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[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$38,717,018
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	21,360,830
House bill, fiscal year 2005	19,428,145
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	19,653,500
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2005	19,839,960
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	- 18,877,058
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	- 1,520,870
House bill, fiscal year 2005	+ 411,815
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	+ 186,460

DIVISION E—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The conference agreement on the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act incorporates some of the provisions of both the House passed and the Senate reported versions of the bill. Report language and allocations set forth in either House Report 108–542 or Senate Report 108–341 that are not changed by the conference are approved by the committee of conference. The statement of the managers, while repeating some report language for emphasis, does not negate the language referenced above unless expressly provided herein.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

The conference agreement provides \$848,939,000 for management of lands and resources instead of \$840,401,000 as proposed by the House and \$855,689,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Land Resources.—Changes to the House level for land resources include increases of \$500,000 for the National Center for Invasive and Plant Management and \$500,000 for Idaho weed control, and a reduction of \$3,947,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Wildlife and Fisheries.—The change to the House level for wildlife and fisheries is a reduction of \$603,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program. The managers agree to the House-proposed funding level for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and direct the Foundation to use the funding increase above fiscal year 2004 for projects that support sagebrush ecosystem conservation on public and private lands.

Threatened and Endangered Species.—The change to the House level for threatened and endangered species is a reduction of \$576,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Recreation Management.—Changes to the House level for recreation management include an increase of \$1,000,000 for the Undaunted Stewardship Program and decreases of \$1,000,000 for nationwide recreation management, and \$1,039,000 to reflect a

transfer to the wild horse and burro program. The managers urge the Bureau to comply with the provisions of the Steens Act and allow landowner, lessee and inholder access to their property within the boundary of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. Unless funding is provided for land acquisitions or exchanges, landowners should be afforded full access to their property.

Energy and Minerals.—Changes to the House level for energy and minerals include an increase of \$1,000,000 for oil and gas management and \$250,000 for coal management.

Alaska Minerals.—The change to the House level for Alaska minerals is an increase of \$1,768,000.

Realty Ownership and Management.—Changes to the House level for realty and ownership management include increases of \$9,500,000 for Alaska conveyance, \$300,000 for GIS mapping in Utah, \$750,000 for the Alaska public lands database, and \$1,000,000 for recordable disclaimer applications in Alaska, and a decrease of \$144,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Resource Protection and Maintenance.—Changes to the House level for resource protection and maintenance include an increase of \$1,500,000 for monitoring, and decreases of \$600,000 for nationwide law enforcement and \$1,309,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Transportation and Facilities Maintenance.—Changes to the House level for transportation and facilities maintenance are an increase of \$1,500,000 for capping oil wells in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska, and a decrease of \$2,145,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program. The managers agree to the House level on deferred maintenance, which shifts the funding for the infrastructure improvement program into the deferred maintenance program. These two funding sources address identical project types and this shift will consolidate and streamline maintenance budget activities in the Bureau.

Land and Resource Information Systems.—The change to the House level for land and resource information systems is a decrease of \$493,000 to reflect a transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Workforce and Organizational Support.—Changes to the House level for workforce and organizational support include increases of \$583,000 for e-government initiatives, \$208,000 for Quickhire, and \$570,000 for competitive sourcing, and decreases of \$291,000 for Safecom and \$244,000 to reflect the transfer to the wild horse and burro program.

Challenge Cost Share.—The managers agree to the House level for the challenge cost share program.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement does not include language carried in previous years concerning the management of wild horses and burros.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$743,099,000 for wildland fire management as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Hazardous Fuels.—The change to the House level for hazardous fuels is a decrease of \$5,000,000.

State and Local Fire Assistance.—The change to the House level for State and local fire assistance is an increase of \$5,000,000.

The managers note that the conference agreement provides an additional \$100,000,000 in Title IV of this bill for urgent wildfire suppression activities.

The managers remain concerned about the need to control suppression costs. The managers are concerned that effective performance measures are not in place on an inter-agency basis to report on suppression costs. It is imperative that the Secretaries establish appropriate performance metrics promptly. This includes the integration of reporting systems, implementation of policies through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council for cost reporting, and responding to findings of the independent cost control review panel established under Public Law 108–287. The managers direct the Secretaries to submit a report no later than June 30, 2005, on performance measures planned for implementation in fiscal year 2006 to be used on an inter-agency basis.

The managers direct the Bureau to continue the native plant materials development effort at the fiscal year 2004 level.

CENTRAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUND

The conference agreement provides \$9,855,000 for the central hazardous materials fund as proposed by the House and the Senate. The managers do not agree with the budget proposal to transfer unobligated funds to the EPA. The managers reiterate that the Bureau's liability does not extend beyond past payments.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$11,500,000 for construction instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$8,976,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Changes to the House level for construction include increases of \$1,500,000 for construction of the California Trail Interpretive Center in Nevada, which completes the Department of the Interior's contribution to this project, \$750,000 for the Sand Hollow Recreation MOU with the State of Utah, and \$750,000 for the White Sandy Beach on Houser Lake in Montana, and a decrease of \$6,500,000 for general construction projects.

The managers are concerned about the relatively low level of construction funding provided to the Bureau compared to other land management agencies and urge the Administration to place more emphasis on providing adequate funding for large deferred maintenance construction projects on public lands.

LAND ACQUISITION

The conference agreement provides \$11,350,000 for land acquisition instead of \$4,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$22,850,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Blackfoot River Watershed (MT)	\$5,000,000
Boise Front ACEC (ID)	1,000,000

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
California Wilderness (CA)	750,000
Chain-of-Lakes RMA/Lewis and Clark NHT (MT)	3,500,000
Colorado Canyons NCA (CO)	1,500,000
Grande Ronde National Wild and Scenic River (OR/WA)	500,000
Snake River Breaks ERMA (Swede's Landing) (OR)	150,000
Henry's Lake ACEC (ID)	750,000
Rio Grande Natl. Wild & Scenic River (NM)	2,700,000
Sandy River/Oregon NHT (OR)	1,000,000
Use of unobligated balances	- 10,000,000
Subtotal	6,850,000
Acquisition Management	3,000,000
Emergency/Inholdings	1,500,000
Land Exchange Equalization Payment	0
 Total	 11,350,000

The managers expect the Bureau to ensure that acquisitions associated with the Blackfoot Challenge are consistent with Federal appraisal standards. The Bureau should not pay more than the fair market value determined by those appraisals.

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA GRANT LANDS

The conference agreement provides \$109,057,000 for Oregon and California grant lands instead of \$111,557,000 as proposed by the House and \$113,558,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change to the House level is a decrease of \$2,500,000 for judgment fund repayment.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The conference agreement provides an indefinite appropriation for range improvements of not less than \$10,000,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

SERVICE CHARGES, DEPOSITS, AND FORFEITURES

The conference agreement provides an indefinite appropriation for service charges, deposits, and forfeitures, which is estimated to be \$24,490,000 by both the House and the Senate.

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

The conference agreement provides an indefinite appropriation of \$12,405,000 for miscellaneous trust funds as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$977,205,000 for resource management instead of \$970,494,000 as proposed by the House and \$966,265,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Ecological Services.—Changes to ecological services programs, including Endangered Species Act programs and habitat conservation programs, are detailed below.

In Endangered Species Act candidate conservation, there are increases of \$150,000 for Kootenai River burbot and \$10,000 for

slickspot peppergrass, and a decrease of \$750,000 for Alaska sea otter, which is addressed under the recovery program.

In the Endangered Species Act listing program, there is a decrease of \$726,000; however, the number that appears in bill language is higher to reflect the recent changes to the Service's cost allocation methodology as explained below.

In Endangered Species Act consultation, there is a decrease of \$750,000 for the natural communities conservation planning program in California.

In Endangered Species Act recovery, there are increases of \$2,000,000 for Atlantic salmon grants administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$500,000 for Lahonton cutthroat trout, \$350,000 for White Sulphur Springs NFH, WV, freshwater mussel recovery, \$1,800,000 for eider and sea otter recovery at the Alaska SeaLife Center, and \$250,000 for concho water snake delisting efforts in Texas. Decreases include \$500,000 in base program funding and \$300,000 in wolf monitoring. The Service should use the distribution of wolf monitoring funds proposed by the Senate.

In habitat conservation, changes to the House passed level for partners for fish and wildlife projects are as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Change</i>
Invasive species/competitive projects (non-specific)	- 500
Federal trust species restoration program	- 4,000
Walla Walla Basin HCP, WA	- 750
Walla Walla Basin fish passage, WA	- 250
Restoration in Tunkhannock, Bentley & Bowman's Creek watersheds, PA	- 50
West branch of the Susquehanna River fish passage, PA	- 500
Georgia stream bank restoration	- 500
Wildlife enterprises program at MS State University	+ 1,000
Thunder Basin initiative, WY	+ 250
NH Audubon Society study w/FWS on declining wildlife populations on Lake Umbagog NWR	+ 425
NH Lakes Association/analysis of degradation of surface waters	+ 55
Invasive species control in Hawaii	+ 700
Endangered species management & conservation in Hawaii	+ 750
Vermont Natural Heritage Partners bald eagle restoration	+ 100
Nevada biodiversity research and conservation	+ 1,250
Montana Water Center wild fish habitat initiative	+ 500
Lake Sakakawea invasive species control, ND	+ 100
GIS mapping of AK NWRs	+ 1,000
Conservation/restoration work at Don Edwards NWR, CA	+ 540

In project planning, increases include \$550,000 for the Middle Rio Grande (Bosque) research program and \$400,000 for Montana wildlife conservation plan development. There is also a decrease of \$300,000 for the metropolitan greenspaces program.

In coastal programs, there is a general program decrease of \$1,500,000, which still provides an increase above the fiscal year 2004 level.

Refuge Operations and Maintenance.—In refuge operations, there is an increase of \$2,500,000 to provide for the Service's share of the costs associated with the Midway Atoll NWR common infrastructure and airport (the balance of infrastructure and airport operating funds should be borne by the Federal Aviation Administration and other benefiting parties), and decreases of \$1,000,000 for

competitive projects on invasive species control (non-specific) and \$1,000,000 for invasive species control at Loxahatchee NWR, FL. In refuge maintenance, there is an increase of \$500,000.

Law Enforcement Operations.—In law enforcement operations, increases include \$450,000 for the Memphis, TN port of entry and \$315,000 for space costs at the Atlanta, Louisville and Memphis ports of entry. There are also decreases of \$450,000, which negates the general increase proposed by the House, and \$450,000 for vehicle replacement.

Fisheries.—In fish and wildlife management, increases include \$800,000 for whirling disease research by the National Partnership on the Management of Wild and Native Coldwater Fisheries, for a total of \$1,000,000 for the partnership, \$350,000 for the Whirling Disease Foundation, \$400,000 for the Wildlife Health Center in Montana, and \$400,000 for Yukon River Treaty implementation. These increases are partially offset by a decrease of \$1,000,000 for non-partner specific whirling disease research. In marine mammals, there is an increase of \$1,300,000 and the Service should use the distribution of marine mammal funding proposed by the Senate. Finally, there is an increase of \$885,000 to address partially operational shortfalls in the fisheries program. These funds should be reprogrammed to the appropriate line items in the budget and should remain in the base budget for fiscal year 2006 and beyond.

General Administration.—In general administration, there is a decrease of \$130,000 for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; increases of \$750,000 for training activities at the National Conservation Training Center and \$387,000 for NCTC maintenance; and an increase of \$400,000 for the Caddo Lake Ramsar Center in Texas.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes statutory language earmarking \$1,000,000 for Natural Community Conservation Planning in California. Language also is included earmarking \$16,175,000 for the endangered species listing program instead of \$16,226,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. This earmark reflects the Senate proposed level adjusted upward for \$675,000 in space rental costs associated with the recent changes to the Service's cost allocation methodology.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The Service should realign its fiscal year 2005 budget to agree with the recent changes to the Service's cost allocation methodology.

2. Fiscal year 2005 represents the final year of a statutory earmark for Natural Communities Conservation Planning in California. This program is eligible to compete with other programs for funding in future years and for additional funding in fiscal year 2005.

3. The Service should move as quickly as possible to delist the concho water snake. The managers addressed this issue 5 years ago and are dismayed that the Service has yet to resolve it.

4. Additional funds required for invasive species control programs at Loxahatchee NWR, FL, should be addressed in the fiscal year 2006 budget request.

5. The Peregrine Fund activities should be funded at \$400,000 in fiscal year 2005.

6. The Department should carefully review the budget requirements for the fisheries program in its fiscal year 2006 request. The managers are concerned that the fiscal year 2005 request did not accurately reflect program shortfalls and consequences associated with fixed cost absorption and proposed program reductions.

7. The Service should reprogram \$4,000,000 in the fisheries program from the deferred maintenance account to the annual maintenance account. This reprogramming is necessary to address operational shortfalls.

8. The managers have provided funds in the law enforcement program to provide full staffing at the ports of entry at the Atlanta, Louisville, and Memphis airports. The managers note that, because of the large volume of cargo flowing through these airports, particularly at Louisville and Memphis, these ports of entry are staffed at significantly higher levels than most other ports around the country. The managers have also provided \$315,000 specifically for unanticipated space rental costs at these three ports of entry. The funds for additional space needs should be allocated to these three ports of entry, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations should be notified as to the distribution of funds. The additional space funds, along with the annual operating funds, should be retained in the base budget for these three ports of entry for fiscal year 2006 and beyond.

9. The funds provided for the Caddo Lake Ramsar Center in Texas are for conservation and education programs directly related to Caddo Lake and may not be used for infrastructure, construction-related projects, legal or management fees, or any other purposes.

10. Funding for E-Training and E-Rulemaking activities are retained. Funds budgeted for Safecom and Disaster Management should be reprogrammed to cover equitably fixed cost increases not funded in the budget request.

11. The managers are concerned by the recent discoveries of the northern snakehead in the Potomac River and its potential impact on native fish populations through predation, food and habitat competition, and the introduction of diseases and parasites. The Service should submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, on the steps it is taking to identify, contain, and eradicate this species.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$53,400,000 for construction instead of \$48,400,000 as proposed by the House and \$37,136,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

[Dollars in thousands]

Project	Description	Amount
Alaska SeaLife Center, AK	Seabird Research Facility	\$500
Arapaho NWR, CO	Muskrat Dam [p/d/cc]	800
Bayou Sauvage NWR, LA	Visitor Center [p/d]	300
Chase Lake and Arrowwood NWRs, ND	Joint Interpretive Center [p/d]	300
Clark R Bavin Forensics Laboratory, OR	Renovation/upgrade facility [c]	2,682
Clark's River NWR, KY	Maintenance Facility [cc]	750

(Dollars in thousands)

Project	Description	Amount
Craig Brook NFH, ME	Wastewater Treatment Compliance-Phase II [d/ic]	1,950
Eastern MA NWR Complex, MA (Great Meadows)	Visitor Center and Administration Building [p/d/cc]	3,177
Fish Springs NWR, UT	Seismic Safety Rehabilitation of Six Buildings-Phase I [p/d].	115
Garrison NFH, ND	Hatchery Renovation [cc three ponds]	300
Green Lake NFH, ME	Wastewater Treatment Compliance-Phase I [p/d]	658
Hanford Reach NM, WA	Visitor Center	750
Kenai NWR, AK	Visitor Center [water and sewer lines]	2,100
King Salmon FWS Administrative Site, AK	Seismic Safety Rehab. of Office/Storage Building-Phase I [p/d].	65
Klamath Basin NWR Complex, CA	Water Supply and Management-Phase V [c]	1,000
Lacreek NWR, SD	Little White River Dam-Phase III [cc]	4,200
Midway Atoll NWR	Electrical system replacement [cc]	2,700
Midway Atoll NWR	Replace wastewater treatment system w/septic fields [cc].	500
National Conservation Training Center	Waterline construction [cc]	600
Northeast Fishery Center, PA	Raceway rehabilitation and tank installation	795
Northwest Power Planning Area	Fish screens etc.	2,000
Office of Aircraft Services (MBS Programs)	Replacement of Survey Aircraft-Phase II	1,000
Ohio River Islands NWR, WV	Headquarters/Visitor Contact Station Improvements [cc].	835
Okefenokee NWR, GA	Environmental Education Facility [p/d/cc]	600
Servicewide	Bridge Safety Inspections	575
Servicewide	Dam Safety Programs & Inspections	730
Servicewide	Visitor Contact Facilities	4,000
Sevilleta NWR, NM	Laboratory Construction	3,000
Silvio O Conte NWR, VT	Nulhegan Div. visitor contact station [cc]	2,000
Togiak NWR, AK	Visitor Center [p/d]	300
Togue Replacement	Replace fish stocking vessel [cc]	750
Tualatin NWR, OR	Visitor Center and Administration Building [p/d]	700
White Sulphur Springs NFH, WV	Wild Fish Propagation Center [p/d/cc]	650
World Birding Center, TX	Administrative Building/Visitor Center	1,000
Subtotal, Line Item Construction .....	.....	42,382
Nationwide Engineering Services:		
Cost Allocation Methodology .....	.....	3,151
Environmental Compliance .....	.....	1,400
Other, non-project specific services .....	.....	6,117
Seismic Safety Program .....	.....	200
Waste Prevention, Recycling, Env. Mgmt .....	.....	150
Subtotal, Nationwide Engineering Services .....	.....	11,018
Total .....	.....	53,400

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes statutory language allowing for a single contract for the full scope of the Clark R. Bavin Forensics Laboratory, OR renovation.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The Service should develop standardized designs for maintenance facilities so that requirements like that at ACE Basin NWR, SC and other NWRs can be categorized, priorities can be established, and the most critical needs can be funded.

2. The administrative building/visitor center proposal for Bombay Hook NWR, DE should be incorporated into the Service's priority system and, as appropriate, should be considered within the visitor contact facilities fund.

3. Funding for the Hanford Reach NM, WA, visitor center is provided with the understanding that the Service's total contribution to this effort will not exceed \$3,000,000.

4. The managers are concerned with the lack of progress in locating a site and commencing construction of the administrative/visitor center for the Kodiak NWR, AK. The Service should expedite this process in fiscal year 2005 and provide a definitive cost estimate to complete this project.

5. Funding for large game guzzlers at Nevada refuges should be addressed using refuge operations and maintenance funding.

6. Funds for raceway rehabilitation and tank installation at the Northeast Fishery Center, PA, should be supplemented with cost sharing from other benefiting parties.

7. Funding for field and laboratory testing of fishway designs is not included. The Service should work with the U.S. Geological Survey to determine the appropriate bureau and the appropriate means to fund this effort.

8. Funding for the Sevilletta NWR, NM laboratory, construction should not exceed \$6,600,000. With the funds provided for fiscal year 2005, the Service will have received \$4,500,000.

9. Funds provided for the World Birding Center, TX, represent the second of three payments for this program. The managers understand that the remaining amount for this project will not exceed \$1,100,000.

10. Funds are provided for planning and design of a visitor center at Togiak NWR in Dillingham, AK. The managers expect that this facility will be located adjacent to the airport to maximize contact with the public. This center should be a similar size as the visitor center operated by the Service in King Salmon, Alaska.

LAND ACQUISITION

The conference agreement provides \$37,526,000 for land acquisition instead of \$12,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$49,864,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Archie Carr NWR (FL)	\$711,000
Baca NWR (CO)	3,400,000
Back Bay NWR VA)	700,000
Balcones Canyonlands NWR (TX)	900,000
Black Bayou Lake NWR (LA)	625,000
Cache River NWR (AR)	700,000
Cahaba NWR (AL)	550,000
Cape Romain NWR (SC)	850,000
Chickasaw NWR (TN)	750,000
Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA (SD/ND)	650,000
Eastern Shore NWR (VA)	500,000
Great Swamp NWR (NJ)	500,000
Great White Heron NWR (FL)	750,000
James Campbell NWR (HI)	2,000,000
Lake Umbagog NWR (NH)	1,500,000
Lower Hatchie NWR (TN)	750,000
Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR (TX)	1,000,000
Massasoit NWR (MA)	575,000
Middle MS River NWR (MO) (Wilkinson Island)	1,300,000
Northern Tallgrass Prairie (MN/IA)	500,000
Palmyra Atoll NWR	600,000
Patoka River NWR (IN)	250,000
Rachel Carson NWR (ME)	500,000
Rhode Island refuge complex (RI)	500,000
San Diego NWR (CA)	1,000,000
Silvio O. Conte NWR, (NH, VT, CT)	1,000,000

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Tensas NWR (LA)	2,000,000
Togiak NWR (AK)	1,500,000
Upper MS River NFWR (MN, WI, IA, IL)	400,000
Waccamaw NWR (SC)	1,250,000
Walkill NWR (NJ)	700,000
Yukon River Delta NWR (AK)	1,000,000
Use of unobligated balances	-7,000,000
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Subtotal	22,911,000
Acquisition Management	8,365,000
Inholdings	1,500,000
Exchanges	1,750,000
Emergencies/Hardships	1,000,000
Cost Allocation Methodology	2,000,000
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Total	37,526,000

Bill Language.—The conference agreement makes a technical modification to the language proposed in the Senate bill earmarking \$750,000 for the Yukon Flats NWR (AK)/ Doyon land exchange. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in the Senate bill providing that none of the funds in this or any other Act may be used for acquisition of land to be part of Deep Fork NWR (OK).

The managers agree to the following:

1. Acquisitions proposed in the budget requests for the Alaska Peninsula NWR (AK), Canaan Valley NWR (WV), Cypress Creek NWR (IL), and Red River NWR (LA) shall be funded out of the inholdings account.

2. Lands acquired for the James Campbell NWR (HI) must be within the authorized refuge boundary.

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The conference agreement provides \$22,000,000 for the landowner incentive program instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$29,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

PRIVATE STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

The conference agreement provides \$7,000,000 for private stewardship grants instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes bill language, as proposed by the House providing for the merger of funds previously appropriated under the “Stewardship Grants” heading. The Senate had no similar provision.

COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES FUND

The conference agreement provides \$81,596,000 for the cooperative endangered species fund as proposed by the House instead of \$82,600,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement earmarks \$32,212,000 to be derived from the Cooperative Endangered Species Fund instead of \$49,384,000 as proposed by the House and \$32,600,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund is \$49,384,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND

The conference agreement provides \$14,414,000 for the national wildlife refuge fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND

The conference agreement provides \$38,000,000 for the North American wetlands conservation fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION

The conference agreement provides \$4,000,000 for neotropical migratory bird conservation as proposed by the Senate instead of \$4,400,000 as proposed by the House.

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

The conference agreement provides \$5,800,000 for multinational species conservation fund programs instead of \$5,900,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,700,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes to the House recommended level include decreases of \$50,000 for African elephants, \$50,000 for rhinoceros and tigers, \$50,000 for Asian elephants, and \$50,000 for great apes, and an increase of \$100,000 to initiate the newly authorized marine turtles program. The managers expect the Service to keep the funding for marine turtles in the base budget and to increase funding, as appropriate, for this program in future budget requests.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes the statutory citation for the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004.

