

**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. SIMPSON OF IDAHO**

In the BILL:

On page 14, line 17, strike “\$9,876,000” and insert “\$9,816,000”.

On page 58, at the end of Title I, insert the following:

- 1 EXTENSION OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITIES
- 2 SEC. _____. (a) Division II of Public Law 104–333
- 3 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended in each of sections 107,
- 4 208, 310, 408, 507, 607, 707, 809, and 910, by striking
- 5 “2012” and inserting “2014”.
- 6 (b) Section 7 of Public Law 99–647 (16 U.S.C. 461
- 7 note) is amended by striking “the date” and all that fol-
- 8 lows through “2006” and inserting “September 30,
- 9 2014”.
- 10 (c) Section 12 of Public Law 100–692 (16 U.S.C.
- 11 461 note) is amended—
- 12 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2012” and
- 13 inserting “2014”; and

1 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “the date that
2 is 5 years after the date of enactment of this sub-
3 section” and inserting “September 30, 2014”.

4 (d) Section 108 of Public Law 106–278 (16 U.S.C.
5 461 note) is amended by striking “2012” and inserting
6 “2014”.

 On page 58, at the end of Title I, insert the fol-
 lowing:

7 ONSHORE OIL AND GAS ON PUBLIC LANDS

8 SEC. _____. For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, funds
9 made available in this title for the Bureau of Land Man-
10 agement and the Bureau of Indian Affairs may be used
11 by the Secretary of the Interior to establish higher min-
12 imum rates of basic pay for employees of the Department
13 of the Interior carrying out the inspection and regulation
14 of onshore oil and gas operations on public lands in the
15 Petroleum Engineer (GS–0881) and Petroleum Engineer-
16 ing Technician (GS–0802) job series at grades 5 through
17 14 at rates no greater than 25 percent above the minimum
18 rates of basic pay normally scheduled, and such higher
19 rates shall be consistent with subsections (e) through (h)
20 of section 5305 of title 5, United States Code.

 On pages 119–121, strike the entire Section 423.

At the end of the bill, before “SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT”, insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. Section 402(p)(3) of the Federal Water
2 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(p)(3)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

4 “(C) LIMITATION.—The Administrator or
5 a State may not require a municipality oper-
6 ating a municipal separate storm sewer system
7 serving a population of less than 100,000 to ob-
8 tain a permit under this subsection for a dis-
9 charge that—

10 “(i) is composed entirely of storm-
11 water from a facility that is not owned or
12 operated by the municipality; and

13 “(ii) does not enter into the municipal
14 separate storm sewer system.”.

Make associated conforming changes to the bill as necessary.

In the REPORT:

On page 14, in the last paragraph within the section entitled, “*Range Management*,” insert a period (.) following the word “completed” and strike the semicolon (;) following the word “completed” and all that follows in the paragraph.

On page 19, after the paragraph beginning with “Within Listing and Critical Habitat”, insert the following new paragraph:

“The Committee directs the Fish and Wildlife Service to report to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this Act with recommendations for conservation actions that might help to preclude new listings of the following four salamander species in Texas: Georgetown, Jollyville Plateau, Salado, and Austin Blind.”

On page 28, under the heading “*Heritage Partnership Program*”, strike the entire last paragraph.

On page 31, after the sentence ending with “National Volcano Early Warning System”, insert the following new paragraph:

“The Committee recognizes that earthquakes are a destructive and costly natural hazard threat to the United States. Given that many regions remain vulnerable to earthquake hazards, the Committee encourages the Survey to continue its efforts with partner stakeholders in research, development, and outreach to increase preparedness across the country. Furthermore, the Committee recognizes the importance of a robust earthquake monitoring network to the safety and vitality of our Nation and encourages the Survey, in conjunction

with stakeholders, to continue efforts to maintain and develop the Advanced National Seismic System in order to enable early earthquake warnings.”

