Penn Center, SC.
- \$1,000,000 for Corinth Battlefield interpretive center at Shiloh National Military Park, MS.
- \$510,000 for the joint administrative facility with Forest Service at Timpanogos Cave National Monument, UT.
- \$2,223,000 for the planning, compliance, and restoration of Vancouver National Historical Reserve, WA.
- \$2,595,000 for the rehabilitation of Vicksburg National Military Park, MS.
- \$400,000 for the design interpretive center at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, AK.

\$54,790,000 add-on for land acquisition, for a total of \$125,690,000, almost all of which is earmarked [see page 39 of report]

\$900,000 for the Great Salt Lake basins study unit of the NAWQA, including a plan for the collection of water quality data.

\$1,000,000 for restoration of the Great Lake fisheries and habitats, \$500,000 for Pacific salmon studies, and \$1,000,000 for endocrine disruption research.

\$500,000 for the establishment of a fine hardwoods tree improvement and regeneration center at Purdue University.

\$Language directs the Forest Service to initiate a study regarding the establishment of a harvesting and wood utilization laboratory in Sitka, AK.

\$500,000 for a multiparty task force to create an action plan to manage spruce bark beetle infestations and rehabilitate infested areas in Alaska.

\$200,000 to strengthen the role of the Forest Service in assisting the Hardwoods Training Center in Princeton in becoming economically self-sustaining.

\$800,000 add-on for land exchanges between willing public and private owners in the Umpqua River basin, OR.

\$68,400 add-on for creating and maintaining scenic vistas along the Talimena Scenic Byway.

\$360,000 for planning an office and laboratory facility to house the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry research and public outreach program.

\$4,000,000 for reconstruction of the Oakridge ranger station on the Willamette National Forest, OR.

\$1,200,000 for the Federal share of construction of the Pikes Peak Summit House, CO.

\$427,000 for construction of restroom facilities at Lee Canyon and Tahoe Meadows.

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\$445,000 for construction of a visitor contact station and administrative site on Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma.

\$725,000 for reconstruction of infrastructure facilities at Waldo Lake on the Willamette National Forest, OR.

\$1,214,000 for construction of new facilities and the rehabilitation of existing facilities in the venues of the 2002 Winter Olympic games.

Language used to direct Forest Service to prepare a report which allows for providing road access from Wrangell to Canada and to Ketchikan.

\$1,300,000 for construction of portions of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Colorado.

Increase of \$8,119,000 for land acquisition, for a total of \$49,176,000, most of which is earmarked [see report p. 80].