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS

The conference agreement provides \$70,000,000 for State and tribal wildlife grants instead of \$67,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$75,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers reiterate the importance of comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies toward the conservation of each State's full array of wildlife and their habitats. The strategies, produced in each State and territory plan, are expected to be complete by October 1, 2005. Emphasis should be on those habitats and conservation actions that support the species of greatest conservation need. Program funds should be directed to those actions and habitats that will best implement the comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies and preclude the need to list many more species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes bill language, as proposed by the House, providing for the merger of funds previously appropriated under the "State Wildlife Grants" heading. The Senate had no similar provision.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The conference agreement provides \$1,707,282,000 for operation of the national park system instead of \$1,686,067,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,688,915,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers have provided an additional \$52,654,000 for park base operations. Combined with the \$22,012,000 in specific park operating increases in the budget request, the parks will have an additional \$74,666,000 in park programmatic increases for fiscal year 2005. This is the largest park base programmatic increase ever for the National Park Service and in keeping with the large increases in operating funds provided by the Congress over the past 10 years.

The Administration's budget requests for parks in recent years have not sufficiently addressed growing shortfalls in core operating programs at the parks. Recent budgets have seen increasing emphasis placed on expanding law enforcement and security, facility maintenance, information technology, and natural resource data gathering. Core park operations have also been impacted by the absorption of pay costs within budget requests, Congressionally mandated pay increases in excess of budget requests, and storm damage. New security and anti-terrorism requirements and other new mandates and responsibilities have also been assigned by the Department and the Office of Management and Budget. The managers have been supportive of these requirements and have provided significant increases for security at icon and border parks while consistently including additional park maintenance funding to ensure the maintenance backlog reduction efforts continue on track. However important these new responsibilities, the budget of the National Park Service cannot continue to be limited to a few parks and purposes while core visitor service requirements are going unmet nationwide. All parks need to remain open and accessible to visitors and basic visitor services need to be available at all parks across the system.

Of the additional amount provided for park base operations, \$40,000,000 should be distributed to all park units as an across-the-board increase in all budget subactivities within park management to help offset the impact of recent absorptions. This will provide each unit with a minimum increase of approximately 5 percent above their fiscal year 2004 level. Also, \$500,000 of the additional amount should be distributed to national trails on a priority basis. The remaining balance of \$12,154,000 for additional park operations funding shall be used solely to restore basic visitor services and address resource preservation needs in accordance with National Park Service priorities.

The conference agreement provides \$342,967,000 for resource stewardship. Changes to the House level include a reduction of \$1,000,000 for inventory and monitoring and an increase of \$500,000 for Vanishing Treasures.

The conference agreement provides \$326,856,000 for visitor services, the same as the House level.

The conference agreement provides \$573,178,000 for maintenance, the same as the House level.

The conference agreement provides \$285,946,000 for park support. Changes to the House level include an additional \$871,000 for e-government initiatives, \$250,000 for wild and scenic rivers, \$500,000 for the traditional challenge cost share program and \$94,000 for the Lewis and Clark program. The House position on the CCI challenge cost share program is adopted.

Bill language.—The conference agreement retains the House language regarding one year funding for repair and rehabilitation funds. The conference agreement earmarks \$2,000,000 for the YCC program.

Report language.—Earmarks within the repair and rehabilitation program are as follows: \$450,000 for 26 Williams Street at Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP; \$306,000 for rehab of Porter Beach restrooms at Indiana Dunes NL; \$500,000 for boat launch ramps at Lake Mead NRA; \$300,000 for signage repairs at Fort Stanwix NM; \$388,000 for dock, signage and lighting repairs at Amistad NRA; \$300,000 to continue cultural landscaping improvements at Gettysburg NMP, \$400,000 for Natchez Trace Parkway; \$325,000 for rehab of Fort Piute at Mojave National Preserve; \$400,000 for rehab of structures at Stiltsville in Biscayne NP; and \$200,000 for restoration at International Peace Garden, ND.

The conference agreement continues to earmark one-third of the challenge cost share program for the National Trails System. The managers have retained the House language concerning National Park Service travel. Foreign travel must be pre-approved by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

The managers recognize the successful partnership between the National Park Service and Southeast Community College, KY, in providing important employee training. The managers encourage the Service to consider additional training opportunities with the college.

UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

The conference agreement provides \$81,204,000 for the United States Park Police as proposed by the House and the Senate.

It has been three years since the National Academy of Public Administration's comprehensive financial and management review of the U.S. Park Police. As of two months ago, NAPA reported that none of the major reforms had been implemented. The managers expect the Secretary and the Director of the National Park Service to implement fully the major reforms and be prepared to discuss those changes at the fiscal year 2006 hearings.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION

The conference agreement provides \$61,832,000 for national recreation and preservation, instead of \$53,877,000 as proposed by the House and \$63,023,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$551,000 for recreation programs, the same as the House and Senate. Also included is \$11,018,000 for natural programs. Changes to the House level include an additional \$300,000 for the rivers and trails program. The managers expect that the reforms made to the strategic plan will be closely followed. This is a technical assistance program. Direct grants are not authorized.

The conference agreement provides \$20,214,000 for cultural programs. Changes to the House level include increases of \$100,000 for the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center and \$300,000 for a National Underground Railroad Network grant program, which is authorized.

The conference agreement provides \$1,616,000 for International park affairs, the same as the House and Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$397,000 for environmental and compliance review, the same as the House and Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$1,892,000 for grant administration, the same as the House level.

The conference agreement provides the \$500,000 requested in the budget for the partnership office. The managers intend to continue support for the work of NPS regional office partnership and volunteers-in-the-parks coordinators. Funds are to be provided equally to each of the seven regions to supplement existing regional office and park partnership activities, services, and events consistent with identified regional priorities and mission goals.

The conference agreement provides \$14,785,000 for nationally designated heritage areas. Included in this amount is \$122,000 for administration and \$500,000 for heritage areas authorized after enactment of this Act. Individual projects are as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos & Smokestacks)	\$750,000
Augusta Canal NHA	400,000
Automobile NHA	500,000
Blue Ridge NHA	900,000
Cache La Poudre River Corridor	45,000
Cane River NHA	900,000
Delaware and Lehigh NHC	800,000
Erie Canalway National Corridor	700,000
Essex NHA	900,000
Hudson River Valley NHA	500,000
John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley NHC	845,000
Lackawanna Valley NHA	550,000
National Coal Heritage Area	123,000
Ohio and Erie Canal NHC	900,000
Quinnebaug & Shetucket Rivers Valley NHC	850,000
Rivers of Steel NHA	900,000
Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	500,000
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	500,000
South Carolina NHC	900,000
Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	400,000
Wheeling NHA	900,000
Yuma Crossing NHA	400,000
Subtotal	14,163,000
Administration	122,000
Newly authorized areas	500,000
Total	14,785,000

The conference agreement provides \$11,359,000 for statutory or contractual aid, instead of \$3,794,000 as proposed by the House and \$12,080,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funds are to be distributed as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Alaska National Parks	\$750,000
Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission	250,000
Black Jack Battlefield Trust	89,000
Brown Foundation	250,000
Chesapeake Bay Gateway	2,500,000

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Flight 93 Memorial	250,000
Ft. Mandan, Ft. Lincoln & No. Plains Foundation	625,000
George Washington Memorial Bridge	100,000
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve	796,000
Jamestown 2007	400,000
Johnstown Area Heritage Association	49,000
Keweenaw NHP—Main Street	800,000
Lamprey W&SR Cooperative Agreements	900,000
Lower Eastside Tenement Museum	250,000
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science	750,000
Mt. Rainier NP—study	700,000
Natchez NHP—Slave Market	150,000
Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program	750,000
Sewall-Belmont House	400,000
Sleeping Rainbow Ranch, Capital Reef NP	600,000
Total	11,359,000

The conference agreement includes \$400,000 for the Sewall-Belmont House. The managers are concerned that the Service has taken too long to determine an appropriate solution to making the facility handicapped accessible. The managers direct the Service to report to the Committees no later than April 1, 2005, on a final recommendation.

Bill language.—The conference agreement provides \$700,000 for a feasibility study for the Train to the Mountain project.

The conference agreement includes the Senate language on the use of funds for the Rivers and Trails program.

The conference agreement has included bill language to change the matching requirements at Keweenaw NHP to 1/1 for one year only.

Report language.—The conference agreement provides \$100,000 within available funds to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training for continued support of the successful competitive heritage education grants program to schools in Louisiana. No more than fifteen percent of this amount may be used to administer the program.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

The conference agreement provides \$72,750,000 for the historic preservation fund instead of \$71,533,000 as proposed by the House and \$71,250,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes to the House level include an increase of \$1,430,000 for grants-in-aid to States and Territories and an increase of \$287,000 for grants-in-aid to Indian Tribes. The conference agreement provides \$3,500,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, instead of \$4,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Of the \$30,000,000 provided for Save America's Treasures, \$15,000,000 is for competitive grants. The balance of the funds are to be distributed as follows:

<i>Project / State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Albany Theatre, GA	\$150,000
Alyeska Roundhouse, AK	200,000
Bellanca Air Service hangar, DE	300,000
Beringer-Crawford museum collections, KY	100,000
Boligee Street Historic perservation, AL	400,000
Bremerton Building 50 Naval Museum, WA	300,000
Bronx Community College Stanford White Complex, NY	200,000
Broome County YWCA, NY	100,000

<i>Project / State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Buckland Preservation, VA	50,000
Church of the Presidents, NJ	100,000
City of Springfield City Hall, MO	300,000
Clarke County Courthouse, MS	200,000
Clinton House, NY	100,000
Cold War sites, ND	250,000
Decatur House, DC	100,000
Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, OH	200,000
Drake Oilwell, PA	150,000
Duluth National Guard Armory, MN	250,000
El Gracia Train Depot, CA	200,000
First Congregational Church, CT	300,000
Ft. Seward Military Post, ND	100,000
Goodwill Theater, NY	50,000
Grand Traverse Civil War Monument, MI	30,000
Grove Arcade, NC	500,000
Harmony Engine Company Firehouse, PA	200,000
Harper House, NC	100,000
Hazlett-Fields House, WV	250,000
Henry Phillips Farmhouse, NJ	150,000
Holland Theatre, OH	200,000
Hoover House, OH	100,000
Hotchkiss Building, NY	200,000
Howe House, OH	100,000
Hoyt Sherman Place Theater, IA	300,000
Hunley Submarine, SC	100,000
Hutmacher Complex, ND	100,000
James Beard Historic Market, OR	300,000
Jefferson Community College, KY	100,000
King Memorial Baptist Church, AL	100,000
Lafayette County Courthouse, MS	200,000
Lake Oswego Historic Iron Smelter, OR	100,000
Lear Theater, NV	400,000
Lee-Fendall House, Va	75,000
Linden Project, MD	250,000
MD House at the Baltimore Zoo, MD	350,000
Moore County Courthouse, TN	50,000
Moravian College Bretheren House, PA	150,000
Morehouse College African American Archival Program, GA	100,000
New Salem Academy, MA	175,000
Nicholson House, NJ	150,000
Northern VA Freedom House	75,000
Oats Park School/Arts Center, NV	200,000
Ohio Wesleyan, OH	50,000
Old Henderson County Courthouse, NC	110,000
Old Mint, CA	300,000
Old Warren County Courthouse, KY	250,000
Orpheum Theatre, IL	250,000
Oscar Howe Murals (Mobridge School District), SD	150,000
Ossining Historic Architecture Protection, NY	150,000
Pawtucket Public Library, RI	300,000
Penland School, NC	100,000
Phoenix Bank, VA	100,000
Rayburn Library, TX	200,000
Rios Caledonia Adobe, CA	200,000
Rye Meeting House, NY	50,000
Sandusky Old Post Office, OH	200,000
Sequoia Presidential Yacht, VA	50,000
Socorro Mission, TX	200,000
Sommerville Courthouse, AL	95,000
Sonnenberg Mansion, NY	370,000
Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, VA	50,000
State Theatre, PA	100,000
Stewart County Courthouse, GA	125,000
Town Hall Theater, VT	150,000
Troy High School, PA	250,000
Tryon Palace, NC	150,000

<i>Project / State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Turnblad Mansion, MN	200,000
Union Pacific Dining Lodge, MT	400,000
Universal Preservation Hall, NY	200,000
Washington and Jefferson College Historic Buildings, PA	300,000
Westcott House, OH	200,000
Wilkesboro Courthouse, NC	200,000
Winston Courthouse, AL	95,000
Yawkey House, WI	250,000
Total	150,000,000

Bill language.—The conference agreement does not provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for a new Preserve America grants program as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not prohibit the use of Save America's Treasures funds for administrative purposes.

The conference agreement includes bill language clarifying the ability of the National Endowment for the Arts to award Save America's Treasures grants based upon the recommendations of the Save America's Treasures grant selection panel.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$307,362,000 for construction instead of \$297,628,000 as proposed by the House and \$330,019,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funds are to be distributed as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Allegheny Portage RR NHS, PA (rehabilitate historic Trace Corridor Trail)	\$861,000
Apostle Islands NHP, WI (restore Raspberry Island Light Station)	1,136,000
Big Bend NP, TX (replace Chisos Basin water supply)	2,000,000
Big Cypress NP, FL (rehabilitate off-road vehicle trails—completes)	569,000
Blue Ridge Parkway, NC (Hemphill Knob visitor center)	3,000,000
Boston NHP, MA (rehabilitate Bldg. 125)	1,187,000
Boston NHP, MA (rehabilitate Commandant's house)	774,000
Cane River Creole NHP, LA (curatorial facility—planning)	100,000
Cane River Creole NHP, LA (stabilize/preserve Magnolia Plantation structures)	1,068,000
Chattahoochee River NRA, GA (reduce resource damage—provide river rec. acc)	2,125,000
Crater Lake NP, OR (rehabilitate historical cafeteria bldg; relocate Rim parking area)	8,741,000
Cumberland Island NS, GA (stabilize Dungeness Ruins)	1,285,000
Cumberland Island NS, GA (Plumb Orchard planning)	264,000
Cuyahoga NP, OH (rehabilitate various historic structures)	2,500,000
Dayton Aviation NHP, OH (Huffman Prairie Hanger)	650,000
Dayton Aviation NHP, OH (Wright-Dunbar Plaza, accessibility & plaza)	275,000
Delaware Water Gap NRA, PA (cabin replacement)	700,000
Denali NP, AK (replace Eielson Visitor Center)	7,420,000
Everglades NP, FL (modify water delivery system)	8,077,000
Fire Island NS, NY (rehabilitate Sailors Haven Marina & ferry dock)	2,374,000
Flight 93 NMem, PA (build starter public facilities & services)	806,000
Fort Larned NHS, KS (fix structural problems at Old Commissary)	869,000
Fort Washington Park, MD (stabilize fort)	3,660,000
Frederick Law Olmsted NHS, MA (upgrade life/safety systems; rehabilitate historical structure)	2,011,000
George Washington Carver NM, MO (rehabilitate/complete visitor center—completes)	3,187,000
George Washington Mem. Pkwy, VA (general maintenance/rehabilitate along parkway)	300,000

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Gettysburg NMP, PA (new visitor center)	5,000,000
Gettysburg NMP, PA (Wills House—completes)	5,759,000
Grant Teton NP, WY (visitor center—completes)	5,000,000
Great Smoky Mtns NP, NC (replace Smokemont water/sewer w/ municipal sys)	2,171,000
Great Smoky Mountains NP, TN (Institute at Tremont)	500,000
Hampton NHS, MD (install environmental controls in Hampton Mansion)	1,546,000
Harpers Ferry NP, WV (rehabilitate Bldg 82, The Jackson House)	50,000
Harpers Ferry NP, WV (restoration of Armory Yard—planning)	450,000
Homestead NHS, NE (cont. planning the visitor/heritage center)	1,112,000
Hot Springs NP, AR (rehabilitate/stabilize bathhouses for adaptive reuse)	4,989,000
John H. Chaffee Blackstone R. Valley NHC, RI	500,000
Kalaupapa NHP, HI (preserve historic buildings; correct safety problems)	3,928,000
Kenai Fjords NP, AK (multi-agency center)	950,000
Klondike Gold Rush NHP, AK (build historical resource support center/protect museum collection)	739,000
L.Q.C. Lamar House NHL, MS (restoration)	500,000
Lassen Volcanic NP, CA (replace condemned chalet w/improved vis- itor service facility.)	10,051,000
Lincoln Library, IL (cont. Library/Museum construction)	5,000,000
Little Rock Central High School NHS, AR (design visitor facility— planning)	733,000
Manassas NBP, VA (rehabilitate historic Brawner Farm for visitor use)	2,317,000
Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS, GA (restore Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ph. II)	2,459,000
Moccasin Bend NAD (CHCH), TN (erosion & DCP—planning)	400,000
Monocacy NB, MD (relocate flood-prone visitor center to Best Farm)	3,539,000
Morris Thompson Visitor & Cultural Center, AK (completes)	6,000,000
New Bedford Whaling NHP, MA (Corson building)	3,000,000
New River Gorge NR, WV	2,275,000
Olympic NP, WA (remove salmon obstructions; build bridge/cul- vert)	1,940,000
Olympic NP, WA (restore Elwha River ecosystem & fisheries)	13,450,000
Organ Pipe Cactus NM, AZ (construct vehicle barrier—completes)	6,600,000
Petersburg NB, VA (consolidate, rehabilitate/replace maintenance facilities)	812,000
Point Reyes NS, CA (restore Lifeboat Station Marine Railway)	1,885,000
Pu'uhonua o Honaunau NHP, HI (remove/replace admin. buildings from arch. site)	1,112,000
Rock Creek Park, DC (preserve/protect Meridian Hill Park)	3,007,000
San Francisco Maritime NHP, CA (C.A. Thayer)	2,123,000
Saratoga NHP, NY (planning for visitor access to Victory Woods)	295,000
Shenandoah NP, VA (Old Rag parking lot & connecting trail)	600,000
Southwest Pennsylvania Heritage Comm., PA (rehabilitate/pres- ervation grants)	2,500,000
Timucuan Ecological & HPres, FL (Kingsley Plantation Hs/Kitchen Hs work)	388,000
Tuskegee Airmen NHS, AL (continue federal project planning—site develop/utilities)	1,000,000
Utah Public Lands Artifact Preservation Act, UT	5,000,000
Vicksburg NMP, MS (Pemberton House)	750,000
Washington Office, DC (emergency storm damage reconstruction— various)	14,000,000
Weir Farm NHS, CT (replace maintenance, curatorial & admin. fa- cilities)	3,536,000
Western Arctic NParklands, AK (build NW AK Heritage Ctr & Admin HQ)	2,500,000
White House, DC (structural & utility rehabilitate—Exec. Resi- dence & Pres. Park)	9,938,000
Wrangell-St. Elias NP&Pres, AK (build museum—preserve/inter- pretive AHTNA cult.)	1,135,000

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Yellowstone NP, WY (restoration of Old House, Old Faithful Inn, Ph II)	9,801,000
Yellowstone NP, WY (reconstruct West Entrance Station)	1,487,000
Yellowstone NP, WY (replace admin winter snowcoaches/improve infrastructure)	1,000,000
Yellowstone NP, WY (replace existing court facilities w/ new court-house)	2,655,000
Use of unobligated balances	- 20,000,000
Subtotal, Line Item	192,421,000
Emergency/Unscheduled Projects	4,000,000
Housing replacement	8,000,000
Dam safety	2,700,000
Equipment replacement	38,344,000
Construction planning	21,220,000
Construction program management	27,364,000
General management planning	13,313,000
Total Construction	307,362,000

Bill language.—House language on partnership projects has been slightly modified to remove the requirement for “written” approval from the Committees. Approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations still applies.

The conference agreement includes the following: (1) House provision regarding Flight 93 NMem; (2) Senate provision regarding how funds are provided for the Modified Water Deliveries project; (3) Senate provision earmarking funds for the L.Q.C. Lamar House NHL from the Historic Preservation Fund (funds must be matched); and (4) Senate provision regarding construction at Old Rag Mountain trail in Shenandoah Mountain NP.

Partnerships.—The managers reiterate the concerns voiced by both the House and Senate regarding the management of partnership construction projects. The National Park Service has developed interim guidance to govern the development of partnership construction proposals and the managers expect all levels of the Service to comply with the new procedures. The managers expect the Service and its partners to work collaboratively on the appropriateness, scope, and costs of contemplated projects, with careful consideration given to both the capital development and long-term operational and life-cycle costs. At a time of increased attention and emphasis on park operation budgets, the Service and its partners must not pursue new facility investments that are unrealistic and unachievable in their expectations. The managers expect the Service’s review of all partnership construction proposals to make difficult decisions, where necessary, to defer or suspend a project that is not the right project, for the right reason, at the right size, and at the right time. Additionally, any partnership construction project for which there is to be a Federal contribution towards the cost must be budgeted for and included in the Service’s five-year construction program. In the event a partnership construction proposal assumes funding from another Federal agency, the Service must seek the agreement of the appropriate agency including funding in the agency’s budget request. The managers expect the Service to provide a status report regarding partnership construction projects no later than February 15, 2005.

Language regarding partnership projects at Moccasin Bend NAD, Great Smoky Mountains NP (Tremont), Delaware Water Gap

NRA (Pocono Environmental Education Center), Flight 93 NMem, and Dayton Aviation NHP (Wright Dunbar Plaza) was included in the House and Senate committee reports, and is reinforced by the managers. Partnership construction projects that have not followed the interim guidance, the requirements of Director's Order 21, or been reviewed by the Development Advisory Board, will not be considered for approval by the Committees.

Funds provided for the Cane River Creole NHP are to initiate pre-design and planning for a curatorial storage facility. The managers understand that this facility will be for Service collections, and will be constructed and managed by the Service. The scope and cost of this facility are subject to further refinement using the Service's planning model, but are expected to be less than the \$3 million project previously proposed as a partnership with the university.

The conference agreement provides \$700,000 for cabin restoration at the Delaware Water Gap NRA, consistent with the direction provided in the House report. The funds are to be used for cabin restoration, or replacements in kind, consistent with the programming levels allowed in the General Management Plan. As discussed in the House Report, the Service needs to complete the site plan and value analysis requested in fiscal year 2004. The park and the partner are reminded that any significant facility investments that go beyond existing program levels must follow the interim guidance regarding partnership construction projects. The managers expect the Service to report by February 1, 2005, on a plan and schedule for the expenditure of the funds for fiscal year 2005. The managers are very concerned that the Service has not followed directions in previous conference reports.

Funding has not been provided to the following projects due to various delays in awarding contracts: C&O Canal NHP, Saugus Iron Works NHS, Yellowstone NP (Madison wastewater facility), and Fire Island NS (west ranger station). The Pinnacles NM project was supplanted by an urgent land acquisition need. Boston Harbor NRA, Fort Larned NHS and Point Reyes NS are strongly encouraged to resubmit in the next fiscal year's budget.

