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Subcommittee:	Interior, Environment and Related Agencies			
Proposed Recipient	Full Address of Proposed Recipient	Name of Project (submissions are listed alphabetically by project name)	Amount Requested	Explanation of Request including purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
US Forest Service	1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250	Florida National Scenic Trail Construction and Management	\$ 500,000	This Project is eligible for federal funding under the US Forest Service for Capital Improvements & Maintenance. The funding would be used for providing tools, materials, equipment, and training to aid trail volunteers. In addition, funding would be used to survey and mark boundaries, conduct baseline natural and cultural resource inventories, monitor wild land-urban interfaces for encroachment and inappropriate use, and construct bridges, boardwalks, and trails. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because these resources will be used to maintain and protect this national treasure. Additionally, these funds will improve access to the trails, allowing enhanced opportunity for the public to enjoy the Florida National Scenic trail.
US Forest Service	1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250	Pinhook Swamp Wildlife Corridor-Osceola National Forest	\$ 750,000	This Project is eligible for federal funding under the US Forest Service for Land Acquisition. Funding will be used to purchase 1,500 acres of land that will bridge the gap between, and connect, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and the Osceola National Forest, creating one of the largest forested wetland habitat corridors east of the Mississippi River. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will assist in ensuring the long-term viability of a wetland ecosystem which provides watershed protection, but also, work associated with the land acquisition process, including appraisal, titling, and land surveying activities, will produce local jobs.

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<p>City of Jacksonville Beach</p>	<p>11 North Third St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250</p>	<p>Waste Treatment Plant Upgrade</p>	<p>\$ 1,000,000</p>	<p>This Project is eligible for federal funding under the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program. Funding for this project will implement the next phase to replace and upgrade the City's existing wastewater treatment facilities. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because removing nutrients from the City's wastewater effluent before it is discharged into the Lower St. Johns River will help clean up the river and improve Jacksonville Beach's treatment facilities.</p>
<p>Jacksonville Water and Sewer Expansion Authority</p>	<p>21 West Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202</p>	<p>Water and Sewer Expansion Authority – Septic Tank Replacement</p>	<p>\$ 1,000,000</p>	<p>This Project is eligible for federal funding under the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program. The funding would be used to complete design plans for remediating targeted neighborhoods from continually failing septic tanks. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will remove leaking septic tanks which are polluting the St. Johns River and contaminating the drinking water of area residents in the 4th District.</p>