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Agency Report

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## **Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

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Overview of DOI

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Bureau	Initiative Title	Grants	NonGrants \$
Bureau of Reclamation	Water and Related Resources		\$1,000,000,000
National Park Service	Construction		\$589,000,000
	Historic Preservation Fund	\$15,000,000	
	Operation of the National Park System		\$146,000,000
Office of Inspector General	Office of Inspector General		\$15,000,000
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	Construction		\$115,000,000
	Resource Management		\$165,000,000
United States Geological Survey	Surveys, Investigations, and Research -- Repair and Restoration of Science Facilities and Scientific Equipment		\$140,000,000
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,170,000,000</b>

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## **Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

The \$3 billion in funding allocated for the Department of the Interior in President Obama's economic recovery plan could create as many as 100,000 jobs and stimulate business activity in communities across America. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Interior is making an investment in conserving America's timeless treasures -- our stunning natural landscapes, our monuments to liberty, the icons of our culture and heritage -- while helping working families and their communities prosper again.

The President has made a commitment to transparency and accountability to the American people for this investment and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has taken action to ensure the Department's efforts adhere to those guiding principles. He has established a Recovery Act Task Force that includes the leadership of Interior bureaus to determine which proposed projects should be funded. Chris Henderson will serve as Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Economic Recovery. As the "Recovery Czar" for the Department of the Interior, Henderson will oversee the more than \$3 billion in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that Interior will be investing in projects in communities, parks, and public lands across the country. Among the major criteria for selecting projects are addressing the department's highest priority mission needs; generating the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time; and creating lasting value for the American public.

"These investments in our American landscapes and icons are the nation's most significant since President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the midst of the Great Depression, put people to work building the trails, roads, water systems, and other public lands infrastructure that we still enjoy today," said Secretary Salazar. "This is our time - through the investments we make in our nation's treasures, in renewable energy, and in opportunities for youth - to create a lasting legacy for our children and grandchildren."

### **Agency Plans**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will provide Interior \$1 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation; \$750 million for the National Park Service; \$500 million for Bureau of Indian Affairs; \$320 million for the Bureau of Land Management; \$280 million for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and \$140 million for the U.S. Geological Survey. The Office of Inspector General would receive \$15 million for oversight and audit of programs, grants, and projects funded in the Act.

The Act also includes \$490 million under the Department of Transportation for Federal Highway Administration funds slated for road construction and repair on reservations and at Interior facilities, including \$310 million for American Indian reservation roads; \$170 million for national park roads and parkways; and \$10 million for wildlife refuge roads.

## Recovery Act Funding by Interior Bureau

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will provide \$1 billion to the **Bureau of Reclamation**, which provides water supplies and produces hydropower in the West. Funds are specifically identified in the Act to fund water reuse projects and construct rural water projects that will provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and ensure adequate water supplies to western localities. Funds are also expected to be used to promote water conservation, improve energy efficiency, address aging water infrastructure, and meet endangered species requirements through improvements such as fish screens and fish passage projects.

\$750 million will be used by the **National Park Service** to preserve and protect national icons and historic landscapes, improve energy efficiency and renewable energy use at park units throughout the nation, remediate abandoned mines sites on park units, and provide historic preservation funding to protect and restore buildings at historically black colleges. Funding under the Federal Highway Administration will improve park roads for more than 275 million visitors. NPS also will repair the seawall adjacent to the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. to protect the memorial from the effects of settlement.