Report language.—The managers direct the Service to initiate the Waco Mammoth site and the Manhattan Project new area studies, which are authorized.

The managers expect the Service to initiate a preliminary resource assessment of Tunica River Park, MS and the surrounding area, and to provide technical assistance as necessary to cooperating entities.

Funds for the Natchez Trace Parkway, MS, have been removed from construction and addressed in park operations.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement rescinds the contract authority provided for fiscal year 2005 by 16 U.S.C. 4601–10a as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

LAND ACQUISITION AND STATE ASSISTANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement provides \$148,411,000 for land acquisition and State assistance instead of \$107,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$155,831,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Appalachian National Scenic Trail (High Top Mtn.) (VA)	\$1,380,000
Big Thicket National Preserve (TX)	4,541,000
Blue Ridge Parkway (Roanoke) (VA)	750,000
Civil War Battlefield Sites (Grants)	5,000,000
Congaree NP (SC)	6,000,000
Cumberland Gap (Fern Lake) (KY)	1,000,000
Ft. Clatsop NM (OR)	5,000,000
Guilford Courthouse NMP (NC)	250,000
Harpers Ferry NHP (WV)	2,900,000
Ice Age NST (WI)	1,000,000
Mojave National Preserve (relocation) (CA)	1,600,000
Mount Rainier NP (WA)	1,000,000
National Capital Parks (DC)	2,479,000
New River Gorge NSR (WV)	2,000,000
Niobrara NSR (easements) (NE)	200,000
Pinnacles NM (CA)	2,600,000
Pu'uhonua O Honaunau NHP (HI)	4,600,000
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields NHD (VA)	1,500,000
Sleeping Bear Dunes NL (MI)	1,500,000
Valley Forge NHP (PA)	1,500,000
Wilson's Creek NB (MO)	4,500,000
Wrangell-St. Elias NP (AK)	1,500,000
Use of unobligated balances	- 12,400,000
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Subtotal	40,400,000
Acquisition Management	10,511,000
Emergencies/Hardships	2,500,000
Inholdings/Exchanges	2,500,000
Stateside Grants	91,000,000
Stateside Administration	1,500,000
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Total	\$148,411,000

Bill Language.—The conference agreement retains the language proposed by the Senate providing that, in lieu of State assistance program indirect costs (as described in OMB Circular A-87), not to exceed five percent apportionments under the State assistance program may be used by States, the District of Columbia, and insular areas to support program administration costs. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in the Senate bill providing that \$250,000 provided for Civil War battlefield protection be available for transfer to the National Recreation and Preservation account.

Report Language.—The managers support land acquisition efforts at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in Louisiana, but understand that there are not purchases currently ready for completion. The managers will look favorably upon future acquisitions at the park, should parcels become available.

The Committee is anxious to see progress on efforts to locate and build a boathouse with access to the Potomac River near the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington, Virginia. The Committee encourages the Service to continue exploring options

that would facilitate the possible acquisition of suitable land by Arlington County to construct the boathouse.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Bill language.—The conference report includes statutory language, with minor modifications, regarding concession contracts. This language was originally included in the House bill.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$948,921,000 for surveys, investigations, and research instead of \$944,498,000 as proposed by the House and \$939,486,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Mapping, Remote Sensing and Geographic Investigations.—The change to the House level for mapping, remote sensing and geographic investigations is a decrease of \$2,355,000 for The National Map. The managers understand that this decrease will be partially offset by anticipated buyout savings. The managers expect that the Alaska digital data mapping program will continue from within base funding at no less than the fiscal year 2004 enacted level.

The managers reiterate their concern with the equipment failure on the Landsat 7 satellite, which occurred well over a year ago, and the issues that have arisen as a result. Despite repeated requests from both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, a clear plan has yet to be submitted by the Administration regarding long term USGS satellite operations, nor has an interim solution been offered to address the current funding issues surrounding Landsat 7. The managers are dismayed that the Administration has been unable to provide specific guidance and coordination on an issue that crosses multiple agencies and jurisdictions. Further, the managers object to the notion of continuing to redirect funds from other valuable Survey activities in order to maintain the status quo for a program that is no longer fully functional. The managers expect to see a fiscal year 2006 budget submission that contains a detailed proposal to address the Landsat issue. If, however, a clear plan regarding mission and funding options is not received by June 30, 2005, the managers direct the Department of the Interior to submit a plan for shutdown of the Landsat program. In the meantime, to the extent that buyout savings may be required to contribute to EROS Data Center operations during fiscal year 2005, the mapping program should reserve these funds to do so. The managers expect the Survey to be extremely cautious in expanding its mapping programs or entering into additional cooperative agreements with these monies until it is clear how the Landsat issue will be resolved.

The managers agree that long-term remote sensing data is vital to many aspects of the government and private sector in the nation. Once again, the managers encourage the Administration to work with NASA and other Federal agencies to place the next generation Landsat sensor in orbit as soon as possible to reduce future gaps in data.

Geologic Hazards, Resources and Processes.—Changes to the House level for geologic hazards, resources and processes include

increases of \$3,242,000 for the base volcano monitoring program, \$1,150,000 for the Alaska mineral resource assessment program, and \$100,000 for the Alaska Geological Materials Center and decreases of \$500,000 for the Advanced National Seismic System program, \$400,000 for the earth observation monitoring program, \$1,482,000 for the Alaska minerals-at-risk project that has been completed, \$250,000 for the landslide hazards program, and \$250,000 for geothermal assessments. Other projects that are continued in fiscal year 2005 at their fiscal year 2004 funding levels include a North Carolina coastal erosion study, South Carolina/Georgia coastal erosion and monitoring studies, and subsidence studies at the University of New Orleans.

The managers agree that the volcano monitoring program is vital to both the safety of citizens living near these areas and the protection of commercial aircraft. Within the funds provided in the conference agreement, the Survey shall continue its ongoing volcanic research and monitoring activities at no less than the fiscal year 2004 enacted level, and should direct increased funding to areas of recent and imminent volcanic activity.

The managers agree that the amount of funding provided for conducting inquiries into the economic conditions affecting mining and materials processing industries is \$15,499,000. This number will no longer appear in bill language.

Water Resources Investigations.—Changes to the House level for water resources investigations include increases of \$1,481,000 for collaborative research with the University of Oklahoma, \$518,000 for the toxic substances hydrology program, \$50,000 for the Potomac River groundwater assessment study, \$198,000 for the Berkeley Pit study with Montana Tech, \$295,000 for Lake Champlain basin toxic materials, \$444,000 for monitoring water resources in Hawaii, and \$889,000 for the coal bed methane study of the Tongue River, and decreases of \$400,000 for the water availability pilot project and \$400,000 for the Klamath basin study. Funds remain in the base to continue the US/Mexico border initiative at the fiscal year 2004 level. The managers agree that, from within base funds, up to \$889,000 may be designated for the Survey's continued participation in the Long Term Estuary Assessment program. The managers agree that the reduction to the Klamath basin funding will be offset by an internal reprogramming in the current fiscal year. The managers agree that the Potomac River groundwater assessment projects in the House and Senate bills address similar issues and they have been combined into one project.

Biological Research.—Changes to the House level for biological research include increases of \$250,000 for northern prairie carbon sequestration, \$741,000 for the Mark Twain National Forest mining study, \$790,000 for molecular biology at Leetown Science Center, \$300,000 for pallid sturgeon research, \$198,000 for a diamond-back terrapin study, \$988,000 to complete the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem study in Montana, \$296,000 for a multidisciplinary water resource study at Leetown Science Center, \$250,000 for the Delaware River Basin Study, and decreases of \$250,000 for ecological systems mapping, \$250,000 for the deep-water fisheries vessel program, \$500,000 for invasive species,

\$400,000 for Klamath basin studies, \$170,000 for equipment at the Anadromous Fish Research Center, and \$250,000 for cooperative research units. The managers understand that the reduction to the Klamath basin study is offset by an internal reprogramming in the current fiscal year. The managers direct the Survey to continue to pursue ongoing chronic wasting disease research nationwide and to continue to work with the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study. Within the funds available for invasive species studies, the managers expect the Survey to continue its cooperative program with Mississippi State University at no less than the fiscal year 2004 enacted level.

Enterprise Information.—Changes to the House level for enterprise information include increases of \$500,000 for certification and accreditation of information technology systems, \$300,000 for accessible data transfer and \$50,000 for the enterprise services network.

Science Support.—The change to the House level for science support is a decrease of \$1,000,000 for financial management improvements.

Facilities.—There are no changes to the House funding level for facilities activities. The conference agreement also retains language proposed in the House bill designating \$1,600,000 from within amounts provided to remain available until expended for deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects exceeding \$100,000. The managers have not agreed to provide base funding to the Lake Pontchartrain restoration project.

Other.—The managers note that, unless otherwise specified, funding levels for ongoing projects included in the conference agreement as proposed by the Senate should reflect reductions that resulted from fiscal year 2004 rescissions.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the House that provides work injury and travel benefits to students.

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

ROYALTY AND OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$169,175,000 for royalty and offshore minerals management instead of \$171,575,000 as proposed by the House and \$171,175,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers agree to the following changes to the House recommendations:

1. The leasing and environmental program includes an earmark of \$150,000 within available funds for the Alaska Whaling Commission as proposed by the Senate.

2. Resource evaluation includes increases of \$900,000 for the Center for Marine Resources, MS and \$900,000 for the Marine Mineral Technology Center, AK as proposed by the Senate.

3. The regulatory program includes an increase of \$600,000 as proposed by the Senate for the Offshore Technology Research Center, TX, and \$1,000,000 for hurricane related studies and for extra expenses of deepwater helicopter operations.

4. Compliance and asset management is reduced by \$5,800,000. The managers understand that the agency will realize

savings in this program for fiscal year 2005 such that this reduction will not reduce program capability. Compliance and asset management is reduced accordingly, but approximately \$1,000,000 should be designated for section 202/205 cooperative audits with the States.

5. The MMS should reprogram funds for e-government initiatives relating to disaster management and "SAFECOM" to the environmental studies program to help fund fixed costs.

Bill Language.—The managers accept the Senate proposed bill language which deletes "pilot" in referring to the royalty-in-kind program, allows payments to States under the Mineral Leasing Act, and allows the MMS to recover certain portions of the royalty-in-kind sales for costs directly related to this program.

OIL SPILL RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$7,105,000 for oil spill research as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

REGULATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The conference agreement provides \$109,905,000 for regulation and technology as proposed by the Senate instead of \$108,905,000 as proposed by the House. This total includes an indefinite appropriation estimated to be \$100,000. The agreement includes \$1,000,000 as proposed by the Senate to contract with the National Research Council for a review of coal reserves, research, and technologies. The agreement also directs the OSM to reprogram funds for e-government initiatives relating to disaster management and "SAFECOM" to help fund fixed costs.

ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND

The conference agreement provides \$190,863,000 for the abandoned mine reclamation fund as proposed by the Senate instead of \$194,106,000 as proposed by the House. The agreement directs the OSM to reprogram funds for e-government initiatives relating to disaster management and "SAFECOM" to help fund fixed costs. The managers note that bill language within Title I, general provisions, provides an extension until June 30, 2005, of the Secretary's authority to collect fees pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conference agreement includes bill language recommended in the request which allows funds available for the technical innovation and professional services program to be used to transfer title for certain computer devices to State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation programs.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$1,955,047,000 for the operation of Indian programs instead of \$1,935,033,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,951,798,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Tribal Priority Allocations.—Changes to the House level for tribal priority allocations include increases of \$3,000,000 for contract support costs and \$2,000,000 for welfare assistance.

Other Recurring Programs.—Changes to the House level for other recurring programs include increases of \$10,500,000 for tribally controlled community colleges, \$98,000 for the Alaska Sea Otter Commission, \$790,000 for the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, \$87,000 for the Intertribal Bison Council, \$346,000 for the Chugach Regional Resources Commission, and a decrease of \$2,000,000 for the administrative cost grant fund.

Non-recurring Programs.—Changes to the House level for non-recurring programs include increases of \$500,000 for the Rocky Mountain Technology Foundation, \$750,000 for the rural Alaska fire program, \$1,250,000 for the Salish and Kootenai College nursing program (housing project), \$392,000 for Alaska legal services, and \$1,000,000 for the Denali Commission.

Central Office Operations.—Changes to the House level for central office operations include decreases of \$2,000,000 for the workforce initiative and \$1,000,000 for information resources technology.

Special Programs and Pooled Overhead.—Changes to the House level for special programs and pooled overhead include increases of \$500,000 for the United Tribes Technical College, \$450,000 for the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation, \$442,000 for the Crownpoint Institute, \$1,250,000 for the Western Heritage Center distance learning program, \$750,000 for the Alaska native aviation program, and \$409,000 for e-government initiatives, and \$500,000 for the enterprise services network.

Bill Language.—There is a statutory earmark of \$1,000,000 for administrative cost grants to tribes for transitional costs instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House and no funding as proposed by the Senate.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$323,626,000 for construction instead of \$348,626,000 as proposed by the House and \$283,126,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes to the House level include increases of \$2,500,000 for the tribal school demonstration program, \$2,500,000 for facilities maintenance of detention centers and a decrease of \$30,000,000 for school replacement construction.

The managers have included bill language directing the Bureau to provide \$4,500,000 to the Eastern Band of Cherokee education facility at the Ravensford tract, \$4,000,000 for the Sac and Fox Meskwaki settlement school and \$4,000,000 for the Twin Buttes elementary school on the Fort Berthold Reservation within the Tribal School Demonstration Program.

The managers have retained language included in the Senate bill that allows the Secretary of the Interior to assume control of construction projects if the tribes have not completed planning, design, and initial construction within 18 months of the appropriation of funds.

The managers have included bill language that allows the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians to reimburse the appropriate share of construction costs for space expansion needs identified as a result of trust reform implementation.

The managers are aware of the significant problems with Bureau owned detention centers, and have provided additional funding for facilities and deferred maintenance of these facilities. The managers urge the Department to address the operations and maintenance of detention centers in future budget submissions.

INDIAN LAND AND WATER CLAIM SETTLEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS TO INDIANS

The conference agreement provides \$44,771,000 for Indian land and water claim settlements and miscellaneous payments to Indians as proposed by the House instead of \$34,771,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers have agreed to \$10,032,000 for the Quinault Indian Nation settlement. The managers have retained the Senate bill language which contained minor technical differences from the House.

The managers recognize that the Department of the Interior is working with Northwest Indian tribes and the shellfish industry to complete the historic Washington State shellfish settlement agreement and secure funding for it. This agreement represents nine years of hard, cooperative work by the Tribes and the shellfish industry. The managers support this effort and encourage the Department and all parties to continue working together to finalize the settlement in a timely manner. The managers agree that the Administration should provide funding for settlements such as these in the annual budget submission as the managers do not foresee having funds above the requested level for new settlements.

INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement provides \$6,421,000 for the Indian guaranteed loan program as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The managers have retained the House bill language which contained minor technical differences from the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes language that allows certain tribes to continue to receive contract support as a supplement to administrative cost grants.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

INSULAR AFFAIRS

ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

The conference agreement provides \$76,255,000 for assistance to territories instead of \$74,935,000 as proposed by the House and \$74,255,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes in funding levels from the House recommendation include the Senate recommendations for an additional \$320,000 to continue judicial, court education, and court administration training, and \$1,000,000 for Marshall Islands health care. The managers agree to the following:

1. Although the agreement does not include bill language proposed by the Senate designating a specific funding level for a grant to the Close Up Foundation, the managers do support this effort and expect the Secretary to designate approximately \$750,000 for this program.

2. The OIA should reprogram funds for e-government initiatives relating to disaster management and "SAFECOM" to help fund fixed costs.

3. The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 for payments to replace the Prior Service Trust Fund as proposed by the House. The managers direct the Department to work with the Prior Service Benefits Board of Directors to reach an agreement as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2005, to replace the Prior Service Trust Fund. Such agreement shall provide for: (a) the pension systems of Palau, CNMI, RMI and FSM to assume responsibility for the enrollees of the Prior Service Benefits Trust Fund; (b) the allocation of potential future U.S. funding, if appropriated, among these four pension systems and payment of their benefits; (c) a reasonable transition overhead rate; (d) appropriate changes in benefits, if any; and (e) for the termination of certification and enrollment of new beneficiaries by March 31, 2005. The managers also direct that this \$1,000,000 in funding should be reprogrammed for general technical assistance uses if no agreement can be reached.

4. The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 to assist health care programs on the Marshall Islands as proposed by the Senate. These instructions replace the Senate direction. These funds shall first be used to provide primary health care to members of the Enewetak, Bikini, Rongelap and Utrik communities who currently reside on Enewetak Atoll, Kili island, Mejetto island, Rongelap Atoll following resettlement, and Utrik Atoll. Such primary medical care shall consist of a clinic with at least one doctor and an assistant, and necessary supplies and logistical support. If excess funds are available, these funds may be used to augment primary healthcare for members of these communities who get primary healthcare services from the facilities in Ebeye and Majuro.

5. The managers have included \$1,000,000 to continue work on water system rehabilitation in the CNMI. The managers note that the Army Corps of Engineers has completed a comprehensive water infrastructure study that has identified and prioritized over \$200,000,000 in essential needs. The magnitude of this need far exceeds any possible resolution from funds made available to the In-

terior and Related Agencies Subcommittee on Appropriations. Existing programmatic expertise of other Federal agencies is not being used fully, as evidenced in the delays in completing the Kagman water project by the Department of Agriculture. Accordingly, the managers direct the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, in consultation with the Interagency Group on Insular Areas, a comprehensive, coordinated and detailed implementation program for the plans developed by the Army Corps of Engineers by July 31, 2005. To develop this program the Secretary shall look to authorities of the Corps of Engineers under the Secretary of the Army, the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, the various programs under the Secretary of Agriculture, authorities available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and authorities available under any other agency dealing with water infrastructure. The Secretary shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an implementation plan that fully utilizes and coordinates those authorities to ensure that the goals of the plan are achieved in a timely, cost-effective manner. The managers expect the implementation plan to identify projects, responsible agency, funding needs, implementation schedule, any statutory or other changes necessary to implement the program, and a specific timetable for full completion.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

The conference agreement provides \$5,499,000 for the compact of free association as proposed by the House instead of \$5,400,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement follows the funding recommendations made by the House.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement provides \$90,855,000 for departmental management instead of \$79,551,000 as proposed by the House and \$81,608,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Management and Coordination.—Increases include \$750,000 for the financial and business management system, \$10,500,000 to restore partially funds cut on the House floor for motor vehicle lease, purchase or services costs, and \$54,000 for E-government initiatives.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement retains the language proposed in the Senate bill directing the transfer of \$13,500,000 from unobligated balances in the Central Hazardous Materials Fund. The conference agreement modifies the language proposed in the House bill reducing amounts otherwise appropriated for motor vehicle lease, purchase or service costs. The modification changes \$13,500,000 to \$3,000,000.

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

The conference agreement provides \$230,000,000 for payments in lieu of taxes as proposed by the Senate instead of \$226,000,000 as proposed by the House.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$52,384,000 for the office of the solicitor instead of \$51,356,000 as proposed by the House and \$53,053,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Legal Services.—Increases include \$446,000 for paralegal and support positions, \$300,000 for legal staff support, and \$186,000 for fixed costs.

General Administration.—Increases include \$15,000 for E-government initiatives and \$78,000 for fixed costs.

Ethics Office.—Increases include \$3,000 for fixed costs.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$37,800,000 for office of inspector general, instead of \$37,655,000 as proposed by the House and \$38,100,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Audits.—Changes include an increase of \$237,000 for fixed costs and a decrease of \$100,000 for non-traditional audit staff.

Investigations.—Changes include an increase of \$165,000 for fixed costs and a decrease of \$172,000 for law enforcement equipment replacement.

Administrative Services and Information Management.—Changes include increases of \$105,000 for fixed costs and \$10,000 for E-government initiatives, and a decrease of \$100,000 for IT standardization.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

FEDERAL TRUST PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$196,267,000 for Federal trust programs as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The managers have retained language contained in the Senate bill that caps the amount of funding that can be used for historical accounting activities at \$58,000,000.

INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION

The conference agreement provides \$35,000,000 for Indian land consolidation programs instead of \$42,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers are concerned about recent events in the courts that will likely slow the process of Indian land consolidation and reduce the ability of the Department of the Interior to obligate funds for acquisition of lands. The land consolidation program has the potential to re-

solve many of the contentious issues surrounding Indian trust management. The actions of the court concerning notifying Indian landowners of ongoing litigation will undoubtedly slow the process of consolidation of lands.

Bill Language.—The managers have retained bill language included by the Senate that allows Indian land consolidation funds to be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Departmental Management accounts. The House had no similar provision.

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FUND

The conference agreement provides \$5,818,000 for the natural resource damage assessment fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sec. 101. The conference agreement modifies the text of Senate section 101 correcting the reference to the budget agreement in providing Secretarial authority to transfer program funds for emergencies. The House had a similar provision in section 101 of the House bill.

Sec. 102. The conference agreement modifies the text of Senate section 102 correcting the reference to the budget agreement in providing for expenditure or transfer of funds by the Secretary for natural disasters. The House had a similar provision in section 102 of the House bill.

Sec. 103. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 103 of the House bill providing for use of appropriated funds for operation of garages, shops, warehouses, and similar facilities. The Senate had a similar provision in section 103 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 104. The conference agreement retains an identical provision in section 104 of both the House and Senate bills, providing for vehicle and other services.

Sec. 105. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 105 of the House bill making permanent the use of appropriated funds to purchase uniforms or to provide a uniform allowance. The Senate had a similar provision in section 105 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 106. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 106 of the House bill making permanent a provision that contracts issued for services and rentals with appropriated funds be in effect for a period not to exceed 12 months. The Senate had a similar provision in section 106 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 107–109. The conference agreement retains identical provisions in sections 107–109 of both the House and Senate bills, prohibiting the expenditure of funds for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leasing activities in certain areas.

Sec. 110. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 110 of the House bill prohibiting the National Park Service from reducing recreation fees for non-local travel through any park unit. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 111. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 111 of the House bill that makes permanent a provision limiting the investment of Federal funds by tribes or tribal organizations. The Senate had a similar provision in section 110 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 112. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 112 of the House bill permitting the transfer of funds between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. The Senate had an identical provision in section 111 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 113. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 113 of the House bill continuing a provision allowing the hiring of administrative law judges to address the Indian probate backlog. The Senate had an identical provision in section 112 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 114. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 114 of the House bill continuing a provision permitting the redistribution of tribal priority allocation and tribal base funds to alleviate funding inequities. The Senate had an identical provision in section 113 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 115. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 115 of the House bill continuing a provision requiring the allocation of Bureau of Indian Affairs postsecondary schools funds consistent with unmet needs. The Senate had an identical provision in section 114 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 116. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 115 of the Senate bill that makes permanent a limitation on the use of the Huron Cemetery in Kansas. The House had a similar provision in section 116 of the House bill.

