FOREWORD

BACKGROUND AND ORGANIZATION

This document summarizes and highlights the programs of the Department of the Interior and its fiscal year 2006 President's budget request. It has been prepared for Members of Congress, congressional committees, and their staffs; Departmental and other Federal government officials; the press; and private citizens interested in the Department's programs.

The **DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW** section summarizes budgetary resource requirements at the Departmental level. The DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS section presents major Department-wide programs and budget proposals linked to Interior's strategic plan. The BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS section presents a narrative summary of the budget request for each bureau and an in-depth comparison in tabular form of 2004, 2005, and 2006 budgetary resource estimates, in addition to brief descriptions of programmatic changes. The **APPENDICES** present tabular summaries of pertinent budgetary data. Appendix A is a Department-wide table, comparing 2006 requests with the 2005 enacted and 2004 actual amounts. Appendix B presents a crosswalk of 2006 funding to the strategic plan end outcome goals. Other appendices contain summaries of Interior bureau maintenance, construction, and land acquisition programs; cooperative conservation programs; the Everglades watershed restoration, invasive species, and recreational fee programs; mineral revenue payments to States; other grant and payment programs; receipt estimates; and staffing levels.

USAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

All years referenced are fiscal years unless noted, and amounts presented reflect budget authority unless otherwise specified. Numbers in tables and graphs may not add to totals because of rounding. Numbers shown in brackets [] are displayed for informational purposes and not included in totals.

References to 2005 estimate, 2005 appropriations, or 2005 enacted signify amounts appropriated primarily in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, P.L. 108-447, which included both Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations and Energy and Water Development Appropriations. Both of these appropriations are subject to the bill-wide general provisions, and thus 2005 amounts include the 0.8 percent across-the-board rescission contained in the Act. Funding for Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations is also subject to the 0.594 percent across-the-board rescission contained in that portion of the Consolidated Act. References to 2004 appropriations, 2004 actual, or 2004 enacted signify amounts appropriated primarily in the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, P.L. 108-108 and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004, P.L. 108-137. Fixed costs refer to costs that are unavoidable in the short term (*e.g.*, GSA-negotiated space rate costs, unemploy-ment compensation, government-wide changes in pay). Additional information on the basis for the amounts used in this document is provided in the note following Appendix A.

A listing of frequently used acronyms follows:

| BLM | Bureau of Land Management | SOL | Office of the Solicitor |
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| MMS | Minerals Management Service | OIG | Office of Inspector General |
| OSM | Office of Surface Mining | OST | Office of the Special Trustee |
| | Reclamation and Enforcement | | for American Indians |
| CUP | Central Utah Project Completion Act | NRDAR | Natural Resource Damage |
| USGS | U.S. Geological Survey | | Assessment and Restoration |
| FWS | Fish and Wildlife Service | NIGC | National Indian Gaming Commission |
| NPS | National Park Service | FCI | Facility Condition Index |
| BIA | Bureau of Indian Affairs | GPRA | Gov't. Performance and Results Act |
| DO | Departmental Offices | LWCF | Land and Water Conservation Fund |
| DM | Departmental Management | PART | Program Assessment Rating Tool |
| OIA | Office of Insular Affairs | PILT | Payments in Lieu of Taxes |
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