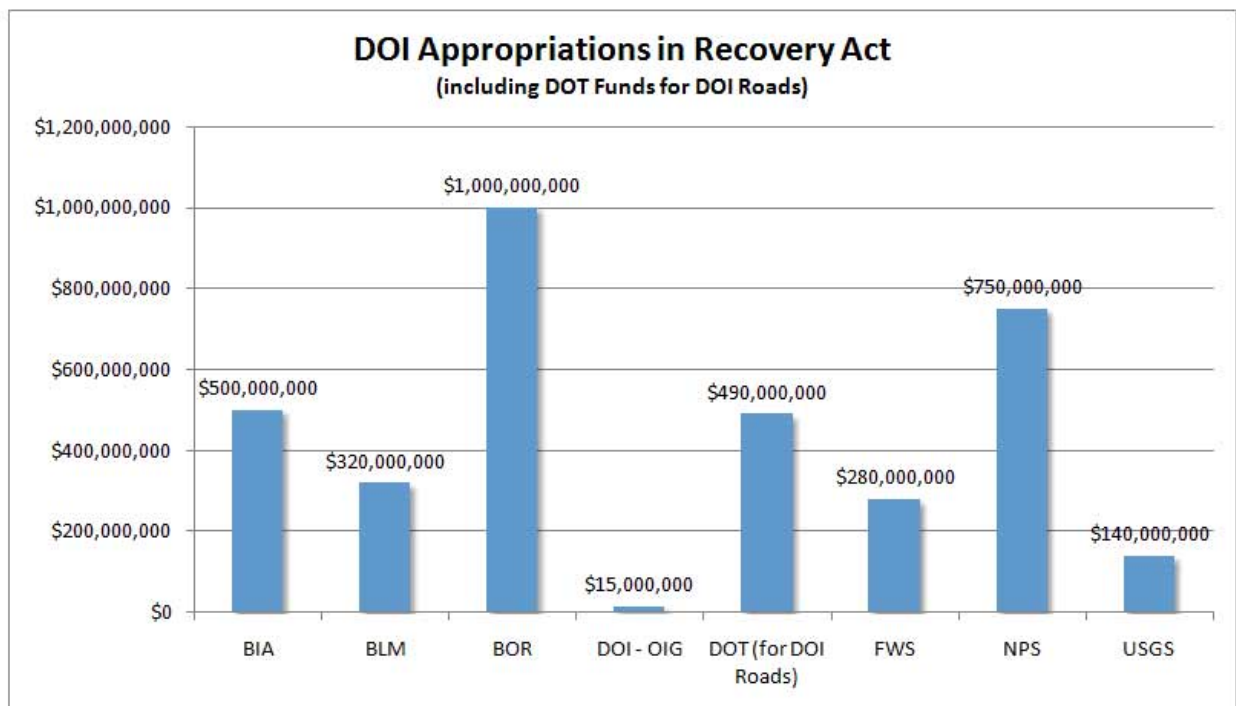
\$500 million for the **Bureau of Indian Affairs** will be used to replace and upgrade Indian schools that will benefit the 47,000 Indian children that are educated in these schools. These projects will provide access for the disabled, replace inefficient heating and cooling systems, and create a better learning environment. BIA will provide \$130 to 170 million in loans to spur Indian economies where unemployment far exceeds the national average. BIA will initiate several on-the-job training efforts in the construction trades to train tribal members to become certified plumbers and pipefitters. The initiative will be done in partnership with the Council on Tribal Employment Rights and the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust. BIA also will expand a pilot project in partnership with the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

\$280 million for the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** will improve energy efficiency and renewable use at refuges, resulting in the "greening" of facilities throughout the nation. Funding also will be used to restore wetlands, riparian habitat, endangered species habitat, and other important landscapes. FWS also will restore facilities that are key to the management and restoration of wildlife and fisheries.

\$320 million for the **Bureau of Land Management** will be used to remediate abandoned mines, which will allow increased access to public lands. Funding will help expand BLM's capacity to authorize renewable energy development on public lands while ensuring environmental protection of these areas and restoration of native plants and animals, including sage grouse habitat. Funding is also included for Interior agencies to eliminate underbrush and other vegetation in fire-prone areas to reduce the threat and potential severity of fire.