Sec. 117. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 117 of the House bill continuing a provision permitting the conveyance of the Twin Cities Research Center of the former Bureau of Mines for the benefit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Senate had an identical provision in section 116 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 118. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 119 of the House bill making permanent a provision permitting the Bureau of Land Management to retain funds from the sale of seeds and seedlings. The Senate had a similar provision in section 117 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 119. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 120 of the House bill continuing a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use helicopters or motor vehicles to capture and transport horses and burros at the Sheldon and Hart National Wildlife Refuges. The Senate had an identical provision in section 118 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 120. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 119 of the Senate bill limiting the implementation of Claims Maintenance and Location Fees and directs the Bureau of Land Management to establish a permit tracking system. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 121. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 120 of the Senate bill allowing certain funds provided for land acquisition at the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield NHD and Ice Age

NST to be granted to a State, a local government, or any other land management entity. The House had a similar provision in section 121 of the House bill.

Sec. 122. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 122 of the House bill continuing a provision prohibiting the closure of the underground lunchroom at Carlsbad Caverns NP, NM. The Senate had an identical provision in section 121 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 123. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 123 of the House bill preventing the demolition of a bridge between New Jersey and Ellis Island. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 124. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 125 of the House bill continuing a provision limiting compensation for the Special Master and Court Monitor appointed by the Court in *Cobell v. Norton* to 200 percent of the highest Senior Executive Service rate of pay. The Senate had an identical provision in section 122 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 125. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 126 of the House bill continuing a provision allowing the Secretary to pay private attorney fees for employees and former employees incurred in connection with *Cobell v. Norton*. The Senate had an identical provision in section 123 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 126. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 127 of the House bill dealing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's responsibilities for mass marking of salmonid stocks. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 127. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 128 of the House bill dealing with paying for operational needs at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge airport using funds appropriated under the "Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses" appropriation. The modification changes the word "shall" to "may". The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 128. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 129 of the House bill prohibiting the conduct of gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) on lands described in section 123 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, or land that is contiguous to that land. The Senate had an identical provision in section 124 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 129. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 130 of the House bill continuing a provision prohibiting the use of funds to study or implement a plan to drain or reduce water levels in Lake Powell. The Senate had an identical provision in section 125 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 130. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 131 of the House bill allowing the National Indian Gaming Commission to collect \$12,000,000 in fees for fiscal year 2006. The Senate had an identical provision in section 126 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 131. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 127 of the Senate bill making funds available to the tribes within the California Tribal Trust Reform Consortium and others and separates this demonstration project from the Department of

the Interior's trust reform organization. The House had a similar provision in section 132 of the House bill.

Sec. 132. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 128 of the Senate bill dealing with grazing permits in the Jarbidge field office of the Bureau of Land Management. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 133. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 130 of the Senate bill restoring mining claims voided due to defective waivers of the mining maintenance fee. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 134. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 131 of the Senate bill allowing proceeds from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Foundation's research park leases to be used to carry out the Foundation's research mission. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 135. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 132 of the Senate bill extending the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to collect fees pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 136. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 133 of the Senate bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands for the operation and maintenance of facilities in support of transportation of visitors to Ellis, Governors, and Liberty Islands. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 137. The conference agreement includes a new provision to redesignate the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, SC, as the Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge.

Sec. 138. The conference agreement includes a new provision to exempt certain coastal barrier property in South Carolina from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968.

Sec. 139. The conference agreement includes a new provision resolving a boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California; requiring the Secretary of the Interior to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; and authorizing the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project.

Sec. 140. The conference agreement includes a new provision to designate certain lands within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin as the Gaylor A. Nelson National Wilderness.

Sec. 141. The conference agreement includes a new provision regarding special use grazing permits on the Mojave National Preserve, CA.

Sec. 142. The conference agreement includes a new provision amending Public Law 92-195 concerning the management of wild horses and burros.

Sec. 143. The conference agreement includes a new provision excluding non-native migratory bird species from application of certain prohibitions under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Sec. 144. Includes a new section transferring lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of a new health facility, previously announced by the Department.

Sec. 145. The conference agreement includes a new provision adjusting the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness and authorizing tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Sec. 146. The conference agreement includes a new provision dealing with the 2004–2005 snowmobile season.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 118 of the House bill authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Golden Gate National Parks Association, CA.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 124 of the House bill prohibiting posting of clothing optional signs at Canaveral NS, FL.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 133 of the House bill limiting the use of the National Mall for special events.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 129 of the Senate bill amending Public Law 104–208 to modify the authorized uses of franchise fund proceeds.

TITLE II—RELATED AGENCIES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$280,278,000 for forest and rangeland research instead of \$280,654,000 as proposed by the House and \$279,883,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers agree to the following changes to recommendations that were proposed by the House:

Project or activity	Conference recommendation	
	Change from House	Project total
General decrease	–\$1,800,000	.....
Fixed costs	–1,000,000	\$6,109,000
Forest inventory and analysis	4,000,000	56,714,000
Advanced housing research consortium	–300,000	1,300,000
Adelgid research NE station	0	1,500,000
Sudden oak death research	0	2,500,000
Emerald ash borer research in Ohio	–250,000	250,000
Southern pine beetle initiative	0	2,000,000
Olympic Natural Resource Center, WA	0	300,000
Western Carolina Univ. biotechnology	–988,000	0
Watershed condition research initiative	–2,247,000	4,994,000
Invasive species initiative	0	1,081,000
Joe Skeen Inst. Montana St. Univ.	350,000	350,000
Forest Products Lab salvage lumber, WI	600,000	600,000
NE States research cooperative	25,000	2,000,000
Baltimore urban watershed, MD	2,000	200,000
Fernow expt. forest hydrology, WV	230,000	230,000
Morgantown, WV pests & pathogens	6,000	500,000
Sitka, AK lab	14,000	1,130,000
Hardwood tree improvement & regen, IN	921,000	921,000
Coweeta, technology transfer, NC	4,000	300,000

Project or activity	Conference recommendation	
	Change from House	Project total
Bent Cr. cumberland silviculture, NC	4,000	300,000
Joe Skeen Inst. Range. Research, NM	53,000	300,000
Adelgid and insects in east research	0	0
Coweeta hemlock wooly adelgid, NC	0	300,000

The managers also agree to the following:

1. The Forest Service should clearly display in future budget justifications the funding provided for various Congressional priorities, and display what part of the request includes funding for these items.

2. The funding for emerald ash borer research shown in the table above, \$250,000, should be utilized in Ohio, and should be in addition to other funding in the budget for ongoing research on this pest at other locations.

3. The funding remaining for the watershed condition initiative should be reprogrammed for other, higher priority fundamental research efforts, not including the FIA program.

4. The previous table provided above supercedes the Senate report instruction concerning funding levels and the across the board cuts.

5. The managers support funding, to the extent practicable, for implementation of the rules and protocols for carbon accounting as part of the climate change initiative.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

The conference agreement provides \$296,626,000 for State and private forestry instead of \$282,446,000 as proposed by the House and \$291,169,000 as proposed by the Senate. Funding for this appropriation should follow the House recommendations unless otherwise instructed herein.

Forest Health Management.—The conference agreement provides \$55,000,000 for Federal lands forest health management as proposed by the House instead of \$46,012,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$48,300,000 for cooperative lands forest health management instead of \$48,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$35,214,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change from the House recommendation is the addition of \$300,000 for Vermont forest monitoring as proposed by the Senate.

The managers do not agree to the specific allocation providing funding for newly found pests or pathogens which was proposed by the Senate. The managers agree that the Forest Service should withhold a portion of forest health funding from immediate distribution so it is available later in the year to address new problems that may emerge. The managers recommend that the Administration stop proposing an emerging pest fund. The managers strongly encourage the Administration to use the Secretary's authority under Public Law 97-46 to fund the survey, evaluation, control and management of unplanned, emerging pest occurrences from funds available to the agencies or corporations of the Department of Agriculture. This approach has been used in the past for the Forest Service and has been used in previous years for emer-

gency pest projects by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Cooperative Fire Assistance.—The conference agreement includes \$33,384,000 for State fire assistance instead of \$36,384,000 as proposed by the House and \$30,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. This allocation includes \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House for urgent work near the San Bernardino National Forest and a general program increase of \$2,000,000 above the House level. The managers do not agree to the specific allocation proposed by the House for community wildfire protection plans, but the managers do agree that this approach is of utmost importance and urge the Forest Service and the States to give this effort a very high priority.

The conference agreement includes \$6,000,000 for volunteer fire assistance as proposed by the Senate instead of \$5,443,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement also includes additional funds for State fire and volunteer fire assistance as part of the national fire plan funding within the wildland fire management account.

Forest Stewardship.—The conference agreement includes \$32,775,000 for forest stewardship instead of \$37,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$33,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes from the House recommendations include a reduction of \$275,000 for Chesapeake Bay forestry for a total of \$1,225,000, a reduction of \$3,000,000 for community wildfire plans as proposed by the Senate, and a general decrease of \$950,000 as proposed by the Senate. Although there is no specific allocation for community wildfire plans, the managers strongly support this activity and encourage the Forest Service and the States to pursue this work. The managers have provided adequate funds within the forest stewardship program to begin an update of the Highlands Regional Study in order to identify high priority areas, including important conservation areas in Pennsylvania, to help ensure the health and sustainability of these sites through management, protection and wise use. The managers note that there is no funding for a grant for the Downeast Lakes forestry partnership and that forest stewardship funds should never be used for land acquisition or acquisition of interests in lands.

Forest Legacy Program.—The conference agreement includes \$57,939,000 for the forest legacy program instead of \$43,119,000 as proposed by the House and \$76,329,000 as proposed by the Senate. These funds are derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The conference agreement includes the following distribution of funds for the forest legacy program:

<i>State and project</i>	<i>Conference</i>
TN Walls of Jericho	\$3,500,000
AL Mobile Tensaw Delta	1,200,000
MT Blackfoot—Clearwater	3,300,000
NJ Raritan River Watershed	3,800,000
MT North Swan River Valley	3,000,000
WA Cedar Green Forest	1,600,000
WI Wolf River	2,000,000
WV Potomac River Hills	1,000,000
AL Cumberland Mountain, Miller-Maxwell	1,200,000
DE Green Horizons	1,000,000
VA Dragon Run	600,000

<i>State and project</i>	<i>Conference</i>
VI Annaly Bay/Hermitage Valley	500,000
SC Catawba-Wateree Forest	3,000,000
ME Katahdin Forest	4,500,000
NM Horse Springs Ranch	2,500,000
WI Tomahawk—Northwoods—III	2,000,000
CO Banded Peaks	1,600,000
ME Sebago Lands	500,000
MA Stock Mountain North	375,000
WA Carbon River Forest, phase 1	1,300,000
KY Knobs State Forest (Kuhn's tract)	1,200,000
CA Six Rivers to the Sea	2,300,000
IA NE Upper Bluffs	550,000
UT Pioneer Ranch	750,000
NY Tahawus	1,700,000
VT Mt. Holly Wildlife Corridor II	500,000
MN Brainerd Lakes	2,000,000
ID St. Joe Basin, phase 3	3,500,000
MA Muschopauge Brook	400,000
VA The Cove	240,000
TN Scott's Gulf	1,500,000
RI Hoxie Farm	850,000
NH Thirteen Mile Woods II	2,000,000
VT Orange County Headwaters (Meadowsend)	450,000
NH Trout Pond	1,200,000
VT Chittenden	1,220,000
FL New State Start-up	500,000
OH New State Start-up	500,000
TX New State Start-up	500,000
Use of prior year funds	-7,300,000
Forest Legacy Program Administration, Acquisition Management, and Assessment of Need Planning	4,904,000
Total, Forest Legacy	57,939,000

The conference agreement retains bill language proposed by the House requiring notification of the Committees on Appropriations when the Forest Service makes funds available for specific forest legacy projects. The managers note that funds are not provided within the forest legacy program for the Senate proposed Mirror Lake project, NH. However, within the economic action program the conference agreement includes a grant to the Hubbard Brook Foundation to help conserve this area.

Urban and Community Forestry.—The conference agreement includes \$32,400,000 for the urban and community forestry program instead of \$32,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$33,111,000 as proposed by the Senate. Changes from the House recommendation for this activity include a decrease of \$100,000 for northeast PA community forestry for a total of \$500,000, and inclusion of Senate proposals of \$350,000 for the Chicago wilderness program, \$150,000 for the urban watershed forestry research and demonstration cooperative in Baltimore, MD, and a \$411,000 general program decrease.

The conference agreement replaces instructions in both the House and the Senate committee reports concerning the urban and community forestry allocation methodology. The managers have reviewed the allocation methodology for the urban and community forestry program proposed by the Forest Service in its report to the Committees on Appropriations. The managers have been addressing this issue for several years and are displeased with the slow rate of progress at implementing a better performance based allocation method which also includes a more fair assessment of State

program needs and capability. The managers understand that the timing of this appropriation makes it more difficult for the Forest Service to fully implement a performance based system in FY 2005. Therefore, the managers direct the Forest Service to provide quarterly updates to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding the establishment of a performance based allocation for the distribution of funds to the regions, and that the new allocation methodology with this modification be fully implemented in fiscal year 2006. The managers expect allocations for fiscal year 2005 to the States to remain at the levels as recommended in the agency's report.

Economic Action Programs.—The conference agreement includes \$19,300,000 for the economic action programs instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$19,975,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers have provided \$500,000 for the Hinkle Creek project, OR, with the understanding that no further funding will be made available for this program. The conference agreement includes bill language concerning a \$2,000,000 direct payment for the Kake land exchange, AK and a direct payment of \$1,500,000 to Canton, NC for wood products wastewater repairs. The funds for the education and research consortium of western North Carolina should include the Pisgah Forest Institute, and allow expansion of the education initiative to appropriate institutions with natural resources expertise in Pennsylvania and northern California. The conference agreement includes the following distribution of funds:

<i>Program / Project</i>	<i>Conference</i>
Economic Recovery Program	\$5,000,000
WA state rural technology initiative	600,000
KY mine reforestation	500,000
Syracuse SUNY forestry technology	600,000
Pisgah forest envir. Ed, ERC, NC	2,000,000
NC Inst. Forest Biotech. heritage trees	200,000
Allegheny NF area, PA tourism	250,000
South Lake Tahoe MTBE study, CA NV	500,000
Chugach Avalanche Center, AK	200,000
Ketchikan Wood Tech. Center, AK	750,000
Vermont Wood Products Collaborative	500,000
North Carolina St./Forest res. & wood prods.	500,000
Fuels-in-schools biomass program, MT	1,500,000
Kake Land Exchange, AK	2,000,000
Alabama rural economic action	500,000
Hinkle Creek, OR watershed study	500,000
University of Idaho, Mica Cr.	250,000
Northern Forests Partnership program, NH	200,000
Utah Rural Development Council	400,000
Hubbard Brook Foundation, Mirror Lake, NH	750,000
Canton, NC wood products wastewater repair	1,500,000
New England value added wood products, MA	100,000
 Total, Economic Action Programs	 \$19,300,000

Forest Resource Information and Analysis.—The conference agreement includes \$5,028,000 for forest resource information and analysis as proposed by the Senate instead of \$9,000,000 as proposed by the House. Additional information concerning the FIA program is under the forest and rangeland research heading.

International Program.—The conference agreement includes \$6,500,000 for the International program as proposed by both the

House and the Senate. The managers agree with the Senate comments on forest sustainability and certification, but clarify that the Forest Service is encouraged to fund projects which promote overall environmental benefits provided by the use of credible, sustainable forest management and forest certification programs, and the Forest Service should not give a specific preference for any particular certification program.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

The conference agreement provides \$1,400,260,000 for the national forest system instead of \$1,399,599,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,387,149,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Funds should be distributed as follows:

Land management planning	\$64,057,000
Inventory and monitoring	169,659,000
Recreation, heritage & wilderness	260,969,000
Wildlife & fish habitat management	136,647,000
Grazing management	48,711,000
Forest products	277,097,000
Vegetation & watershed management	192,285,000
Minerals and geology management	56,532,000
Landownership management	93,427,000
Law enforcement operations	87,226,000
Vales Calderas National Preserve, NM	3,650,000
Centennial of Service challenge	10,000,000
Total	1,400,260,000

The following discussion describes funding changes from the House passed bill.

Land Management Planning.—This activity includes \$400,000 for the environmental training program proposed by the Senate and the Senate proposed general decrease of \$400,000.

Inventory and Monitoring.—The agreement does not include a special allocation for multi-party monitoring, although the managers do support this activity. The managers encourage various groups to participate in collaborative planning and engage in monitoring and note that fund transfers for monitoring are not limited to groups which were participants in the planning process.

Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Management.—The conference agreement includes a decrease of \$1,375,000 below the House recommended level, which is an increase of \$3,625,000 above the request and the Senate recommendation. The managers note that the current eruptive activity at Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument has greatly increased the need for visitor services as well as media and science program support and emergency readiness. In addition, the managers note that May 18, 2005, will be the 25th anniversary of the catastrophic blast. The managers encourage the Forest Service to consider the use of \$2,000,000 of the increased funding above the request for this activity to support activities at the Monument. The Forest Service should use emergency incident funding sources when needed during eruptive episodes to assure proper and safe management of the public.

Wildlife and Fish Habitat Management.—This activity includes the Senate proposed increase of \$250,000 for the Batten Kill River, VT, and a general program decrease of \$125,000.

Forest Products.—The managers agree to the Senate proposed earmark in bill language of \$5,000,000 for Tongass national forest timber sales preparation. The agreement does not include a special allocation for restoration projects as proposed by the Senate, although the managers agree that this is a very important use of funds and have included an increase above the request which may be used for such purposes. The managers clarify that the required report on timber sale claims proposed by the Senate should deal with those years where the data are available. The managers agree that the forestry work on the Lincoln NF, NM should be done cooperatively with the Mescalero Apache tribe when practicable and consistent with national forest system regulations and procedures.

Vegetation and Watershed Management.—The managers include a total of \$1,000,000 for Wayne NF, OH watershed recovery but do not agree with the Colville NF allocation. The agreement includes Senate proposed funding of \$1,000,000 for the Tongass national forest, AK, pre-commercial thinning, \$350,000 for leafy spurge eradication in North Dakota, and a general decrease of \$2,500,000. No specific appropriated allocation is designated for the Lake Tahoe basin.

Law Enforcement.—This activity includes a decrease of \$100,000 for Daniel Boone NF, KY, drug control.

Valles Caldera National Preserve.—The conference agreement includes the funding level and bill language as proposed by the Senate. The managers direct the Forest Service and the board of the preserve to provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an annual report depicting operations, deferred maintenance, and capital infrastructure needs over a 5-year time frame. This should be prioritized, and should explain how the individual projects relate to health and safety and to other aspects of the preserve's goals. The first report should be presented by April 30, 2005, and thereafter, reports should be included in the annual budget justifications, and the reports should include annual summaries of past accomplishments.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$1,727,008,000 for wildland fire management instead of \$1,734,865,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,703,897,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers note that Title IV also includes a special allocation of \$400,000,000 for urgent wildfire suppression under certain circumstances.

Wildfire Preparedness.—The agreement includes \$686,000,000 for preparedness as proposed by the Senate instead of \$693,627,000 as proposed by the House. The managers reiterate the direction contained in the House and Senate reports regarding the need to maintain the level of fire readiness accomplished in fiscal year 2004. The managers note that the grounding of large airtankers this past season, and the need to assure the availability of effective aviation firefighting assets in fiscal year 2005 and beyond creates additional demands on limited wildfire preparedness and suppression funding. Accordingly, in order to assure a preparedness level equal to that attained in fiscal year 2004, the managers direct the Forest Service to charge expenses to wildfire suppression for un-

planned costs related to the grounding of airtankers, and for the unplanned additional costs necessary to assure sufficient aviation resources are available to maintain initial attack capability and suppress wildfires.

Wildfire Suppression Operations.—The conference agreement includes \$658,000,000 for suppression operations as proposed by the House instead of \$658,400,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers have provided the full amount of the ten year average cost of wildfire suppression, an increase of \$60,870,000 above the fiscal year 2004 funding level.

The managers concur with concerns expressed in the House and Senate reports regarding the need to control suppression costs. The managers are concerned that effective performance measures are not in place on an inter-agency basis to report on suppression costs. It is imperative that the Secretaries establish appropriate performance metrics promptly. This includes the integration of reporting systems, implementation of policies through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council for cost reporting, and responding to findings of the independent cost control review panel established under Public Law 108–287. The managers direct the Secretaries to submit a report no later than June 30, 2005, on performance measures planned for implementation in fiscal year 2006 to be used on an inter-agency basis. In the interim, the managers have modified language for reporting wildfire suppression costs in fiscal year 2005 as follows: (1) Average cost per fire using a statistically representative sample, stratified as follows: small (<300 acres), medium (300–20,000 acres), and large (>20,000 acres) fires not contained in initial attack; (2) cost per acre burned, using a statistically representative sample for fires not contained in initial attack stratified by small, medium, and large; and (3) the percentage of fires, using a statistically representative sample, not contained in initial attack that exceed a “stratified fire cost index.” This index would take into account known fire characteristics that affect expenditures; specifically, fire intensity, size, Forest Service region and proximity to communities, using historical cost per acre as a basis. In addition, the managers direct the Forest Service to develop and implement direction for identifying a “most cost effective” wildland fire situation analysis alternative no later than October 1, 2005, and report the percentage of fire events that adopt this alternative under the wildland fire situation analysis computer decision support system beginning in fiscal year 2006.

The managers concur with the Senate direction concerning the preparation of a strategic plan for fire and aviation resources. The managers expect that the plan will indicate the costs associated with determining the useful life of the P–2V air tanker.

Other Wildfire Operations.—The conference agreement includes \$383,008,000 for other fire operation activities instead of \$383,238,000 as proposed by the House and \$359,497,000 as proposed by the Senate. The allocation of this funding is as follows:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Hazardous fuels	\$266,238,000
Rehabilitation & restoration	13,000,000
Research & development	22,025,000
Joint fire science	8,000,000
Forest health management—Federal	15,000,000

<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Forest health management—cooperative	10,000,000
State and community fire assistance	40,745,000
Volunteer fire assistance	8,000,000
	383,008,000

Total other wildfire operations 383,008,000

The conference agreement includes \$266,238,000 for hazardous fuels treatments as proposed by the House and the Senate, an increase of \$32,758,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level. This allocation includes the Senate proposals of \$1,000,000 for the Chugach NF, AK and \$1,500,000 for the Santa Fe watershed, NM. The managers have not included a specific amount for the Lake Tahoe basin. The managers have not included a specific allocation for the Ecological Restoration Institute, AZ, but the managers understand that the Forest Service plans to work with the Institute on a variety of projects. The managers have included bill language making up to \$5,000,000 of hazardous fuels funds available for making grants to promote the economical removal of biomass from national forest lands. The managers direct the Forest Service to develop this program with the clear intent to make grants that will result in increased commercial use of biomass products, and which will thereby result in reduced overall hazardous fuels program costs. The managers further direct that a report detailing the progress of this effort shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than six months after the enactment of this Act. Bill language proposed by the House concerning hazardous fuels contracting authorities is deleted as recommended by the Senate because these authorities are contained within a Title III general provision.

