

Fact Sheet

Ivory Billed Woodpecker Federal Funding Package

Department of the Interior Funding: \$5.0 million, consisting of:

Habitat Partnership Grants: \$2.0 million.

- The Department and the Service will work with the States of Arkansas and Louisiana, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, and the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to develop a package of grants to support protection and restoration of habitat for the Ivory Billed Woodpecker.
- Funding will be considered from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Cooperative Endangered Species Fund, and the Private Stewardship grant programs.

Recovery Planning: \$1.3 million in 2005

- Development of species recovery plan and public education materials by the ESA program \$800,000 in 2005 for team formulation, planning, public outreach. 2006 full year cost: \$1.2 million.
- USGS research to support recovery planning and to guide other protection and restoration efforts. \$500,000 each in 2005 and 2006.

Partnerships: \$1.2 million in 2005

- Develop partnerships with landowners and waterfowl clubs to restore hydrology, protect habitat and support species-specific conservation practices. \$1 million from the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program will support a 2-year effort.
- Expand partnerships for bottomland hardwood forest tree planting on refuge lands by private industry. Private companies receive credits for carbon sequestration. \$200,000 from challenge cost share funding will support the restoration of habitat.

Enhanced Law Enforcement: \$300,000 in 2005

- Enhance refuge law enforcement capability to work with visitors, birders, and hunters on public use/access issues. \$300,000 in 2005; \$600,000 full year cost in 2006.
- Assign a special agent to work on range-wide protection issues. \$200,000 in 2006.

Public Education: \$200,000 in 2005

- On-refuge kiosks and other public education efforts. \$200,000 in 2005.
- Also ESA outreach included in recovery package above.

Department of Agriculture Funding: \$5.2 million, consisting of:

- USDA's Conservation Reserve program will solicit sign-up of 18,000 acres of bottomland hardwood planting within the 100-year floodplain. USDA would cost-share the cost of tree planting, contributing \$2.7million for this purpose in the near term. In out years, USDA would pay the participating landowners \$13.5 million dollars in rental payments to maintain the trees (\$900,000 per year for 15-year, renewable contracts).
- To enhance existing habitat, USDA will contribute \$1 million of Wildlife Habitat Improvement program funds to support habitat improvement work in the affected area.
- To protect existing high quality habitat, USDA will contribute \$1.5 million of Wetlands Reserve program funds to purchase development easements on older age class forests in the affected area