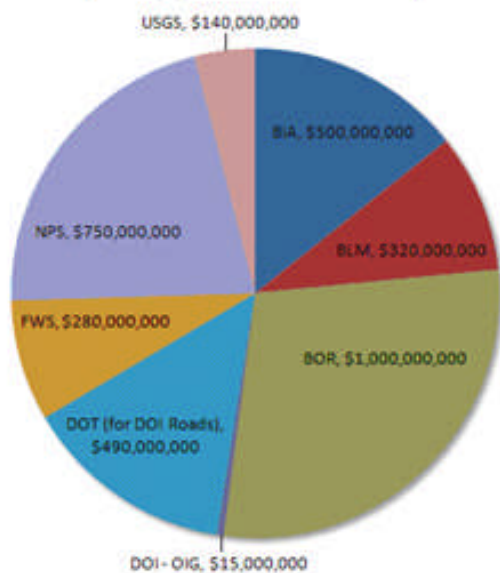
\$140 million will be used by the **U.S. Geological Survey** to restore and rehabilitate laboratories and research facilities and improve their energy efficiency and renewable use. Funds will help modernize streamgages that are critical for monitoring streamflow and providing information that is used extensively by water managers and the public. For example, important wildlife research facilities at Patuxent Wildlife and Research Refuge will be upgraded and two 50-year old vessels on the Great Lakes used for inventory and monitoring of lake trout and other important fisheries will be replaced.

Interior will engage and encourage the participation of young adults in these projects throughout the nation. For example, Job Corps and youth recruited by partners, including the Student Conservation Association, will assist in restoring trails for visitors and in controlling invasive species.



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### DOI Appropriations in Recovery Act (including DOT Funds for DOI Roads)



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**Report Date: 2009-03-13**

**Financial Status:**

- Total Obligations: \$0
- Total Disbursements: \$0

**Major Actions Taken to Date:**

- Secretary issued press release and held press conference on DOI's Recovery Act efforts.
- Stood up a DOI recovery webpage and established link to recovery.gov from DOI web site, established internal DOI reporting portal on OMB MAX site.
- Requested apportionment of recovery funds from OMB. Received approval of apportionment for BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS and USGS.
- Identified Recovery Governance Board, established Recovery Task Force (TF) that reports to Board.
- Secretary met with each bureau to review implementation strategies.
- Established 8 Task Force Workgroups (Reporting, Performance, Communications, Project Approval, Administration, Risk Management, Youth Outreach, Acquisition)
- Issued initial project identification and selection guidance.
- Secretary and key staff met with each bureau for the second time to review program funding plans and initial project lists.
- Developed draft of General Agency Plan required to Congress on March 18 for the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Programs.
- Chris Henderson, DOI Recovery Act Coordinator is in place.
- Identified competitive grant opportunities for posting on grants.gov. BOR and NPS posted competitive grants synopses.
- Submitted major communications and weekly reports, made reports available via RSS feed, and posted on DOI webpage.
- Indian Affairs met with workforce development partners, Council on Tribal Employment Rights and Laborer's International Union of North America, to continue planning for the launch of projects once funds are available.
- Indian Affairs announced Outreach Seminar for Tribes, Architecture and Engineering Firms, Contractors and other vendors for contractual opportunities.
- Indian Affairs, HHS and HUD met with OMB regarding P.L. 93-638 and P.L. 100-297 provisions.
- Bureaus identified programs requiring new or modified CFDA information.

**Major Planned Actions:**

- Continue project selection process.
- Continue development of program recovery plans.
- Continue Workgroup efforts to develop DOI policy, procedures and guidance on Recovery Act implementation.
- Provide General Agency Plan to Congress.



- Continue development of communication plan.
- Indian Affairs will hold an Outreach Seminar for Tribes, Architecture and Engineering Firms, Contractors and other vendors for contractual opportunities March 20, 2009.
- Continue external meetings with OMB, USDA, and others to discuss government-wide geo-enabling of information.