On page 51, at the appropriate place in the House Report, under the heading “*Great Lakes Restoration Initiative*”, insert the following:

“The Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution focus area under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is critical for maintaining healthy communities within the Great Lakes region. The Committee directs the EPA and other Federal partners to prioritize work surrounding algal bloom control to improve water quality in the Great Lakes, particularly within the focus area for Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution.”

On page 52, under the heading “*Chesapeake Bay*”, insert the following at the end of the paragraph:

“From within the amount provided, \$8,000,000 is for nutrient and sediment removal grants and \$2,000,000 is for small watershed grants to control polluted runoff from urban, suburban and agricultural lands.”

On page 65, at the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

State and Local Air Quality Management grant program.—The Committee directs EPA to allocate funds for this program using the same formula as fiscal year 2012.

On page 66, under the heading “*Health and vitality of national forests*”, strike the entire paragraph and replace with the following:

“*Health and vitality of national forests.*—The Committee is deeply concerned about the declining health of our national forests and mortality due to insects, disease, and catastrophic wildfire. As a result, the Committee has made active forest management the priority in its recommendations. Numerous scientific studies have shown that proactive management results in more resilient forested landscapes that are less susceptible to insects, disease, and other threats. The Committee applauds the Forest Service’s document, ‘Increasing the Pace of Restoration and Job Creation on Our National Forests’, including the plans to expand collaborative landscape partnerships, improve the efficiency of the planning process for restoration projects, and improve implementation and the efficiency of contracts. However, the Committee notes that the Forest Service must move more expeditiously than outlined in the document to prevent additional, large-scale forest health problems. The Committee encourages the Forest Service to consider innovative and

creative management solutions including geo-spatial analysis to determine the best and most effective means of managing the Nation's forests.”

On page 77, following the paragraph entitled, “*Wildland Firefighting*”, insert the following:

“*Federal Coordination with State and Local Fire Managers.*—The Committee is aware that the facility housing the Forest Service’s Southern California Geographical Coordination Center has been condemned and that it houses a number of fire emergency managers, including the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The Committee recognizes the importance of close Federal coordination with State and local fire managers when fighting wildland fire and the significant role collocation of fire emergency managers can play in facilitating this coordination. The Committee notes that CAL FIRE has expressed its desire to continue this collocation within the new Southern California Geographical Coordination Center. The Committee encourages the Forest Service to continue working with CAL FIRE to collocate their operations at the new Southern California Geographical Coordination Center.”

On page 72, strike the entire paragraph entitled, “*Intent of Congress*”.

On page 77, following the paragraph entitled “*Volunteer Fire Assistance*”, insert the following:

“*Timely Delivery of Critical Reports.*—In the wake of the tragic Station Fire in Southern California, it is necessary to ensure that the Forest Service’s firefighting policies provide the most effective initial response possible, particularly for forests close to urban areas. The Committee remains concerned that the Forest Service has not produced two critical documents in a timely fashion. The Forest Service is strongly encouraged to provide the results of the nationwide assessment of the agency’s night flying operations (both the helicopter portion and fixed-wing portion) within 90 days of enactment of this Act. The Forest Service is also strongly encouraged to release the third and final phase of the cohesive wildland fire strategy, as required by the FLAME Act, that includes critical components of that strategy—such as considering potential approaches for addressing the growing wildfire threat, estimating the costs of each approach, and identifying trade-offs—within 180 days of enactment of this Act.”

On page 85, following the paragraph entitled, “*Joint Venture*”, insert the following paragraph:

“Latino Programs, Exhibitions, Collections and Public Outreach.—The Committee supports the Smithsonian Latino Center’s goal of promoting the inclusion of Latino contributions in Smithsonian Institution programs, exhibitions, collections and public outreach. The Committee urges collaboration among interested parties to advance these goals more fully by utilizing existing Smithsonian Institution museum locations for the expansion of the Smithsonian Latino Center’s programming, exhibition and collection space.”

On page 95, strike the sentence beginning with “Section 423”.

On page 115, strike the sentence beginning, “Maintaining the current management of domestic sheep . . .”.

Make associated conforming changes to the report as necessary.