The conference agreement includes \$13,000,000 for rehabilitation and restoration activities as proposed by the House. The managers direct that \$2,000,000 be made available to the native plant materials program to be used in conjunction with the similar effort at the Department of the Interior under the joint guidance of the interagency plant conservation alliance.

The conference agreement includes \$22,025,000 for research and development activities. Changes from the House proposal include increases of \$1,300,000 for the University of Montana landscape analysis center and \$200,000 for the related University of Idaho project and a \$2,475,000 general program decrease.

The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 for Federal forest health activities and \$10,000,000 for cooperative forest health activities as proposed by the House. These funds should be used for high priority work, as part of the national fire plan, to implement activities which restore forests and reduce wildfire danger to natural resources and communities.

The managers have included \$40,745,000 for State and community fire assistance. Changes from the House recommendation include increases of \$2,100,000 for the Alaska Kenai Peninsula Borough, \$1,500,000 to the Municipality of Anchorage, \$1,600,000 for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK, \$1,000,000 for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK, and \$300,000 for the Cook Inlet tribal council, AK, and a general program decrease of \$5,755,000 below the House level as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided to the Municipality of Anchorage, \$1,000,000 shall be for

the Anchorage Soil and Water District for its Firewise program, to be used solely for the removal of dead and dying trees and to the maximum extent possible, local contractors should be used. Each of the amounts in this paragraph shall be distributed in the form of an advance direct lump sum payment.

Within the funds for State fire assistance, \$200,000 should be provided to Lincoln County, NV. The volunteer fire assistance allocation is \$8,000,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The conference agreement provides \$521,952,000 for capital improvement and maintenance instead of \$522,940,000 as proposed by the House and \$516,169,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement provides for the following distribution of funds:

<i>Activity/Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Facilities:	
Maintenance	\$81,531,000
Capital Improvement	95,524,000
Congressional Priorities:	
Allegheny NF, PA	2,800,000
D. Boone NF, recreation improvements, KY	600,000
National Forests of North Carolina	2,500,000
Cherokee NF, TN	900,000
San Bernardino NF, CA	2,000,000
Tongass Admir. NM/Juneau RD admin site, AK	4,283,000
Monongahela NF facilities, WV	1,960,000
Chugach NF Valdez visitor center, AK	500,000
Smith County Lake, MS	500,000
Forest products lab durability test facility, WI	1,000,000
Ouachita NF visitor center and admin, OK	1,500,000
Mystic ranger station and research, additional funds, SD	1,200,000
Log transfer facilities R10, AK	1,500,000
Chugach NF Russian River interagency visitor center, AK	1,000,000
Chugach NF & AK railroad backcountry whistlestop, AK	1,600,000
Daniel Boone NF Fitchburg Furnace, KY	670,000
Subtotal Facilities	201,568,000
Roads:	
Maintenance	146,795,000
Capital Improvement	76,291,000
Congressional Priorities:	
Williams River & Spruce Knob roads, WV	1,500,000
Tongass NF, AK	5,000,000
Subtotal Road	229,586,000
Trails:	
Maintenance	39,013,000
Congressional Priorities:	
FL National Scenic Trail	500,000
Continental Divide Trail	500,000
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	500,000
Appalachian Trail	75,000
Nez Perce Trail	400,000
North Country Trail	75,000
Other National and Historic Trails	433,000
Capital Improvement	32,778,000
Congressional Priorities:	
FL National Scenic Trail	500,000
Continental Divide Trail	1,000,000

<i>Activity/Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Pacific Crest Trail improvements, CA OR WA	1,000,000
Subtotal Trails	<u>76,774,000</u>
Infrastructure Improvement:	
Fish Passage Barriers, R6 & R5	4,000,000
Deferred Maintenance	10,024,000
Subtotal Infrastructure Improvement	<u>14,024,000</u>
Total, Capital Improvement and Maintenance	521,952,000

The managers agree with the overall program direction for this account provided by both the House and the Senate. The funds provided for the Allegheny NF include \$230,000 for the Kiasutha campground, \$1,085,000 for Kinzua wolf run marina, \$285,000 for the Willow Creek ATV site, \$200,000 for Marienville district displays, and \$1,000,000 for the Bradford administrative site. The funds included for the Daniel Boone NF are for the London Dock boat ramp and completion of the Craigs Creek campground. The North Carolina national forests funding includes \$1,000,000 for the Santeetlah phase III project, \$500,000 for the Cradle of Forestry roof repairs, and \$1,000,000 for the Curtis Creek recreation area, Wilson Creek access project. The Cherokee NF funding includes \$400,000 for Chilhowee campground improvements, \$350,000 for the Ocoee Whitewater Center maintenance and interpretive upgrades, and \$150,000 to complete a management plan, with public involvement, for the Ocoee and Hiawassee Corridor. The funding for the San Bernardino NF is intended for the supervisor's office. The Forest Service should contract with Cook Inlet Regional Corporation, for work on the Russian river interagency center.

The managers expect that the specific allocations provided for the National scenic and historic trails will become part of the base budgets for the forests and the regions which host these important resources so that this detailed level of Committee oversight should not be required in future years. The service should continue annual displays of funding needs and accomplishments of these trails in the budget justification.

The managers note that in several cases specific congressional priority projects involve maintenance, improvement, and construction of a combination of facilities, roads, and trails. Although such congressional priorities are reflected in a single budget line item, the managers expect the agency to comply with congressional intent for completion of the entire project and authorize the agency to move funds between budget lines within the account to complete projects as intended while accurately reflecting project costs.

LAND ACQUISITION

The conference agreement provides \$61,866,000 for land acquisition instead of \$15,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$82,524,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Alabama National Forests, multiple NFs (AL)	\$1,900,000
Arapahoe NF: Arapaho, Miller Property (CO)	1,025,000
Arapahoe NF: Beaver Brook Watershed (CO)	2,000,000
Bonneville Shoreline Trail, multiple NFs (UT)	1,800,000

<i>Area (State)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Chattahoochee-Oconee NF: Georgia Mtns. Riparian Project (GA)	1,000,000
Chequamegon-Nicolet NF: Wisconsin Wild Waterways (WI)	3,200,000
Cherokee NF: Tennessee Mountains (TN)	500,000
Chippewa/Superior NF: Minnesota Wilderness (MN)	375,000
Coconino NF: Sedona/Red Rocks/Oak Creek (AZ)	1,800,000
Columbia River Gorge NSA, multiple NFs (OR/WA)	1,000,000
Custer NF: Schwend Mtn. Ranch (MT)	1,200,000
Daniel Boone NF (KY)	1,000,000
Flathead NF: Swan Valley (MT)	3,000,000
Florida NF: Florida National Scenic Trail (FL)	2,000,000
Florida NF: Suwannee Wildlife Corridor (FL)	2,000,000
Great Lakes/Great Lands, multiple NFs (MI)	1,800,000
Greater Yellowstone Area, multiple NFs (MT/ID)	3,500,000
Green Mountain NF (VT)	1,000,000
Helena & Lolo NFs: Blackfoot Challenge (MT)	10,000,000
Hoosier NF: Hoosier Unique Areas (IN)	435,000
Idaho Wild and Scenic Rivers (Indian Creek Ranch), multiple NFs (ID)	565,000
Lolo NF: Hiawatha Trail (MT)	360,000
Mark Twain NF: Ozark Mountain Streams and Rivers (MO)	500,000
Monongahela NF: Monongahela Historic Areas (WV)	270,000
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF: I-90 Corridor (WA)	3,400,000
Ouachita NF: Ozark St. Francis (AR)	1,000,000
Pacific Northwest Streams, multiple NFs (OR/WA)	1,500,000
San Bernardino NF (CA)	1,500,000
Santa Fe Protection & Watershed, multiple NFs (NM)	1,500,000
Shawnee NF: Illinois Disappearing Habitat (IL)	850,000
Sierra Nevada Inholdings, multiple NFs (CA)	1,500,000
Six Rivers NF: Goose Creek-Smith River (CA)	2,136,000
Wasatch-Cache NF: High Uintas (UT)	1,000,000
White River NF: High Elk Corridor (CO)	750,000
Use of unobligated balances	- 11,000,000
Subtotal	46,366,000
Acquisition Management	13,000,000
Critical Inholdings/Wilderness Protection	1,500,000
Land Exchange Equalization Payment	1,000,000
Total	61,866,000

The managers expect the Forest Service to ensure that acquisitions associated with the Blackfoot Challenge are consistent with Federal appraisal standards. The Forest Service should not pay more than the fair market value determined by those appraisals.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR NATIONAL FORESTS SPECIAL ACTS

The conference agreement provides \$1,069,000 for the acquisition of lands for national forests special acts as recommended by both the House and the Senate.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO COMPLETE LAND EXCHANGES

The conference agreement provides an indefinite appropriation estimated to be \$234,000 for the acquisition of lands to complete land exchanges as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

RANGE BETTERMENT FUND

The conference agreement provides an indefinite appropriation estimated to be \$3,064,000 for the range betterment fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

GIFTS, DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS FOR FOREST AND RANGELAND
RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$65,000 for gifts, donations and bequests for forest and rangeland research as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS FOR SUBSISTENCE USES

The conference agreement provides \$5,962,000 for management of national forest system lands for subsistence uses in Alaska as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, FOREST SERVICE

The managers agree to the following changes to the House recommendations:

1. The Senate language concerning abolishing or moving a regional office is included as in previous years.

2. The House and Senate bill language is deleted which prevented funds from this Act to be used for implementing section 8002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Forest Land Enhancement Program). The conference agreement cancels \$20,000,000 from this activity instead of no cancellation as proposed by the House and the Senate proposed cancellation of \$40,000,000.

3. The Senate proposed language concerning sale of facilities and use of receipts on the Green Mountain NF, VT is included although authority is provided for 2 years.

4. The Senate language is included limiting Older Americans Act staff treatment as Federal employees to December 31, 2005.

5. The Senate language is included concerning school payments for certain dependents of agency personnel in Puerto Rico.

6. The Senate proposal concerning sale of excess buildings on the Wasatch-Cache NF, UT is included but provided for two years.

7. A technical change to the aircraft authority is included which allows leasing of certain firefighting aircraft.

Funds in the budget request for the e-government initiatives "SAFECOM" and disaster management should be reprogrammed to cover fixed costs not funded in the budget.

The managers direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to continue the ongoing research on the success of the Resource Advisory Councils established under the 2000 Secure Rural Schools and Community Protection Act.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY

(DEFERRAL)

The conference agreement defers the availability of \$257,000,000 in clean coal technology funds until October 1, 2005, as proposed by the Senate instead of a deferral of \$237,000,000 as proposed by the House. The FutureGen program is not funded in this account, as proposed by the House, but is funded in the fossil energy research and development account.

The managers expect the Department to include a table on the FutureGen program, as outlined in the House Report 108–542, in future budget requests for fossil energy research and development account. The managers make no assumptions on the future use of deferred clean coal technology funds.

FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The conference agreement provides \$579,911,000 for fossil energy research and development instead of \$601,875,000 as proposed by the House and \$542,529,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

FutureGen.—There is an increase of \$18,000,000 for the FutureGen power plant initiative.

Clean Coal Power Initiative.—There is a decrease of \$55,000,000 for the clean coal power initiative. The managers note that funding will need to be increased substantially in fiscal year 2006 if the program is to remain on a schedule consistent with the President's clean coal initiative.

Innovations for Existing Plants.—There is an increase of \$1,300,000 for innovations for existing plants of which \$800,000 is for the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America for domestic fossil fuel research, including a thermoenergy integrated power system to achieve an advanced level of clean, economical power generation from coal, and other exploration and production technologies.

Advanced Systems.—There is a decrease of \$2,000,000 for gasification systems technology and an increase of \$800,000 for combustion systems to complete the Environmental Control Technology Laboratory project at Western Kentucky University, including research leading to zero emissions for combustion systems.

Fuels.—In transportation fuels and chemicals, there is an increase of \$1,000,000 in the coal to liquids program to expand small footprint plant conversion technology and an increase of \$3,000,000 in the solid fuels and feedstocks program to build on hydrogen from coal efforts with the University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center. There is also a general program decrease of \$1,500,000 for hydrogen from coal research. In advanced fuels research, there is a decrease of \$500,000 for C–1 chemistry.

Advanced Research (Coal).—In coal utilization science, there are increases of \$4,000,000 for the Center for Zero Emissions Coal Research, and \$1,000,000 for the Arctic Energy Office, which continues that program at last year's level.

Distributed Generation Systems/Fuel Cells.—In advanced research, there is an increase of \$5,000,000 for HiTEC, and a general reduction of \$3,000,000 below the House proposed level. In systems development, there is a decrease of \$2,700,000. Funding provided in systems development completes the molten carbonate fuel cell/hybrid project. In vision 21 hybrids, this will be the last year of funding for the tubular solid oxide fuel cell program. In innovative concepts, there is a \$5,000,000 increase to initiate a competitively awarded turbine hybrid integration program.

Natural Gas Exploration and Production.—In natural gas exploration and production, there are increases of \$1,500,000 for na-

tional laboratory/industry partnerships and \$4,000,000 for the Arctic Energy Office (an increase of \$1,000,000 above last year's level), and decreases of \$3,000,000 for advanced drilling completion and stimulation and \$1,000,000 for liquefied natural gas research.

Natural Gas Infrastructure.—In natural gas infrastructure, there is an increase of \$1,371,000 for delivery reliability research.

Effective Environmental Protection (Natural Gas).—In effective environmental protection, there is an increase of \$1,000,000 to continue and expand research on coal bed methane, including produced water research.

Oil Technology/Exploration and Production.—In oil technology exploration and production, there is an increase of \$1,500,000 for national laboratory/industry partnerships and a decrease of \$500,000 for reservoir efficiency. The managers note that the Arctic Energy Office is funded at last year's level of \$2,000,000.

Reservoir Life Extension.—There is a decrease of \$1,000,000 for domestic resource conservation in the reservoir life extension program.

Effective Environmental Protection (Oil).—There is a decrease of \$300,000 for environmental science in the effective environmental protection program.

Other Programs.—In cooperative research and development, there is an increase of \$1,065,000. In environmental restoration, there is a decrease of \$1,000,000.

Bill Language.—Bill language is included providing for the use of \$18,000,000 for the FutureGen program as proposed by the Senate. The House included language under the clean coal technology account.

Language also is included earmarking \$50,000,000 for the clean coal power initiative as proposed by the Senate instead of \$105,000,000 as proposed by the House. The managers note that funding for the clean coal power initiative will need to be increased substantially in fiscal year 2006 to keep this initiative on schedule.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The table required by the House (under the clean coal technology heading) detailing the history and annual budget request for FutureGen should be included in future budget requests for fossil energy research and development.

2. Within available funds, the director of the National Energy Technology Laboratory, in cooperation with the heads of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and the Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves, should evaluate the viability of developing oil shale reserves, with emphasis on available technologies, and on cost and environmental impacts, and report the findings to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than May 1, 2005.

3. Within the funds provided for sequestration research and development, the Department should consider oxygen fuel technology currently being tested by DOE's Albany Research Center.

4. Research efforts through the National Science Foundation industry-university cooperative research center for fuel cell research, SC, should be considered in the energy conservation account.

NAVAL PETROLEUM AND OIL SHALE RESERVES

The conference agreement provides \$18,000,000 for naval petroleum and oil shale reserves as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

ELK HILLS SCHOOL LANDS FUND

The conference agreement provides \$36,000,000 to become available on October 1, 2005, for the 7th payment to the Elk Hills School Lands Fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Bill Language.—Bill language is included referencing the settlement agreement of October 11, 1996, between the State of California and the Department of Energy as proposed by the House. The Senate did not reference the specific agreement.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The conference agreement provides \$649,092,000 for energy conservation instead of \$656,071,000 as proposed by the House and \$854,299,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill did not include funding for the weatherization assistance program because funding and jurisdiction for that program were transferred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies in the House of Representatives. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Vehicle Technologies.—In simulation and validation, there is a decrease of \$200,000. In advanced power electronics, there is a decrease of \$400,000. In the advanced combustion engine program, there is a decrease of \$1,000,000 for combustion and emission control, an increase of \$2,300,000 for heavy truck engine research, and an increase of \$2,000,000 for turbocharger research in the waste heat recovery program. In materials technology, there is a decrease of \$500,000 for the Vulcan Beam Line payment as part of the high temperature materials laboratory program. In fuels technology, there is a decrease of \$1,000,000 for advanced petroleum based fuels and, in the non-petroleum fuels and lubes program, there is an increase of \$2,400,000 for renewable and synthetic fuels and a decrease of \$700,000 for heavy truck research. There is also a decrease of \$1,000,000 in the environmental impacts program.

Fuel Cell Technologies.—In distributed energy systems, there is a decrease of \$500,000. In stack component research and development, there is a decrease of \$1,500,000 for catalyst-specific research and an increase of \$7,000,000 for other stack component research.

Weatherization and Intergovernmental Assistance.—There is a decrease of \$300,000 for State energy program grants. In gateway deployment, there are decreases of \$1,000,000 for Rebuild America and \$1,000,000 for building codes training and technical assistance, and an increase of \$250,000 for the energy star program.

Funding for the weatherization assistance program is addressed in a separate portion of this Act.

Distributed Energy Resources.—In distributed energy resources, there are decreases of \$500,000 for microturbines, \$200,000 for advanced materials and sensors, and \$800,000 for

thermally activated technology. In applications integration, there is a decrease of \$500,000 for fuel flexibility in distributed generation systems, with the understanding that the balance of the funding will be used for combustion work, and an increase of \$1,000,000 for the national accounts energy alliance.

Building Technologies.—In residential buildings integration, there is an increase of \$1,000,000 for the Building America program and a decrease of \$250,000 for residential building energy codes. In commercial buildings integration, there is a decrease of \$250,000 for commercial building energy codes. In emerging technologies, there is an increase of \$1,500,000 for the solid state lighting initiative and a decrease of \$400,000 for space conditioning and refrigeration, and, in the building envelope program, there is a decrease of \$400,000 for thermal insulation and building materials and an increase of \$750,000 for windows research. In equipment and analysis, there is an increase of \$750,000 for appliance standards. There is also an increase of \$500,000 for oil heat research.

Industrial Technologies.—In industries of the future (specific), decreases include \$1,700,000 for forest and paper products, \$1,000,000 for steel, \$1,000,000 for aluminum, \$52,000 for metal casting, \$700,000 for glass, \$2,800,000 for chemicals, \$700,000 for mining, and \$27,000 for supporting industries. In industries of the future (crosscutting) there is a decrease of \$550,000 for industrial assessment centers.

Biomass and Biorefinery Systems.—In biomass and biorefinery systems, there is a decrease of \$5,000,000 for gasification programs.

Federal Energy Management Program.—There is an increase of \$500,000 for the Federal Energy Management Program.

Other.—There is a decrease of \$1,000,000 for cooperative programs with States. The managers expect that management of the Rebuild America program will be assumed by the State Technologies Advancement Collaborative in fiscal year 2005 and anticipate that there will be synergies between these programs.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement earmarks \$44,798,000 for State energy conservation grants instead of \$45,098,000 as proposed by the House and \$43,798,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following:

1. Within the funds provided for fuel cell technology, the Department should consider expanding the Porvair project.

2. The managers are aware of positive test results, provided to the Department, on a non-precious metal, tungsten oxide, PEM fuel cell, cathode catalyst. These results are promising from the standpoints of performance and non-degradation. The Department is strongly encouraged to fund further characterization and optimization of this cathode catalyst.

3. In distributed energy resources, the funding provided for thermally activated technology is to complete the existing residential generator absorber heat exchanger heat pump program.

4. The Rebuild America program is to be managed by the State Technologies Advancement Collaborative. The Department should move quickly to facilitate the transfer of administrative management for this program to STAC. The managers are pleased with

STAC's management of the cooperative programs with the States and believe that the Rebuild America program will benefit from STAC management. The Department should examine other programs for potential STAC involvement in fiscal year 2005.

5. The new solicitation for off-highway research is not meant to eliminate funding for cooperative research and development agreements. The Department should consult with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the appropriate distribution of funds between the new solicitation and CRADAs.

6. Within the funds provided for materials technology in the vehicle technologies program, research should be continued and expanded on thermoplastic composite materials and manufacturing infrastructure.

7. In the industrial materials for the future program, \$1,000,000 should continue to be provided to the Metals Processing Laboratory Users Facility.

8. The managers understand that the Department will soon issue an Exceptional Circumstances Determination with regard to solid state lighting core technology research, with the purpose of facilitating favorable access to the resulting intellectual property by members of the Next Generation Lighting Industry Alliance. This access is in exchange for the active work for the Alliance in using its experience and expertise to bring a manufacturing and commercial focus to the solid state lighting project portfolio, as stipulated in the competitive solicitation by which the Alliance was selected. The managers support this arrangement and believe it will facilitate the deployment of solid state lighting technologies and accelerate reductions in electrical energy consumption.

9. The managers support the reprogramming of necessary funds to support program administration costs at the National Energy Technology Laboratory. The Committees approved a reprogramming for this purpose in 2004 and realize that further internal reprogrammings will be necessary in 2005. The Committees expect the Department to realign its budget to reflect the appropriate levels of funding for this purpose in the 2005 funding column of the fiscal year 2006 budget request. The Department should consult with the Committees prior to the budget submission.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

The conference agreement provides \$172,100,000 for the strategic petroleum reserve as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NORTHEAST HOME HEATING OIL RESERVE

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for the northeast home heating oil reserve as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$85,000,000 for the energy information administration as proposed by the House instead of \$84,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The conference agreement retains the House bill language dealing with the use of receipts by the Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

The conference agreement provides \$2,633,072,000 for Indian health services instead of \$2,628,322,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,633,624,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

Hospital and Health Clinic Programs.—In hospital and clinic programs, there is a decrease of \$3,750,000 for the Indian health care improvement fund and an increase of \$500,000 for staffing at the King Cove, AK, clinic.