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**Report Date: 2009-03-20**

**Financial Status:**

- Total Obligations: \$0
- Total Disbursements: \$0

**Major Actions Taken to Date:**

- Secretary issued press release and held press conference on DOI's Recovery Act efforts.
- Stood up a DOI recovery webpage and established link to recovery.gov from DOI web site, established internal DOI reporting portal on OMB MAX site.
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- Secretary met with each bureau to review implementation strategies.
- Established 8 Task Force Workgroups (Reporting, Performance, Communications, Project Approval, Administration, Risk Management, Youth Outreach, Acquisition)
- Issued initial project identification and selection guidance.
- Secretary and key staff met with each bureau for the second time to review program funding plans and initial project lists.
- Submitted General Agency Plan to Congress on March 19, 2009.
- Chris Henderson, DOI Recovery Act Coordinator is in place.
- Identified competitive grant opportunities for posting on grants.gov. BOR and NPS posted competitive grants synopses.
- Submitted major communications and weekly reports, made reports available via RSS feed, and posted on DOI webpage.
- Began conducting briefings with OMB on Bureau Recovery Act Program Plans and project lists.
- Indian Affairs provided a brief overview of the transportation and Housing Improvement Program projects to be administered through the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at the Tribal Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC) meeting held in Arlington, VA.
- Indian Affairs hosted a conference of prospective construction contractors, architects and engineers to explain the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act and discuss contracting formats and expectations.

**Major Planned Actions:**

- Continue project selection process.
- Continue development of program recovery plans.
- Continue Workgroup efforts to develop DOI policy, procedures and guidance on Recovery Act implementation.
- Continue development of communication and outreach plan.
- Continue external meetings with OMB, USDA, and others to discuss government-wide geo-enabling of information.

- Post full competitive grants announcements after approval of program plans and project lists.
- Indian Affairs will meet with the Indian Reservation Roads Program coordinating Committee in Herndon VA, March 24-26, 2009 at their regularly scheduled meeting on the Indian Reservation Roads program issues as defined in 25 C.F.R. 170.155.

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**Report Date: 2009-03-27**

**Financial Status:**

- Total Obligations: \$0
- Total Disbursements: \$0

**Major Actions Taken to Date:**

- Secretary issued press release and held press conference on DOI's Recovery Act efforts.
- Stood up a DOI recovery webpage and established link to recovery.gov from DOI web site, established internal DOI reporting portal on OMB MAX site.
- Requested apportionment of recovery funds from OMB. Received approval of apportionment for BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS and USGS.
- Identified Recovery Governance Board, established Recovery Task Force (TF) that reports to Board.
- Secretary met with each bureau to review implementation strategies.
- Established 8 Task Force Workgroups (Reporting, Performance, Communications, Project Approval, Administration, Risk Management, Youth Outreach, Acquisition)
- Issued initial project identification and selection guidance.
- Secretary and key staff continued to meet with bureaus to review program funding plans and project lists.
- Submitted General Agency Plan to Congress on March 19, 2009.
- Chris Henderson, DOI Recovery Act Coordinator is in place.
- Identified competitive grant opportunities for posting on grants.gov. NPS and BOR posted competitive grants synopses.
- Submitted major communications and weekly reports, made reports available via RSS feed, and posted on DOI webpage.
- Continued conducting briefings with OMB on Bureau Recovery Act Program Plans and project lists.
- Indian Affairs met with the American Indian Higher Education Council in Missoula, Montana, to discuss the potential role of Tribal Colleges in construction worker training programs under the America Reinvestment and Recovery Act.
- Indian Affairs provided a brief overview of the transportation projects to be administered through the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee, a committee established by regulation that provides input and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior and Transportation.
- Indian Affairs met with the President of the Navajo nation to discuss the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act program.

**Major Planned Actions:**

- Continue project selection process.
- Continue development of program recovery plans.
- Continue Workgroup efforts to develop DOI policy, procedures and guidance on Recovery Act implementation.

- Continue development of communication and outreach plan.
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Opportunity	Agency/Office/Location	Type ▼	Posted On
<a href="#">RECOVERY PROJECT Roadway Pavement on Spillways for Unit 25 and 26 at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, KS.</a> <b>RECOVERY</b> 601819Q215 Y -- Construction of structures and facilities	Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service CGS-WO	Presolicitation (Modified)	Mar 11, 2009
<a href="#">RECOVERY - Repair Bridge and Approach Rails, Quivira NWR, KS</a> <b>RECOVERY</b> 601819R253 Z -- Maintenance, repair, and alteration of real property	Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service CGS-WO	Presolicitation	Mar 09, 2009