Contract Health Care.—There is an increase of \$8,000,000 for contract health care.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement earmarks \$487,085,000 for contract health care instead of \$479,085,000 as proposed by the House and \$491,085,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement modifies language, proposed by the Senate, earmarking funds for alcohol control, enforcement, prevention, treatment, sobriety and wellness, and education programs in Alaska. The modification provides \$15,000,000 for these programs instead of \$16,000,000 and permits the use of 15 percent of funds for administrative overhead instead of 10 percent. The House had no similar provision. The distribution of funds proposed by the Senate is modified to provide \$8,000,000 to Alaska Native regional organizations, with \$2,000,000 (rather than \$3,000,000) to be divided among the remaining organizations as specified in item (5) in the Senate report. Item (a) in the Senate report is revised as follows: (a) \$2,000,000 shall be provided as a direct lump sum payment to the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety to distribute on a timely basis to Alaska Native non-profit corporations to operate the Village Public Safety Officer Program.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The Service should reprogram the increases provided for pay cost increases so that there is an equitable distribution across all Federal and tribal programs.

2. The Recruitment of American Indians into Nursing program at the University of North Dakota is funded at last year's level, which includes the \$95,000 provided in fiscal year 2003.

3. The Service should provide a report on the use of funds to date for the special alcohol and substance control, enforcement, prevention, treatment, sobriety and wellness, and education programs in Alaska. The report should be provided no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act. This progress report was due to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on January 15, 2004, and the managers find the Service's lack of response totally unacceptable.

4. The Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network is funded at last year's level.

INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

The conference agreement provides \$394,048,000 for Indian health facilities instead of \$405,048,000 as proposed by the House and \$364,148,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Barrow Hospital, AK	\$3,000,000
Clinton, OK clinic	19,300,000
Eagle Butte, SD clinic	5,000,000
Fort Belknap, MT staff quarters	5,000,000
Joint Ventures (using existing list)	4,800,000
Mobile dental units	1,000,000
New health clinic planning and design	1,000,000
Phoenix Indian Medical Center, AZ	4,000,000
Red Mesa, AZ health center	19,382,000
Sisseton, SD health center	17,300,000
Small ambulatory facilities	5,000,000
Wagner, SD staff quarters	2,538,000
Zuni, NM staff quarters	2,525,000
Subtotal	89,845,000
Other:	
Maintenance and improvement	49,897,000
Sanitation facilities	93,158,000
Facilities and environmental health support	143,567,000
Equipment	17,581,000
Total	394,048,000

Bill Language.—The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate permitting the use of funds for the purchase of land for replacement of the health care facility in Barrow, Alaska. The House had no similar provision.

The conference agreement modifies language proposed by the House permitting the use of funds to purchase land for the northern and southern California youth regional treatment centers for alcohol and substance abuse. The modification specifies that such land should be purchased using prior year unobligated funds. The Senate had no similar provision.

Bill language, proposed by the Senate, authorizing the construction of a replacement health care facility in Nome, Alaska is not included but the managers note that this project should be considered in future budget requests.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The funds provided for the Barrow, AK hospital are for land acquisition and planning. The total estimated cost of the facility is \$125 million.

2. The Service should finalize the site selections for the northern and southern California youth regional treatment centers for alcohol and substance abuse and, after the sites are selected, include funds in the budget request for construction of these facilities.

3. The funds included for the Eagle Butte, SD, clinic are for site preparation.

4. The total estimated cost of the Fort Belknap, MT, staff quarters project is \$8,300,000. The \$5,000,000 provided for fiscal year 2005 should be used to construct staff quarters in Harlem, MT. Funding for staff quarters in Hayes, MT, should be included in the fiscal year 2006 budget request.

5. Funds for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, AZ, are for the design of a southwest clinic and a southeast clinic.

6. The funds for new health clinic planning and design are to initiate design of the San Carlos, AZ, clinic and the Kayenta, AZ, clinic. The Service recently approved the program justification documents for these two facilities.

7. The Service should move quickly to issue a new solicitation for small ambulatory care facilities. There should be a 30-day tribal comment period prior to issuance of the final solicitation.

8. The Service has informed the Committees that the funds provided for the Sisseton, SD, clinic should be sufficient to complete this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

The conference agreement continues language, included in the fiscal year 2004 appropriation, as proposed by the House, prohibiting the imposition of certain staffing restrictions on the Indian Health Service.

The conference agreement modifies language proposed by the House, permitting the use of third party collections for the purchase of land for expansion of the IHS hospital in Tahlequah, OK subject to advance approval by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The modification retains the original text and adds language authorizing permanent service unit status for the Tulsa and Oklahoma City pilot health programs.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation as proposed by the Senate instead of \$11,000,000 as proposed by the House. The managers understand that there are large carryover balances in this program that can be used to continue the program in fiscal year 2005.

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

PAYMENT TO THE INSTITUTE

The conference agreement provides \$6,000,000 for payment to the institute as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Bill Language.—The conference agreement retains Senate language that allows up to \$1,000,000 of the funding to be used for the institute's learning center.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$495,925,000 for salaries and expenses of the Smithsonian Institution instead of \$496,925,000 as proposed by the House and \$490,125,000 as pro-

posed by the Senate. The change to the House level is the result of a reduction to the proposed increase of \$1,000,000 for program support and major scientific instrumentation.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

The conference agreement provides \$127,900,000 for facilities capital instead of \$122,900,000 as proposed by the House and \$136,900,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change to the House level is the result of an increase of \$5,000,000 for revitalization work at the National Zoological Park. The managers understand that most, if not all, of these funds will be used for the Asia Trail exhibit. Language included in the House bill allowing for the transfer of funds from the former construction and repair, restoration and alteration of facilities accounts to the facilities capital account has been removed in the assumption that all such transfers have been made and the language is no longer necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The conference agreement continues the administrative provisions included in the House bill that place restrictions on the use of funds for (1) the design of new or expanded facilities; (2) Holt House; (3) the purchase of buildings; and (4) compliance with reprogramming procedures. The House provision regarding changes to the Smithsonian's science programs has been amended by omitting reference to the Science Commission's recommendations, which were approved by the Board of Regents, and including a requirement of advance approval from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations in agreement with current reprogramming guidelines.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$93,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Gallery of Art as proposed by the House instead of \$92,119,000 as proposed by the Senate.

REPAIR, RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS

The conference agreement provides \$11,100,000 for repair, restoration and renovation of buildings as proposed by the House instead of \$11,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The conference agreement provides \$17,152,000 for operations and maintenance of the Kennedy Center as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Based on recent recommendations from the General Accounting Office, the managers direct the Kennedy Center to annually update the comprehensive building plan as required by the John F. Kennedy Center Act Amendments of 1994 and include the prioritization of projects, individual project status, and detailed

budget information for both planned and ongoing projects. The plan has not been updated since 2002.

The requirement to develop and annually update a comprehensive building plan was intended to help improve management of the Kennedy Center's capital projects, help reduce the public costs of operating and maintaining the facility, and ensure accountability for the cost and schedule of the projects.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$16,334,000 for construction as proposed by the Senate instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$8,987,000 for salaries and expenses of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$122,972,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment for the Arts instead of \$130,972,000 as proposed by the House and \$120,972,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement provides \$2,000,000 for the new American Masterpieces initiative.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$123,877,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment for the Humanities, instead of \$125,877,000 as proposed by the House and \$119,386,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change to the House recommended level is a decrease of \$2,000,000 to the We the People initiative. When combined with amounts provided within the Matching Grants account that follows, the total recommended funding level for the NEH for fiscal year 2005 is \$139,999,000, an increase of \$4,689,000 above the current year enacted level.

MATCHING GRANTS

The conference agreement provides \$16,122,000 for matching grants as proposed by the House instead of \$15,924,000 as proposed by the Senate.

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$1,793,000 for salaries and expenses of the Commission of Fine Arts as proposed by the House and the Senate.

NATIONAL CAPITAL ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The conference agreement provides \$7,000,000 for national capital arts and cultural affairs as proposed by the House instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$4,600,000 for salaries and expenses of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$8,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Capital Planning Commission as proposed by the Senate instead of \$7,999,000 as proposed by the House.

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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The conference agreement provides \$41,433,000 for the Holocaust Memorial Museum as proposed by the House and the Senate.

PRESIDIO TRUST

PRESIDIO TRUST FUND

The conference agreement provides \$20,000,000 for the Presidio Trust Fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The conference agreement retains identical provisions in sections 301–309 of both the House and Senate bills.

Sec. 310. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 310 of the Senate bill providing one-year authority, as in past years, for the collection and use of private funds by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The House had a similar provision in section 310 of the House bill but it extended through 2009.

Sec. 311. The conference agreement retains the one-year authority, similar to previous years, proposed in section 311 of the Senate bill directing the National Endowment for the Arts on funding distribution. The House had a similar provision in section 311 of the House bill but it extended through 2009.

The conference agreement retains identical provisions in sections 312–316 of both the House and Senate bills.

Sec. 317. The conference agreement continues the provision in section 317 of the Senate bill addressing timber sales involving Alaska western red cedar for one year as was done previously. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 318. The conference agreement modifies language proposed in section 317 of the House bill and in section 332 of the Senate bill concerning the Forest Service reforestation fund. The conference agreement does not contain bill language stating that the four purposes of the reforestation fund are of equal priority but the Forest Service should not give overall priority to one particular purpose over the others. The managers note that the Knutson-Vandenberg Act was amended in 1976 to allow the use of timber purchaser funds for: (1) planting trees, (2) sowing with tree seeds, (3) cutting or removing undesirable trees or other growth to improve future timber growth, and (4) protecting and improving the future productivity of the renewable resources of the forest land, including sale area improvement operations maintenance and construction, reforestation, and wildlife habitat management. The managers stress that, in selecting activities to be funded using the KV fund, the Secretary shall give, to the maximum extent practicable, equal importance to all four of these purposes. The Forest Service should not withhold funding for one or another of these purposes, but rather, decisions should be made forest by forest and project by project as to what are the most important conservation efforts.

Sec. 319. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 318 of the House bill continuing a provision prohibiting the Forest Service from using projects under the recreation fee demonstration program to supplant existing concessions. The Senate had an identical provision in section 318 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 320. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 319 of the Senate bill, as was in previous Acts, regarding the Forest Service land management planning revision requirements. The House had a similar provision in section 319 of the House bill.

Sec. 321. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 320 of the House bill continuing a provision limiting preleasing, leasing, and related activities within the boundaries of national monuments. The Senate had an identical provision in section 320 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 322. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 321 of the Senate bill extending the Forest Service Conveyances Pilot Program for two more years. The House had a similar provision in section 321 of the House bill. The managers are pleased with the operation of this program by the Forest Service and request that its management continue as in the past.

Sec. 323. The conference agreement replaces a provision in sections 322 of both the House and Senate bills. The new provision makes a technical correction to the Harriet Tubman Special Resource Study Act.

Sec. 324. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 323 of the House bill continuing a provision providing the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture the author-

ity to enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign nations concerning the personal liability of firefighters. The Senate had an identical provision in section 323 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 325. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 324 of the House bill allowing the Eagle Butte Service Unit of the Indian Health Service to utilize health care funding in a more efficient manner. The Senate had an identical provision in section 324 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 326. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 325 of the House bill continuing a provision prohibiting the transfer of funds to other agencies other than as provided in this Act. The Senate had an identical provision in section 325 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 327. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 326 of the House bill carried in previous years limiting funds for oil or gas leasing or permitting on the Finger Lakes National Forest, NY. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 328. The conference agreement retains the language proposed in section 326 of the Senate bill allowing the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to consider local contractors when awarding contracts for certain activities on public lands. The House had a similar provision in section 328 of the House bill.

Sec. 329. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 329 of the House bill continuing a provision which limits the use of funds for filing declarations of taking or condemnations. This provision does not apply to the Everglades National Park Protection and Environmental Act. The Senate had an identical provision in section 327 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 330. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 328 of the Senate bill concerning judicial review of timber sales in Region 10 of the Forest Service; this authority is provided for one year. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 331. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 330 of the House bill restricting the Forest Service use of the Recreation Fee Demonstration program to certain developed sites. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 332. The conference agreement modifies the language proposed in section 331 of the House bill providing guidance on competitive sourcing activities and clarifying annual reporting requirements to specify the reporting of the full costs associated with sourcing studies and related activities. The Senate had a similar provision in section 329 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 333. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 332 of the House bill requiring overhead charges, deductions, reserves or holdbacks to be presented in annual budget justifications, with changes presented to the Appropriations Committees for approval. The Senate had an identical provision in section 330 of the Senate bill.

Sec. 334. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 331 of the Senate bill prohibiting the transfer of funds for SAFECOM and Disaster Management projects. The House had a more restrictive provision in section 333 of the House bill.

Sec. 335. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 334 of the House bill, with a minor technical modification, au-

thorizing the conveyance of land within the San Bernardino National Forest, CA. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 336. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 335 of the House bill encouraging cooperative hazardous fuels projects with the State of Colorado and the Forest Service, and extending this authority to the Bureau of Land Management. The Senate had no similar provision.

Sec. 337. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 333 of the Senate bill allowing the State of Utah, through contracts or cooperative agreements with the Forest Service, to perform certain activities on Forest Service lands. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 338. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 335 of the Senate bill requiring that contact centers associated with the national recreation reservation service be located within the United States. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 339. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 339 of the Senate bill allowing categorical exclusions for certain Forest Service grazing allotments. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 340. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 340 of the Senate bill amending Public Law 90-542 regarding certain hunting camps on the Salmon River. The House had no similar provision. The managers note that this provision establishes use and occupancy as of June 6, 2003, for three special use permits. The purpose of this language is to clarify the legislative intent of the Central Idaho Wilderness Act and the inclusion of the three hunting camps as an existing use. The managers understand that all future modifications to these camps will be such that the camps retain their basic characteristics and the modifications do not substantially alter the existing scope of use.

Sec. 341. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 341 of the Senate bill allowing the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition to enter into agreements with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 342. The conference agreement retains a provision in section 342 of the Senate bill conveying certain lands in the Tongass National Forest to the Community of Elfin Cove, Alaska. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 343. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 343 of the Senate bill providing a three-year (versus a permanent) extension of a prohibition on Alaska Native villages assuming administration of health services contracts, and clarifying that Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc. be considered an Alaska Native regional health entity for purposes of disbursement of funds. The House had no similar provision.

Sec. 344. The conference agreement modifies a provision in section 344 of the Senate bill providing for the use of previously appropriated funds for the acquisition of lands for the construction of the Seward, Alaska Interagency Center.

Sec. 345. The conference agreement includes a new provision to extend the Forest Service rights-of-way cost recovery authority originally provided in fiscal year 2000.

Sec. 346. The conference agreement includes a new provision to provide for the conveyance of the Sandpoint Federal Building and associated land in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Sec. 347. The conference agreement includes a new provision authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a national forest land exchange in the State of Florida.

Sec. 348. The conference agreement includes a new provision designating the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 349. The conference agreement includes a new provision to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana.

Sec. 350. The conference agreement includes a new provision for a \$5,000,000 grant to Kendall County, Illinois.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 327 of the House bill limiting the use of funds for the planning, design, or construction of improvements to Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 334 of the Senate bill exempting certain local residents from paying fees under the Recreation Fee Demonstration program on the White Mountain National Forest.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 336 of the Senate bill amending the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to allow for fishery management and enhancement projects in additional wilderness areas in Alaska.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 337 of the Senate bill allowing Alaska residents with subsistence rights who are aged, infirm, or disabled to designate another individual to engage in subsistence activities for them and to reimburse such designated person.

The conference agreement does not include a provision on Missouri River water levels proposed by the Senate in section 338 of the Senate bill.

TITLE IV—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR URGENT WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement includes supplemental appropriations for the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service that provide an additional \$500,000,000 in wildland fire suppression funds. This includes \$100,000,000 for the Department of the Interior and \$400,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture.

The conference agreement does not include the provisions included in Title IV, Chapter 1 of the House bill that provided supplemental appropriations for the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service in fiscal year 2004. These funds were included in the fiscal year 2005 Department of Defense appropriation passed earlier this year (P. L. 108–287, Title X, Chapter 3).

The purpose of this account is to provide funds so firefighting can continue during a severe fire season without the need to borrow from other land management accounts to pay for wildfire suppression. The conference agreement still contains authority for each

Secretary, as appropriate, to utilize funds from other accounts under their jurisdiction, if all firefighting funds are exhausted.

The conference agreement retains language from the Senate bill providing that these funds will become available only if the funds provided in Titles I and II of this Act will be exhausted imminently and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Budget are notified. The managers understand that the urgent wildland fire suppression funding is only available because the conference agreement provides the full 10-year average cost of fire suppression in Titles I and II.

The conference agreement modifies language contained in the House bill that allows funds in this title to be transferred to other Interior and Forest Service accounts, as appropriate, to repay amounts that have been borrowed during wildland fire suppression crises.

The managers are very concerned about the high cost of fire suppression and have included a number of cost containment measures in this Act. The conference agreement modifies language included in the House bill that directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report that outlines the specific cost containment measures that are being implemented to contain wildland fire suppression costs. The managers expect to receive a single, joint report from both Secretaries.

The conference agreement allows unused funds from each Department's fiscal year 2004 wildland fire management appropriation to be used in subsequent years for future urgent wildfire suppression activities.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides an additional amount of \$100,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management, for urgent wildfire suppression activities as described above.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement includes an additional amount of \$400,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management, for urgent wildfire suppression activities as described above.

The conference agreement includes language contained in the Senate bill that establishes an independent cost-control review panel for individual wildfire incidents exceeding \$10,000,000 in suppression costs. The conference agreement modifies language contained in the Senate bill that directed the transfer of funds from unobligated balances in the wildland fire management account to the U.S. Treasury if the independent cost-control review panel finds that appropriate actions were not taken to control suppression costs.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 401 of the House bill prohibiting the use of recreational fee funds for biological monitoring of species listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Department of the Interior has assured the managers that this practice will not be pursued.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 402 of the House bill prohibiting the use of funds for the planning, design, study, or construction of forest development roads in the Tongass National Forest for the purpose of private harvest.

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed in section 403 of the House bill directing the Department of the Interior to submit a report on public access to the Statue of Liberty.

TITLE V—ACROSS-THE-BOARD RESCISSIONS

Sec. 501. The conference agreement includes an across the board reduction of 0.594 percent. This reduction should be applied to each program, project, and activity, except for Miscellaneous Payments to Indians, which has a different application of the rescission as specified in the statutory language.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR				
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT				
Management of Lands and Resources				
Land Resources				
Soil, water and air management.....	36,038	34,238	35,238	-800
Range management.....	72,459	68,204	70,204	-2,255
Forestry management.....	8,093	9,025	9,025	+932
Riparian management.....	22,015	21,540	21,540	-475
Cultural resources management.....	15,479	15,142	15,142	-337
Wild horse and burro management.....	29,051	39,612	39,612	+10,561
Subtotal, Land Resources.....	183,135	187,761	190,761	+7,626
Wildlife and Fisheries				
Wildlife management.....	22,387	25,428	25,428	+3,041
Fisheries management.....	11,711	12,456	12,056	+345
Subtotal, Wildlife and Fisheries.....	34,098	37,884	37,484	+3,386
Threatened and endangered species.....	21,940	21,452	21,452	-488
Recreation Management				
Wilderness management.....	17,673	16,677	16,677	-996
Recreation resources management.....	44,603	43,209	44,809	+206
Subtotal, Recreation Management.....	62,276	59,886	61,486	-790
Energy and Minerals				
Oil and gas.....	88,195	85,625	88,625	+430
Coal management.....	9,380	8,944	9,444	+54
Other mineral resources.....	10,294	9,854	10,104	-190
Subtotal, Energy and Minerals.....	107,879	104,423	108,173	+294
Alaska minerals.....	2,453	2,232	4,000	+1,547
Realty and Ownership Management				
Alaska conveyance.....	41,920	33,068	42,568	+648
Cadastral survey.....	16,691	13,768	15,818	-873
Land and realty management.....	34,635	35,563	35,563	+928
Subtotal, Realty and Ownership Management.....	93,246	82,399	93,949	+703
Resource Protection and Maintenance				
Resource management planning.....	48,510	50,056	49,556	+1,046
Resource protection and law enforcement.....	16,283	15,042	17,042	+759
Hazardous materials management.....	16,497	16,080	16,080	-417
Subtotal, Resource Protection and Maintenance.....	81,290	81,178	82,678	+1,388
Transportation and Facilities Maintenance				
Operations.....	6,311	5,151	6,151	-160
Annual maintenance.....	31,846	31,045	31,045	-801
Deferred maintenance.....	12,349	11,036	41,772	+29,423
Infrastructure improvement.....	31,027	28,236	---	-31,027
Subtotal, Transportation/Facilities Maintenance.....	81,533	76,468	78,968	-2,565
Land and resources information systems.....	18,757	18,317	18,317	-440
Mining Law Administration				
Administration.....	32,485	32,696	32,696	+211
Offsetting fees.....	-32,485	-32,696	-32,696	-211
Subtotal, Mining Law Administration.....	---	---	---	---
Workforce and Organizational Support				
Information systems operations.....	18,531	19,928	19,928	+1,397
Administrative support.....	49,203	50,878	50,878	+1,675
Bureauwide fixed costs.....	69,331	73,656	73,365	+4,034
Subtotal, Workforce and Organizational Support.....	137,065	144,462	144,171	+7,106
Challenge cost share.....	18,176	21,000	7,500	-8,676
Total, Management of Lands and Resources.....	839,848	837,462	848,939	+9,091

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Wildland Fire Management				
Preparedness.....	274,303	283,018	262,644	-11,659
Fire suppression operations.....	192,903	221,523	221,523	+28,620
Borrowing repayment (emergency appropriations).....	98,416	---	---	-98,416
Supplemental appropriations (P.L. 108-287).....	100,000	---	---	-100,000
Subtotal, Fire suppression operations.....	391,319	221,523	221,523	-169,796
Other operations				
Hazardous fuels reduction.....	183,896	209,282	204,282	+20,386
Burned area rehabilitation.....	24,198	24,276	24,276	+78
State and local fire assistance.....	9,877	5,000	10,000	+123
Fire facilities.....	---	---	12,374	+12,374
Joint fire science.....	---	---	8,000	+8,000
Subtotal, Other operations.....	217,971	238,558	258,932	+40,961
Total, Wildland Fire Management.....	883,593	743,099	743,099	-140,494
Central Hazardous Materials Fund				
Bureau of Land Management.....	9,856	9,855	9,855	-1
Construction				
Construction.....	13,804	6,476	11,500	-2,304
Land Acquisition				
Land Acquisition				
Acquisitions.....	13,432	19,000	6,850	-6,582
Emergencies and hardships.....	988	1,500	1,500	+512
Acquisition management.....	3,456	3,000	3,000	-456
Land exchange equalization payment.....	494	500	---	-494
Total, Land Acquisition.....	18,370	24,000	11,350	-7,020
Oregon and California Grant Lands				
Western Oregon resources management.....	86,376	97,059	90,058	+3,682
Western Oregon information and resource data systems.....	2,175	2,181	2,181	+6
Western Oregon transportation & facilities maintenance.....	10,777	10,782	10,782	+5
Western Oregon construction and acquisition.....	293	295	295	+2
Jobs in the woods.....	5,736	5,741	5,741	+5
Total, Oregon and California Grant Lands.....	105,357	116,058	109,057	+3,700
Range Improvements				
Improvements to public lands.....	7,873	7,873	7,873	---
Farm Tenant Act lands.....	1,527	1,527	1,527	---
Administrative expenses.....	600	600	600	---
Total, Range Improvements.....	10,000	10,000	10,000	---
Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures				
Rights-of-way processing.....	9,500	14,500	14,500	+5,000
Adopt-a-horse program.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	---
Repair of damaged lands.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	---
Cost recoverable realty cases.....	515	515	515	---
Timber purchaser expenses.....	50	50	50	---
Copy fees.....	3,200	3,200	3,200	---
Subtotal (gross).....	19,490	24,490	24,490	+5,000
Offsetting fees.....	-19,490	-24,490	-24,490	-5,000
Total, Service Charges, Deposits & Forfeitures.....	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous Trust Funds				
Current appropriations.....	12,405	12,405	12,405	---
TOTAL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.....	1,893,233	1,759,355	1,756,205	-137,028

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs Enacted
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE				
Resource Management				
Ecological Services				
Endangered species				
Candidate conservation.....	9,808	8,610	9,520	-288
Listing.....	12,135	17,226	15,500	+3,365
Consultation.....	47,146	45,450	46,450	-896
Recovery.....	67,907	58,154	69,154	+1,247
Subtotal, Endangered species.....	136,996	129,440	140,624	+3,628
Habitat conservation.....	87,322	96,843	94,780	+7,458
Environmental contaminants.....	10,672	10,740	10,740	+68
Subtotal, Ecological Services.....	234,990	237,023	246,144	+11,154
Refuges and Wildlife				
Refuge operations and maintenance.....	391,493	387,657	390,427	-1,066
Migratory bird management.....	32,096	36,668	35,668	+3,572
Law enforcement operations.....	53,898	51,345	53,260	-436
Subtotal, Refuges and Wildlife.....	477,285	475,670	479,355	+2,070
Fisheries				
Hatchery operations and maintenance.....	57,992	57,004	59,504	+1,512
Fish and wildlife management.....	56,330	46,794	56,684	-354
Operational shortfall.....	---	---	885	+885
Subtotal, Fisheries.....	114,322	103,798	117,073	+2,751
General Administration				
Science excellence initiative.....	---	2,000	---	---
Central office administration.....	17,062	18,128	18,128	+1,066
Regional office administration.....	23,494	23,164	23,164	-330
Service-wide administrative support.....	56,998	58,942	58,942	+1,944
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.....	7,575	7,870	7,870	+295
National Conservation Training Center.....	16,285	15,968	17,105	+820
International affairs.....	8,077	8,624	9,024	+947
Caddo Lake Ramsar Center.....	395	---	400	+5
Subtotal, General Administration.....	129,886	134,496	134,633	+4,747
Total, Resource Management.....	956,483	950,987	977,205	+20,722
Construction				
Construction and rehabilitation				
Line item construction.....	48,627	11,093	42,382	-6,245
Nationwide engineering services.....	11,181	11,018	11,018	-163
Total, Construction.....	59,808	22,111	53,400	-6,408
Land Acquisition				
Fish and Wildlife Service				
Acquisitions - Federal refuge lands.....	29,700	29,176	22,911	-6,789
Inholdings.....	1,481	2,500	1,500	+19
Emergencies and hardships.....	988	2,000	1,000	+12
Exchanges.....	494	1,000	1,750	+1,256
Acquisition management.....	8,395	8,365	8,365	-30
Cost allocation methodology.....	2,033	2,000	2,000	-33
Total, Land Acquisition.....	43,091	45,041	37,526	-5,565
Landowner Incentive Program				
Grants to States.....	29,630	50,000	22,000	-7,630
Private Stewardship Grants Program				
Stewardship grants.....	7,408	10,000	7,000	-408
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund				
Grants to States.....	29,659	37,415	29,659	---
MCP land acquisition.....	49,384	50,000	49,384	---

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Administration.....	2,553	2,585	2,553	---
Total, Cooperative Endangered Species Fund.....	81,596	90,000	81,596	---
National Wildlife Refuge Fund				
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	14,237	14,414	14,414	+177
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund				
Wetlands conservation.....	36,030	51,840	36,480	+450
Administration.....	1,501	2,160	1,520	+19
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.....	37,531	54,000	38,000	+469
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund				
Migratory bird grants.....	3,951	---	4,000	+49
Multinational Species Conservation Fund				
African elephant conservation.....	1,383	1,350	1,400	+17
Rhinoceros and tiger conservation.....	1,383	1,450	1,500	+117
Asian elephant conservation.....	1,383	1,350	1,400	+17
Great ape conservation.....	1,383	1,350	1,400	+17
Marine turtles.....	---	---	100	+100
Neotropical migratory bird conservation.....	---	4,000	---	---
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund.....	5,532	9,500	5,800	+288
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants				
State and tribal wildlife grants.....	89,138	80,000	70,000	+862
TOTAL, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.....	1,308,405	1,326,053	1,310,941	+2,536
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE				
Operation of the National Park System				
Park Management				
Resource stewardship.....	335,306	343,467	342,967	+7,661
Visitor services.....	319,763	330,256	326,856	+7,093
Maintenance.....	559,211	586,093	573,178	+13,967
Park support.....	282,329	300,570	285,946	+3,617
Additional park base increase.....	---	---	52,654	+52,654
Subtotal, Park Management.....	1,496,609	1,560,386	1,581,601	+84,992
External administrative costs.....	112,951	125,681	125,681	+12,730
Total, Operation of the National Park System.....	1,609,560	1,686,067	1,707,282	+97,722
United States Park Police				
Park Police.....	77,888	81,204	81,204	+3,316
National Recreation and Preservation				
Recreation programs.....	548	551	551	+3
Natural programs.....	10,875	10,966	11,018	+143
Cultural programs.....	19,690	19,814	20,214	+524
International park affairs.....	1,605	1,616	1,616	+11
Environmental and compliance review.....	396	397	397	+1
Grant administration.....	1,576	1,892	1,892	+316
Heritage Partnership Programs				
Commissions and grants.....	14,152	2,378	14,163	+11
Newly authorized areas.....	---	---	500	+500
Administrative support.....	122	122	122	---
Subtotal, Heritage Partnership Programs.....	14,274	2,500	14,785	+511
Statutory or Contractual Aid				
Alaska National Parks.....	---	---	750	+750
Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission.....	198	---	250	+62
Black Jack Battlefield trust.....	---	---	89	+89
Blue Ridge Parkway (Folk Art Center).....	741	---	---	-741

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Brown Foundation.....	198	---	250	+52
Chesapeake Bay Gateway.....	2,469	---	2,500	+31
Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission.....	85	---	---	-85
Flight 93 Memorial (Somerset).....	294	---	250	-44
French and Indian War (PA).....	494	---	---	-494
George Washington Memorial Bridge (Gravelly Point).....	---	---	100	+100
Ft. Mandan, Ft. Lincoln, & Northern Plains Foundation.....	---	---	625	+625
Harry S. Truman Statue.....	50	---	---	-50
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve.....	796	---	796	---
Jamestown 2007.....	197	---	400	+203
Johnstown Area Heritage Association.....	49	---	49	---
Keweenaw NHP (Main Street).....	---	---	900	+900
Lake Roosevelt Forum.....	50	---	---	-50
Lamprey River.....	988	---	900	-88
Lower Eastside Tenement Museum.....	---	---	250	+250
Mandan Interpretive Center and Lodge project.....	494	---	---	-494
Marlin Luther King, Jr. Center.....	522	---	---	-522
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.....	---	---	750	+750
Nt. Ranier National Park (study).....	---	---	700	+700
Natchez NHP (Forks of the Road).....	---	---	150	+150
Native Hawaiian culture and arts program.....	731	---	750	+19
New Orleans Jazz Commission.....	66	---	---	-66
Oklahoma City Memorial.....	1,581	---	---	-1,581
Office of Arctic Studies.....	1,481	---	---	-1,481
Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission.....	837	---	---	-837
Sewall-Belmont House.....	---	---	400	+400
Sleeping Rainbow Ranch, Capitol Reef NP.....	491	---	600	+109
Subtotal, Statutory or Contractual Aid.....	12,812	---	11,359	-1,453
Total, National Recreation and Preservation.....	61,776	37,736	61,832	+56
Urban Park and Recreation Fund				
Urban park grants.....	301	---	---	-301
Historic Preservation Fund				
State historic preservation offices.....	34,569	34,570	36,000	+1,431
Tribal grants.....	2,963	2,963	3,250	+287
Save America's Treasures.....	32,594	30,000	30,000	-2,594
Preserve America.....	---	10,000	---	-10,000
National trust (endowment).....	494	---	---	-494
HBCUs.....	2,963	---	3,500	+537
Total, Historic Preservation Fund.....	73,589	77,533	72,750	-833
Construction				
Emergency and unscheduled.....	5,432	4,000	4,000	-1,432
Housing.....	7,901	8,000	8,000	+99
Equipment replacement.....	35,023	39,100	38,344	+3,321
Planning, construction.....	24,179	21,220	21,220	-2,959
General management plans.....	13,254	13,313	13,313	+59
Line item construction and maintenance.....	214,295	214,183	192,421	-21,874
Construction program management.....	27,128	27,364	27,364	+236
Dam safety.....	2,667	2,700	2,700	+33
Total, Construction.....	329,879	329,880	307,362	-22,517
Land and Water Conservation Fund				
(Rescission of contract authority).....	-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	---
Land Acquisition and State Assistance				
Assistance to States				
State conservation grants.....	91,360	91,360	91,000	-360
Administrative expenses.....	2,469	2,469	1,500	-969
Total, Assistance to States.....	93,829	93,829	92,500	-1,329
National Park Service				
Acquisitions.....	27,445	65,784	40,400	+12,955
Emergencies and hardships.....	1,975	4,000	2,500	+525
Acquisition management.....	10,370	10,511	10,511	+141

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Inholdings.....	1,975	4,000	2,500	+525
Total, National Park Service.....	41,765	84,295	55,911	+14,146
Total, Land Acquisition and State Assistance.....	135,594	178,124	148,411	+12,817
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.....	2,258,581	2,360,544	2,348,841	+90,260
Appropriations.....	(2,288,581)	(2,390,544)	(2,378,841)	(+90,260)
Rescission.....	(-30,000)	(-30,000)	(-30,000)	---
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY				
Surveys, Investigations, and Research				
Mapping, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Investigations				
Cooperative topographic mapping.....	80,843	71,048	72,399	-8,444
Land remote sensing.....	33,678	33,132	33,191	-487
Geographic analysis and monitoring.....	15,238	14,761	14,834	-404
Subtotal, National Mapping Program.....	129,759	118,941	120,424	-9,335
Geologic Hazards, Resource and Processes				
Geologic hazards assessments.....	75,283	73,007	77,052	+1,769
Geologic landscape and coastal assessments.....	78,351	75,230	77,331	-1,020
Geologic resource assessments.....	80,549	72,517	78,121	-2,428
Subtotal, Geologic Hazards, Resource & Processes	234,183	220,754	232,504	-1,679
Water Resources Investigations				
Hydrologic monitoring, assessments and research				
Ground water resources program.....	5,967	6,688	7,100	+1,133
National water quality assessment.....	63,285	62,506	62,559	-728
Toxic substances hydrology.....	14,902	12,638	14,690	-212
Hydrologic research and development.....	17,112	14,333	16,234	-878
National streamflow information program.....	14,179	14,018	14,018	-161
Hydrologic networks and analysis.....	29,852	29,492	29,961	+109
Subtotal, Hydrologic monitoring, assessments and research.....	145,297	139,675	144,562	-735
Federal-State program.....	63,995	63,007	63,262	-733
Water resources research institutes.....	6,422	---	6,500	+78
Subtotal, Water Resources Investigations.....	215,714	202,682	214,324	-1,390
Biological Research				
Biological research and monitoring.....	135,110	129,226	135,066	-44
Biological information management and delivery.....	24,662	24,265	24,337	-325
Cooperative research units.....	14,757	14,113	14,816	+59
Subtotal, Biological Research.....	174,529	167,604	174,219	-310
Enterprise Information				
Enterprise information security and technology.....	---	22,498	23,034	+23,034
Enterprise information resources.....	---	17,233	17,228	+17,228
Federal geographic data coordination.....	---	5,416	4,736	+4,736
Subtotal, Enterprise Information.....	---	45,147	44,998	+44,998
Science support.....	90,811	68,716	66,508	-24,303
Facilities.....	92,989	95,944	95,944	+2,955
TOTAL, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.....	937,985	919,788	948,921	+10,936
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE				
Royalty and Offshore Minerals Management				
OCS Lands				
Leasing and environmental program.....	37,037	37,462	37,462	+425
Resource evaluation.....	27,081	28,057	29,857	+2,776
Regulatory program.....	49,465	50,438	52,038	+2,573
Information management program.....	25,706	30,147	30,147	+4,441
Subtotal, OCS Lands.....	139,289	146,104	149,504	+10,215

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Royalty Management				
Compliance and asset management.....	45,857	47,749	41,949	-3,908
Revenue and operations.....	33,860	34,142	34,142	+282
Indian allottee refunds.....	15	15	15	---
Subtotal, Royalty Management.....	79,732	81,906	76,106	-3,826
General Administration				
Executive direction.....	2,049	2,072	2,072	+23
Policy and management improvement.....	4,111	4,176	4,176	+65
Administrative operations.....	16,639	17,181	17,181	+542
General support services.....	21,890	23,866	23,866	+2,176
Subtotal, General Administration.....	44,489	47,295	47,295	+2,806
Subtotal (gross).....	263,510	275,305	272,905	+9,395
Use of receipts.....	-100,230	-103,730	-103,730	-3,500
Total, Royalty and Offshore Minerals Management.....	163,280	171,575	169,175	+5,895
Oil Spill Research				
Oil spill research.....	7,017	7,105	7,105	+88
TOTAL, MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE.....	170,297	178,680	176,280	+5,983
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT				
Regulation and Technology				
Environmental restoration.....	161	161	161	---
Environmental protection.....	78,484	78,953	80,953	+2,469
Technology development and transfer.....	12,592	13,487	13,487	+895
Financial management.....	485	492	492	+7
Executive direction.....	13,391	14,712	14,712	+1,321
Subtotal, Regulation and Technology.....	105,113	108,805	109,805	+4,692
Civil penalties.....	271	100	100	-171
Total, Regulation and Technology.....	105,384	108,905	109,905	+4,521
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund				
Environmental restoration.....	173,472	170,229	170,229	-3,243
Legislative proposal.....	---	53,000	---	---
Technology development and transfer.....	4,132	4,542	4,542	+410
Financial management.....	6,183	8,565	8,565	+2,382
Executive direction.....	6,804	7,527	7,527	+723
Total, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.....	190,591	243,863	190,863	-272
TOTAL, OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT.....	295,975	352,768	300,768	+4,793
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS				
Operation of Indian Programs				
Tribal Budget System				
Tribal Priority Allocations				
Tribal government.....	387,223	391,866	394,666	+7,443
Human services.....	147,745	147,465	149,465	+1,720
Education.....	49,375	48,980	48,980	-395
Public safety and justice.....	1,229	1,239	1,239	+10
Community development.....	39,969	41,226	41,226	+1,257
Resources management.....	62,253	62,872	62,872	+619
Trust services.....	57,654	56,906	56,906	-748
General administration.....	25,189	25,277	25,277	+88
Subtotal, Tribal Priority Allocations.....	770,637	775,631	780,631	+9,994

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Other Recurring Programs				
Education				
School operations				
Forward-funded.....	452,874	453,115	456,057	+3,183
Other school operations.....	69,129	69,253	69,253	+124
Subtotal, School operations.....	522,003	522,368	525,310	+3,307
Continuing education.....	48,600	43,390	53,890	+5,290
Subtotal, Education.....	570,603	565,758	579,200	+8,597
Resources management.....	43,533	34,853	42,724	-809
Subtotal, Other Recurring Programs.....	614,136	600,611	621,924	+7,788
Non-Recurring Programs				
Community development.....	2,469	---	---	-2,469
Resources management.....	35,988	36,584	40,626	+4,638
Trust services.....	37,184	36,427	36,427	-757
Subtotal, Non-Recurring Programs.....	75,641	73,011	77,053	+1,412
Total, Tribal Budget System.....	1,460,414	1,449,253	1,479,608	+19,194
BIA Operations				
Central Office Operations				
Tribal government.....	2,867	3,136	2,279	-588
Human services.....	896	899	899	+3
Community development.....	864	871	---	-864
Resources management.....	3,445	3,464	3,464	+19
Trust services.....	5,252	19,340	19,340	+14,088
General administration				
Education program management.....	2,383	2,381	2,381	-2
Education personnel services.....	2,107	2,135	5,946	+3,839
Other general administration.....	70,692	102,218	107,712	+37,020
Subtotal, General administration.....	75,182	106,734	116,039	+40,857
Subtotal, Central Office Operations.....	88,506	134,444	142,021	+53,515
Regional Office Operations				
Tribal government.....	1,328	1,111	1,111	-217
Human services.....	3,152	3,081	3,081	-71
Community development.....	846	789	789	-57
Resources management.....	5,407	5,394	5,394	-13
Trust services.....	24,134	24,388	24,388	+254
General administration.....	28,819	27,760	7,183	-21,636
Subtotal, Regional Office Operations.....	63,686	62,523	41,946	-21,740
Special Programs and Pooled Overhead				
Education.....	16,252	16,566	16,566	+314
Public safety and justice.....	172,495	182,600	182,600	+10,105
Community development.....	8,254	1,057	9,272	+1,018
Resources management.....	1,290	1,287	1,287	-3
General administration.....	81,809	81,747	81,747	-62
Subtotal, Special Programs and Pooled Overhead.....	280,100	283,257	291,472	+11,372
Total, BIA Operations.....	432,292	480,224	475,439	+43,147
Total, Operation of Indian Programs.....	1,892,706	1,929,477	1,955,047	+62,341
BIA SPLITS				
Natural resources.....	(151,916)	(144,454)	(156,367)	(+4,451)
Forward-funding.....	(452,874)	(453,115)	(456,057)	(+3,183)
Education.....	(187,846)	(182,705)	(197,016)	(+9,170)
Community development.....	(1,100,070)	(1,149,203)	(1,145,607)	(+45,537)
Total, BIA splits.....	(1,892,706)	(1,929,477)	(1,955,047)	(+62,341)

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Construction				
Education.....	294,954	229,063	267,083	-27,871
Public safety and justice.....	4,981	4,985	7,485	+2,504
Resources management.....	38,679	40,857	40,857	+2,178
General administration.....	2,154	2,156	2,156	+2
Construction management.....	6,057	6,045	6,045	-12
Total, Construction.....	346,825	283,126	323,626	-23,199
Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians				
White Earth Land Settlement Act (Admin).....	629	625	625	-4
Hoopa-Yurok settlement fund.....	252	250	250	-2
Pyramid Lake water rights settlement.....	143	142	142	-1
Ute Indian water rights settlement.....	20,782	---	---	-20,782
Rocky Boy's.....	33	---	---	-33
Shivwits Band Settlement.....	123	---	---	-123
Santo Domingo Pueblo Settlement.....	9,884	---	---	-9,884
Colorado Ute Settlement.....	8,052	8,000	8,000	-52
Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw settlement.....	10,000	9,972	9,972	-28
Quinalt Settlement.....	9,936	32	10,032	+96
Transfer from '03 FWS land acquisition.....	-4,968	---	---	+4,968
Zuni Water Settlement.....	---	14,000	14,000	+14,000
Cuba Lake Settlement.....	---	1,750	1,750	+1,750
Total, Miscellaneous Payments to Indians.....	54,866	34,771	44,771	-10,095
Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account				
Indian guaranteed loan program account.....	6,417	6,421	6,421	+4
TOTAL, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.....	2,300,814	2,253,795	2,329,865	+29,051
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES				
Insular Affairs				
Assistance to Territories				
Territorial Assistance				
Office of Insular Affairs.....	6,243	6,563	6,563	+320
Technical assistance.....	12,406	7,561	11,881	-525
Maintenance assistance fund.....	2,272	2,300	2,300	+28
Brown tree snake.....	2,321	2,700	2,700	+379
Insular management controls.....	1,472	1,491	1,491	+19
Coral reef initiative.....	494	500	500	+6
Insular measures and assessments.....	---	1,000	---	---
Subtotal, Territorial Assistance.....	25,208	22,115	25,435	+227
American Samoa				
Operations grants.....	22,816	23,100	23,100	+284
Northern Marianas				
Covenant grants.....	27,720	27,720	27,720	---
Total, Assistance to Territories.....	75,744	72,935	76,265	+511
Compact of Free Association				
Compact of Free Association - Federal services.....	2,700	3,941	2,999	+299
Mandatory payments - program grant assistance.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	---
Enewetak support.....	1,679	---	500	-1,179
Total, Compact of Free Association.....	6,379	5,941	5,499	-880
Total, Insular Affairs.....	82,123	78,876	81,754	-369
Departmental Management				
Departmental direction.....	13,457	13,546	13,546	+89
Management and coordination.....	28,560	29,356	28,956	+396
Hearings and appeals.....	7,981	8,030	8,030	+49
Central services.....	26,885	27,978	27,938	+1,053
Bureau of Mines workers compensation/unemployment.....	683	638	638	-45
Take Pride in America.....	494	1,000	497	+3

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Financial and business management system.....	---	18,555	14,250	+14,250
Grant to Kendall County, Illinois.....	4,939	---	---	-4,939
Foreign currency account.....	-1,400	---	---	+1,400
General reduction.....	---	---	-3,000	-3,000
Subtotal, Departmental management.....	81,598	98,103	90,855	+9,256
By transfer from Central Hazardous Material Fund.....	---	---	-13,500	-13,500
Total, Departmental Management.....	81,599	99,103	77,355	-4,244
Working Capital Fund				
Working capital fund (cancellation).....	-20,000	---	---	+20,000
Financial management system migration project.....	11,555	---	---	-11,555
Subtotal, Working Capital fund.....	-8,445	---	---	+8,445
Payments in Lieu of Taxes				
Payments to local governments.....	224,696	226,000	230,000	+5,304
Office of the Solicitor				
Legal services.....	39,419	41,865	41,492	+2,073
General administration.....	9,302	10,280	9,838	+536
Ethics.....	1,032	1,308	1,054	+22
Total, Office of the Solicitor.....	49,753	53,453	52,384	+2,631
Office of Inspector General				
Audit.....	16,188	17,049	16,499	+311
Contracted CFO Audits.....	3,765	---	---	-3,765
Investigations.....	7,977	14,270	13,720	+5,743
Program integrity.....	1,832	---	---	-1,832
Policy and management.....	8,509	---	---	-8,509
Administrative services and information management.....	---	8,081	7,561	+7,561
Total, Office of Inspector General.....	38,271	39,400	37,800	-471
Office of Special Trustee for American Indians				
Federal Trust Programs				
Program operations, support, and improvements.....	185,058	245,419	194,020	+8,962
Executive direction.....	2,247	2,247	2,247	---
Total, Federal Trust programs.....	187,305	247,666	196,267	+8,962
Indian Land Consolidation Program				
Indian land consolidation.....	21,709	70,000	35,000	+13,291
Total, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians.....	209,014	317,666	231,267	+22,253
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund				
Damage assessments.....	3,885	3,899	3,899	+14
Program management.....	1,432	1,548	1,548	+116
Restoration support.....	247	371	371	+124
Total, Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund.....	5,564	5,818	5,818	+254
Miscellaneous appropriations (P.L. 108-199).....	99	---	---	-99
TOTAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES.....	682,674	820,316	716,378	+33,704
TOTAL, TITLE I, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.....	9,847,964	9,971,299	9,888,199	+40,235
Appropriations.....	(9,779,548)	(10,001,299)	(9,918,199)	(+138,651)
Emergency appropriations.....	(98,416)	---	---	(-98,416)
Rescission.....	(-30,000)	(-30,000)	(-30,000)	---

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TITLE II - RELATED AGENCIES				
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
FOREST SERVICE				
Forest and Rangeland Research				
Forest and rangeland research.....	266,387	280,654	280,278	+13,891
State and Private Forestry				
Forest Health Management				
Federal lands forest health management.....	53,829	46,012	55,000	+1,171
Cooperative lands forest health management.....	44,741	25,214	48,300	+3,559
Emerging pests and pathogens.....	---	10,000	---	---
Subtotal, Forest Health Management.....	98,570	81,226	103,300	+4,730
Cooperative Fire Protection				
State fire assistance.....	33,384	25,062	33,384	---
Volunteer fire assistance.....	5,037	5,043	8,000	+963
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-199).....	24,853	---	---	-24,853
Subtotal, Cooperative Fire Protection.....	63,274	30,105	39,384	-23,890
Cooperative Forestry				
Forest stewardship.....	31,884	40,692	32,775	+891
Forest Legacy.....	64,134	100,019	57,939	-6,185
Urban and Community Forestry.....	34,864	31,961	32,400	-2,464
Economic action programs.....	25,606	---	19,300	-6,306
Forest resource information and analysis.....	4,939	5,028	5,028	+89
Subtotal, Cooperative Forestry.....	161,427	177,700	147,442	-13,985
International program.....	5,926	5,357	6,500	+574
Total, State and Private Forestry.....	329,197	294,388	296,626	-32,571
National Forest System				
Land management planning.....	69,995	59,057	64,057	-5,938
Inventory and monitoring.....	169,659	191,345	169,659	---
Recreation, heritage and wilderness.....	255,050	257,344	260,969	+5,919
Wildlife and fish habitat management.....	135,683	134,522	136,647	+964
Grazing management.....	45,899	43,422	48,711	+2,812
Forest products.....	265,013	274,297	277,097	+12,084
Vegetation and watershed management.....	193,889	194,335	192,285	-1,404
Minerals and geology management.....	53,399	59,532	56,532	+3,133
Landownership management.....	91,550	92,427	93,427	+1,877
Law enforcement operations.....	82,828	82,326	87,226	+4,398
Valles Caldera National Preserve.....	3,112	992	3,650	+538
Hazardous fuels.....	---	266,238	---	---
Centennial of Service challenge.....	---	---	10,000	+10,000
Total, National Forest System.....	1,385,877	1,655,837	1,400,260	+34,383
Wildland Fire Management				
Preparedness.....	671,621	666,227	686,000	+14,379
Fire suppression operations.....	597,130	685,400	658,000	+60,870
Borrowing repayment (emergency appropriations).....	299,224	---	---	-299,224
Supplemental appropriations (P.L. 108-287).....	400,000	---	---	-400,000
Subtotal, Fire suppression operations.....	1,296,354	685,400	658,000	-638,354
Other operations				
Hazardous fuels.....	233,480	---	266,238	+32,758
Rehabilitation.....	6,914	3,000	13,000	+6,086
Fire plan research and development.....	22,025	19,361	22,025	---
Joint fire sciences program.....	7,901	---	8,000	+99
Forest health management (federal lands).....	14,815	7,171	15,000	+185
Forest health management (co-op lands).....	9,877	5,482	10,000	+123
State fire assistance.....	51,063	34,245	40,745	+10,318
Volunteer fire assistance.....	8,138	8,000	8,000	-138
Subtotal, Other operations.....	354,213	77,259	383,008	+28,795

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Emergency appropriations (P.L. 108-199).....	24,853	---	---	-24,853
Total, Wildland Fire Management.....	2,347,041	1,428,886	1,727,008	-620,033
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Capital Improvement and Maintenance				
Facilities.....	214,366	191,338	201,568	-12,798
Roads.....	234,538	227,906	229,586	-4,952
Trails.....	74,718	71,791	76,774	+2,056
Infrastructure improvement.....	31,605	10,024	14,024	-17,581
Total, Capital Improvement and Maintenance.....	555,227	501,059	521,952	-33,275
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Land Acquisition				
Forest Service				
Acquisitions.....	49,573	49,385	46,366	-3,207
Acquisition management.....	14,815	13,000	13,000	-1,815
Cash equalization.....	494	1,500	1,000	+506
Critical inholdings/wilderness protection.....	1,481	3,000	1,500	+19
Total, Land Acquisition.....	66,363	66,885	61,866	-4,497
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Acquisition of lands for national forests, special acts.....	1,056	1,069	1,069	+13
Acquisition of lands to complete land exchanges.....	231	234	234	+3
Range betterment fund.....	2,963	3,064	3,064	+101
Gifts, donations and bequests for forest and rangeland research.....	90	65	65	-25
Management of national forest lands for subsistence uses.....	5,467	5,962	5,962	+495
TOTAL, FOREST SERVICE.....	4,939,899	4,238,103	4,298,364	-641,515
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY				
Clean Coal Technology				
Deferral.....	-97,000	---	-257,000	-160,000
Rescission.....	-88,000	-237,000	---	+88,000
Total, Clean Coal Technology.....	-185,000	-237,000	-257,000	-72,000
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Fossil Energy Research and Development				
Clean coal power initiative.....	169,881	50,000	50,000	-119,881
FutureGen.....	8,889	237,000	18,000	+9,111
Fuels and Power Systems				
Central Systems				
Innovations for existing plants.....	21,729	18,050	19,350	-2,379
Advanced Systems				
Integrated gasification combined cycle.....	50,372	34,450	46,450	-3,922
Combustion systems including hybrid.....	4,939	---	5,300	+361
Turbines.....	12,840	12,000	15,600	+2,760
Subtotal, Advanced Systems.....	68,151	46,450	67,350	-801
Subtotal, Central Systems.....	89,880	64,500	86,700	-3,180
Sequestration R&D				
Greenhouse gas control.....	40,297	49,000	46,000	+5,703
Fuels				
Transportation fuels and chemicals.....	21,927	16,000	23,800	+1,873
Solid fuels and feedstocks.....	5,985	---	6,000	+15
Advanced fuels research.....	3,308	---	2,800	-508
Subtotal, Fuels.....	31,220	16,000	32,600	+1,380
Advanced Research				
Coal utilization science.....	11,852	8,000	17,800	+5,948
Materials.....	11,111	8,000	11,000	-111
Technology crosscut.....	11,326	10,500	10,500	-826
University coal research.....	2,945	3,000	3,000	+55

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HBCUs, education and training	981	1,000	1,000	+19
Subtotal, Advanced Research	36,215	30,500	43,300	+5,085
Distributed Generation Systems - Fuel Cells				
Advanced research	9,876	---	12,376	+2,500
Systems development	10,865	---	3,000	-7,865
Vision 21-hybrids	12,840	---	5,100	-7,740
Innovative concepts	35,063	23,000	55,000	+19,937
Novel generation	2,469	---	3,000	+531
Subtotal, Distributed Generation Systems - Fuel Cells	71,113	23,000	78,476	+7,363
U.S./China Energy and Environmental Center	988	---	1,000	+12
Subtotal, Fuels and Power Systems	271,713	183,000	288,076	+16,363
Gas				
Natural Gas Technologies				
Exploration and production	22,203	17,500	24,000	+1,797
Gas hydrates	9,383	6,000	9,500	+117
Infrastructure	8,939	---	8,471	-468
Effective environmental protection	2,469	2,500	3,500	+1,031
Subtotal, Gas	42,994	26,000	45,471	+2,477
Petroleum - Oil Technology				
Exploration and production supporting research	18,450	3,000	19,000	+550
Reservoir life extension/management	6,914	5,000	6,000	-914
Effective environmental protection	9,714	7,000	9,400	-314
Subtotal, Petroleum - Oil Technology	35,078	15,000	34,400	-678
Cooperative R&D	8,395	3,000	8,400	+5
Fossil energy environmental restoration	9,595	6,000	9,600	+5
Import/export authorization	2,716	1,799	1,799	-917
Headquarters program direction	22,189	22,749	22,749	+560
Energy Technology Center program direction	69,221	69,251	69,251	+30
Clean coal program direction	14,815	14,000	14,000	-815
General plant projects	6,914	---	7,000	+86
Advanced metallurgical processes	9,876	8,000	10,000	+124
Special recruitment programs	---	---	665	+665
National Academy of Sciences program review	494	---	500	+6
Total, Fossil Energy Research and Development	672,770	635,799	579,911	-92,859
Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves				
Oil Reserves				
Production and operations	9,699	8,676	8,676	-1,023
Management	8,296	9,324	9,324	+1,028
Total, Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves	17,995	18,000	18,000	+5
Elk Hills School Lands Fund				
Elk Hills school lands fund	---	36,000	---	---
Advance appropriations from previous years	36,000	36,000	36,000	---
Advance appropriations, FY 2005	36,000	---	---	-36,000
Advance appropriations, FY 2006	---	---	36,000	+36,000
Total, Elk Hills School Lands Fund	72,000	72,000	72,000	---
Energy Conservation				
Vehicle technologies	178,003	156,656	169,756	-8,247
Fuel cell technologies	65,187	77,500	76,000	+10,813
Intergovernmental activities				
Weatherization assistance grants	227,166	---	---	-227,166
State energy program grants	43,952	40,798	44,798	+846
State energy activities	2,324	2,353	2,353	+29
Gateway deployment	35,170	29,716	35,466	+296
Total, Intergovernmental activities	308,612	72,867	82,617	-225,995
Distributed energy resources	61,023	53,080	60,980	-43
Building technologies	59,866	58,284	68,084	+8,218
Industrial technologies	93,068	58,102	76,411	-16,657

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Biomass and biorefinery systems R&D.....	7,506	8,680	7,680	+174
Federal energy management program.....	19,716	17,900	18,400	-1,316
Program management.....	85,004	81,664	89,164	+4,160
Total, Energy Conservation.....	877,985	584,733	649,092	-228,893
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Economic Regulation				
Office of Hearings and Appeals.....	1,034	---	---	-1,034
Strategic Petroleum Reserve				
Storage facilities development and operations.....	155,045	155,100	155,100	+55
Management.....	15,904	17,000	17,000	+1,096
Total, Strategic Petroleum Reserve.....	170,949	172,100	172,100	+1,151
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Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve				
Northeast home heating oil reserve.....	4,939	5,000	5,000	+61
Energy Information Administration				
National energy information system.....	81,100	85,000	85,000	+3,900
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TOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.....	1,713,772	1,335,632	1,324,103	-389,669
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE				
Indian Health Services				
Clinical Services				
IHS and tribal health delivery				
Hospital and health clinic programs.....	1,249,782	1,295,353	1,307,103	+57,321
Dental health program.....	104,513	110,255	110,255	+5,742
Mental health program.....	53,294	55,801	55,801	+2,507
Alcohol and substance abuse program.....	138,250	141,680	141,680	+3,430
Contract care.....	479,070	479,085	487,085	+8,015
Catastrophic health emergency fund.....	---	18,000	18,000	+18,000
Subtotal, Clinical Services.....	2,024,909	2,100,174	2,119,924	+95,015
Preventive Health				
Public health nursing.....	42,580	45,576	45,576	+2,996
Health education.....	11,793	12,633	12,633	+840
Community health representatives program.....	50,996	52,383	52,383	+1,387
Immunization (Alaska).....	1,561	1,604	1,604	+43
Subtotal, Preventive Health.....	106,930	112,196	112,196	+5,266
Urban health projects.....	31,619	32,410	32,410	+791
Indian health professions.....	30,774	30,803	30,803	+29
Tribal management.....	2,376	2,376	2,376	---
Direct operations.....	60,714	61,795	62,293	+1,579
Self-governance.....	5,644	5,672	5,672	+28
Contract support costs.....	267,398	267,398	267,398	---
Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursements				
Hospital and clinic accreditation (Est. collecting).....	(567,620)	(598,662)	(598,662)	(+31,042)
Total, Indian Health Services.....	2,530,364	2,612,824	2,633,072	+102,708
(Non-contract services).....	(2,051,294)	(2,115,739)	(2,127,987)	(+76,693)
(Contract care).....	(479,070)	(479,085)	(487,085)	(+8,015)
(Catastrophic health emergency fund).....	---	(18,000)	(18,000)	(+18,000)
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Indian Health Facilities				
Maintenance and improvement.....	48,897	48,897	49,897	+1,000
Sanitation facilities.....	93,015	103,158	93,158	+143
Construction facilities.....	94,555	41,745	89,845	-4,710
Facilities and environmental health support.....	137,803	143,567	143,567	+5,764

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Equipment	17,081	17,081	17,581	+500
Total, Indian Health Facilities	391,351	354,448	394,048	+2,697
TOTAL, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.....	2,921,715	2,967,272	3,027,120	+105,405
OTHER RELATED AGENCIES				
OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPÍ INDIAN RELOCATION				
Salaries and expenses	13,366	11,000	5,000	-8,366
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT				
Payment to the Institute.....	6,173	6,000	6,000	-173
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION				
Salaries and Expenses				
Museum and Research Institutes				
Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture	1,884	1,890	1,890	+6
Archives of American Art.....	1,826	1,832	1,832	+6
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery/Freer Gallery of Art.....	5,719	5,737	5,737	+18
Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.....	1,930	1,936	1,936	+6
Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum.....	3,088	3,097	3,097	+9
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.....	4,099	4,053	4,053	-46
National Air and Space Museum.....	21,233	16,491	16,491	-4,742
National Museum of African American History and Culture.....	---	5,000	4,000	+4,000
National Museum of African Art.....	4,510	4,234	4,234	-276
Smithsonian American Art Museum.....	7,644	7,668	7,668	+24
National Museum of American History.....	20,182	20,409	20,409	+227
National Museum of the American Indian.....	38,135	32,189	32,189	-5,946
National Museum of Natural History.....	42,785	42,490	42,490	-295
National Portrait Gallery.....	4,925	5,027	5,027	+102
National Zoological Park.....	18,492	17,824	17,824	-668
Astrophysical Observatory.....	21,532	21,601	21,601	+69
Center for Materials Research and Education.....	3,498	3,510	3,510	+12
Environmental Research Center.....	2,876	3,048	3,048	+172
Tropical Research Institute.....	11,141	11,176	11,676	+535
Subtotal, Museums and Research Institutes.....	215,499	209,192	208,692	-6,807
Program Support and Outreach				
Outreach.....	9,277	10,106	10,106	+829
Communications	1,369	1,457	1,457	+88
Institution-wide programs.....	6,119	6,138	6,138	+19
Office of Exhibits Central.....	2,626	2,635	2,635	+9
Major scientific instrumentation.....	4,939	4,000	4,000	-939
Museum Support Center.....	1,657	1,663	1,663	+6
Smithsonian Institution Archives.....	1,643	1,649	1,649	+6
Smithsonian Institution Libraries.....	8,704	8,732	8,732	+28
Subtotal, Program Support and Outreach.....	36,334	36,380	36,380	+46
Administration	63,890	66,616	64,916	+1,026
Facilities Services				
Facilities maintenance.....	40,115	39,943	39,943	-172
Facilities operations, security and support.....	140,074	146,994	146,994	+5,920
Subtotal, Facilities Services.....	180,189	186,937	186,937	+5,748
Offsetting reduction, FY 2004.....	-7,259	---	---	+7,259
Total, Salaries and Expenses.....	488,653	499,125	495,925	+7,272
Facilities Capital				
Revitalization.....	89,553	111,910	111,910	+22,357
Construction.....	9,876	8,990	7,990	-1,886

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted
Facilities planning and design.....	8,197	8,000	8,000	-197
Total, Facilities capital.....	107,626	128,900	127,900	+20,274
TOTAL, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.....	596,279	628,025	623,825	+27,546
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART				
Salaries and Expenses				
Care and utilization of art collections.....	29,837	31,947	31,947	+2,110
Operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds.....	20,626	22,351	22,351	+1,725
Protection of buildings, grounds and contents.....	18,926	19,867	19,867	+941
General administration.....	17,379	18,835	18,835	+1,456
Total, Salaries and Expenses.....	86,768	93,000	93,000	+6,232
Repair, Restoration and Renovation of Buildings				
Base program.....	11,457	11,100	11,100	-357
TOTAL, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.....	98,225	104,100	104,100	+5,875
JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS				
Operations and maintenance.....	16,356	17,152	17,152	+796
Construction.....	15,803	16,334	16,334	+531
TOTAL, JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.....	32,159	33,486	33,486	+1,327
WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS				
Salaries and expenses.....	8,498	8,987	8,987	+489
NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES				
National Endowment for the Arts				
Grants and Administration				
Grants				
Direct grants.....	46,541	47,121	46,541	---
Challenge America grants.....	13,038	13,200	13,038	---
National Initiative: American Masterpieces.....	---	9,000	2,000	+2,000
State partnerships				
State and regional.....	24,418	24,723	24,418	---
Underserved set-aside.....	6,609	6,691	6,609	---
Challenge America grants.....	8,691	8,800	8,691	---
National Initiative: American Masterpieces.....	---	6,000	---	---
Subtotal, State partnerships.....	39,718	46,214	39,718	---
Subtotal, Grants.....	99,297	115,535	101,297	+2,000
Program support.....	1,288	1,515	1,288	---
Administration.....	20,387	22,350	20,387	---
Total, Arts.....	120,972	139,400	122,972	+2,000
National Endowment for the Humanities				
Grants and Administration				
Grants				
Federal/State partnership.....	31,436	31,829	31,829	+393
Preservation and access.....	18,672	18,905	18,905	+233
Public programs.....	12,952	13,114	13,114	+162
Research programs.....	12,902	13,063	13,063	+161
Education programs.....	12,466	12,624	12,624	+156
Program development.....	392	397	397	+5
We The People Initiative grants.....	9,876	33,000	11,376	+1,500
Subtotal, Grants.....	98,698	122,932	101,308	+2,610

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Conference	Conference vs. Enacted

Administrative Areas				
Administration.....	20,688	22,946	22,569	+1,881
Total, Grants and Administration.....	119,386	145,878	123,877	+4,491
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Matching Grants				
Treasury funds.....	5,616	5,686	5,686	+70
Challenge grants.....	10,308	10,436	10,436	+128
Total, Matching Grants.....	15,924	16,122	16,122	+198
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Total, Humanities.....	135,310	162,000	139,999	+4,689
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TOTAL, NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES.....	256,282	301,400	262,971	+6,689
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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS				
Salaries and expenses.....	1,405	1,793	1,793	+388
NATIONAL CAPITAL ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS				
Grants.....	6,914	5,000	7,000	+86
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION				
Salaries and expenses.....	3,951	4,600	4,600	+649
NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION				
Salaries and expenses.....	7,635	8,155	8,000	+365
UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM				
Holocaust Memorial Museum.....	39,505	41,433	41,433	+1,928
PRESIDIO TRUST				
Operations.....	20,445	20,000	20,000	-445
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TOTAL, TITLE II, RELATED AGENCIES.....	10,666,223	9,714,986	9,776,802	-889,421
Appropriations.....	(10,430,293)	(9,915,986)	(9,961,802)	(-468,491)
Emergency appropriations.....	(348,930)	---	---	(-348,930)
Advance appropriations.....	(72,000)	(36,000)	(72,000)	---
Rescission.....	(-88,000)	(-237,000)	---	(+88,000)
Deferrals.....	(-97,000)	---	(-257,000)	(-160,000)
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TITLE IV - EMERGENCY WILDLAND FIRE APPROPRIATIONS				
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT				
Wildland Fire Management				
Fire suppression operations.....	---	---	100,000	+100,000
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
FOREST SERVICE				
Wildland Fire Management				
Fire suppression operations.....	---	---	400,000	+400,000
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TOTAL, TITLE IV, EMERGENCY WILDLAND FIRE.....	---	---	500,000	+500,000
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TITLE V - GENERAL PROVISION				
Across-the-board cut (.594%) (rescission) (sec. 501).....	---	---	-120,024	-120,024
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GRAND TOTAL, ALL TITLES.....	20,514,187	19,686,285	20,044,977	-469,210
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CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2005 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2004 amount, the 2005 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2005 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$20,514,187
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	19,686,285
House bill, fiscal year 2005	20,030,125
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	20,256,914
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2005	20,044,977
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	- 469,210
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	+358,692
House bill, fiscal year 2005	+14,852
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	- 211,937

DIVISION F—LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS 2005

In implementing this agreement, the Departments and agencies should be guided by the language and instructions set forth in House Report 108–636 accompanying the bill H.R. 5006 and Senate Report 108–345 accompanying the bill, S. 2810.

In the cases where the language and instructions in either report specifically address the allocation of funds, each has been reviewed by the conferees and those that are jointly concurred in have been endorsed in this joint statement.

In the cases in which the House or the Senate have directed the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

The conferees note that section 518 sets forth the reprogramming requirements and limitations for the Departments and agencies funded through this Division, including the requirement to make a written request to the chairmen of the Committees 15 days prior to reprogramming, or to the announcement of intent to reprogram, funds in excess of 10 percent, or \$500,000, whichever is less, between programs, projects and activities.

Finally, the conferees request that statements on the effect of this appropriation Act on the Departments and agencies funded in this Division be submitted to the Committees within 45 days of enactment of this Act. The conferees expect that these statements will provide sufficient detail to show the allocation of funds among programs, projects and activities, particularly in accounts where the final appropriation is different than that of the budget request. Furthermore, the conferees request the statements to also include the effect of the appropriation on any new activities or major initiatives discussed in the budget justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005, put in place by this bill, incorporates the following agreements of the managers: