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### **INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN PRAISES PRESIDENT BUSH'S PRO-ENVIRONMENT, DEFICIT-CUTTING FISCAL YEAR 1991 BUDGET**

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan said today his Department looks forward to a major role in implementing the America the Beautiful initiative in President Bush's fiscal year 1991 budget. "With increased funding for land acquisition, recreation enhancement and resource protection, the President shows his strong commitment to meeting the diverse Federal land management challenges of the 1990s," Lujan said.

Along with America the Beautiful, the Interior Department will launch a Legacy '99 initiative to substantially reduce its backlog of rehabilitation and maintenance projects, including the repair of unsafe dams and the clean-up of hazardous materials. "Our goal will be to assure the American people a natural resources legacy we can all celebrate when Interior marks its 150th anniversary in 1999," Lujan said.

The Department's budget request totals \$7.7 billion, 6 percent lower than 1990 fiscal year funding levels. Included in this budget request is more than \$360 million to implement Interior's part of the President's America the Beautiful initiative.

Lujan said major environmental efforts will be made in the coming fiscal year to improve resource protection, make high priority land acquisitions, restore public lands and facilities, move ahead with a national water quality assessment program, increase global change research and support an enhanced Department-wide wetlands program.

"In addition, one of our primary goals in the human resources area is the improvement of Indian education," Lujan added. "There is increased funding both for an education initiative and for improved basic administrative functions in the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

Secretary Lujan also noted that he has secured increased funding for several other Departmental initiatives including the War on Drugs, Opportunities for Women and Minorities, Volunteers and the Take Pride in America campaign.

"The President's budget sets forth an action agenda that will enable the Interior Department to improve our stewardship of the Nation's public lands," Lujan said. "We cannot afford to stand by watching the environment that sustains us suffer continued insult and abuse. We must be mindful of our mission to develop in an environmentally sensitive manner the resources needed to sustain our economic growth."

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In addition to Department-wide proposals, Secretary Lujan noted the following Interior bureau-specific highlights:

Funding will be increased within the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the basic administrative functions of the agency and finance several Indian education initiatives.

Budget increases within the Bureau of Land Management will enable that agency to support its growing recreation and wildlife responsibilities within its overall multiple-use land management mission.

The Bureau of Reclamation will continue to reduce its operations and maintenance backlog, support new bureau water resource studies and incorporate dam safety programs being transferred from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Increased funding will enable the Geological Survey to begin full-scale implementation of the National Water Quality Assessment Program, and new research activities related to global change.

The Fish and Wildlife Service budget includes monies in support of the President's goal of "no net loss" of wetlands, and to implement both the Endangered Species Act amendments and conservation efforts on behalf of the African elephant.

The Minerals Management Service will receive additional funds to strengthen its outer continental shelf environmental studies program and expand auditing of oil and gas leases on Indian lands.

The National Park Service's Historic Preservation Grants Program will be increased, as will funding for new, expanding and small parks.

OSMRE The Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement will be given increased funding for State Regulatory Grants.

Territorial and International Affairs will be given funding to eliminate the trust territory deficit, to mitigate adverse effects of Compacts of Free Association for Guam and the Northern Marianas, and for contributions to the Guam hospital and American Samoa school construction.

**[Editor's Note:** Departmental and Bureau budgetary highlights from the FY1991 Interior Department budget are attached together with fact sheets on America the Beautiful and Legacy '99.]



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## FACT SHEET U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISCAL YEAR 1991 BUDGET

This attachment is comprised of brief highlights and budget facts. Information on department-wide or multi-bureau initiatives is listed under the Department; additional highlights and facts are listed under each Bureau. Further programmatic and budgetary information for the Department or for any Bureau may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Public Affairs Office (see attachment to the press release).

### DEPARTMENT

- President's FY 1991 requested budget authority: \$7.7 billion
- Major environmental initiatives: America the Beautiful and Legacy '99 - combined funding for Interior of \$1 billion (\$182.4 million in new funding)
- America the Beautiful - major Presidential initiative: \$630.1 million
  - \$269 million more than FY 1990 funding
  - Interior Department portion of America the Beautiful: \$366.3 million (\$68.9 million in new funding)
  - Includes land acquisition component (\$161.1 million) and resource protection and recreational enhancement component (\$205.1 million)
    - National Park Service: \$156.5 million
    - Fish and Wildlife Service: \$140.5 million
    - Bureau of Land Management: \$69.3 million
- Legacy '99 - major new Secretarial initiative: \$851.1 million
  - Two-part initiative:
    - resource protection and recreational enhancement component is part of America the Beautiful: \$205.1 million
    - infrastructure maintenance component - complement to America the Beautiful: \$646 million (\$113.5 million in new funding)
- Wetlands initiative: \$153.8 million (+ \$32 million)
- Global change initiative: \$43.7 million (+ \$30.5 million)
- Increased funding for Secretary Lujan's priorities:
  - War on Drugs: \$39.5 million (+ \$9.6 million)
  - Volunteers: \$5.5 million (+ \$3.8 million)
  - Women and Minorities: \$4.3 million (+ \$2.6 million)
  - Take Pride in America: \$1.6 million (+ \$0.1 million)
  - Non-Indian Education: \$98.3 million (+ \$7.4 million)
- Increased funding for:
  - Hazardous materials management: \$67.8 million (+ \$23.4 million)
  - National Water Quality Assessment: \$18.1 million (+ \$11.1 million)
  - Dam safety programs: \$108 million (+ \$43.9 million)

## **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS: \$1.64 billion**

Education Programs: An increase of \$16 million will help implement the Secretary's efforts to improve Indian education through increases in salary for teachers and counselors, parental and community involvement and coverage of administrative costs of tribal contractors who operate bureau-funded schools.

Tribal Services: \$12 million in increased funding will be distributed between the technical assistance grants program, emergency shelters, child protection programs and law enforcement efforts.

## **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: \$1.01 billion**

America the Beautiful: Total proposed funding of \$70 million under this Presidential initiative will be used for recreation enhancement, resource protection and land acquisition - including riparian lands and wetlands.

Legacy '99: \$54 million in funding will be used to repair and rehabilitate BLM facilities.

Wildlife Habitat Management: \$2.9 million increase to fund BLM's fish and wildlife programs and related educational and volunteer programs. Includes implementation of Fish and Wildlife 2000, a plan to enhance BLM-sponsored fish and wildlife management programs. (Included in America the Beautiful.)

Recreation Management: \$3.4 million increase in recreation resources management to expand use of volunteers and enhance educational efforts focused on public lands managed by BLM. Includes implementation of Recreation 2000, a plan to meet increasing demand for outdoor recreation opportunities on BLM-managed public lands. (Included in America the Beautiful.)

Rangeland Management: \$1.5 million increase to fund additional monitoring, allotment management plan preparation and riparian area management, including expanded volunteer use and education efforts.

Cultural Resources Management: An additional \$1.5 million will provide increased resource protection through emphasis on the Archaeological Resource Protection Act requirements and increased education efforts.

Resource Protection and Law Enforcement: \$0.8 million increase to provide for development of an automated incident reporting system that will enhance data transfer to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ALMRS project: \$26.0 million will fund continued automation of land and minerals records, software for modernization of administrative systems and a high level design contract to allow future integration of resources data.

Mining Law Administration: Proposed legislative change to institute a \$100 per mining claim holding fee that will replace the current annual assessment work requirement. Program to be funded at \$19.5 million.

## **BUREAU OF MINES: \$146 million**

Wetlands: \$900,000 is proposed for research on constructed wetlands to treat acid mine drainage and liquid mine wastes through projects in cooperation with universities, regulatory agencies, and public and private land owners.

Information and Analysis Program Upgrade: BOM is proposing a multi-year effort to upgrade data collection and data management capabilities. A \$4 million increase has been requested for this purpose.

Mineral Institutes: \$4.25 million will enable BOM to continue to utilize the expertise of these academic institutions to augment BOM's in-house research efforts.

Mineral Land Assessments: BOM will expend \$0.8 million on locating and assessing the resource development potential of strategic and critical minerals on public lands in Alaska. Information on these resources will be made available to the private sector.

## **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION: \$1.04 billion**

BOR's FY 1991 budget will emphasize its new direction: conservation, environmental preservation and restoration, nonstructural solutions to water resources management and ongoing wetlands improvement projects, including a joint project with the Fish and Wildlife Service to complete a wetlands inventory on BOR lands.

Legacy '99: \$137.2 million is included in this Secretarial initiative to fund repair and rehabilitation of facilities, including \$90 million for dam safety.

Operation and Maintenance: Funding at \$231.5 million will allow BOR to continue to operate and maintain its facilities to achieve reliable water and power deliveries, to improve system efficiencies and reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance.

Dam Safety: \$90 million in funds will enable BOR to continue to take corrective actions on its own dams and, beginning in 1991, manage dam safety work on Indian dams.

## **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE: \$936 million**

America the Beautiful: Total proposed funding of \$140.5 million for the FWS portion of the President's America the Beautiful program will address endangered species activities; wetlands protection, restoration, research and acquisition - including \$15 million under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, as it supports the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; construction activities for resource protection and recreational enhancement; and acquisition of high priority lands, with emphasis on wetlands.

Legacy '99: \$83.4 million in funding under this Secretarial initiative will be used to accelerate repair and rehabilitation of FWS facilities.

Resource Management: An additional \$10.5 million will fund increased FWS activities in law enforcement, migratory bird management and fisheries operations.

Global Change: FWS has requested \$3.6 million for research designed to assess the likely impacts of climate change on species and habitats, improve population monitoring techniques and study the impacts of potential sea-level rises on coastal wetlands.

Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration: Total funding of these activities is \$346.7 million - an increase of \$12.1 million.

## **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: \$507 million**

National Mapping: A total funding request of \$126.8 million includes an increase of \$14.8 million to continue the Advanced Cartographic Systems program that will augment automated cartographic capacity.

Geologic Research and Investigations: Included within the \$184.8 million request is an increase of \$6.7 million for global change research. The GS program will expand related investigations in implications for paleoclimates, polar climates and arid regions; and begin research on related impacts of biogeochemical and volcanic emissions. An additional \$1.3 million will enable GS to provide information of the domestic energy resource base to the National Energy Strategy development program of the Department of Energy.

Water Resources Research and Investigations: Proposed funding of \$155.7 million includes an increase of \$11 million for the National Water Quality Assessment that supports the President's water quality initiative. This program will begin full-scale implementation during fiscal year 1991. An additional \$5 million will support global change research into the affect of hydrologic processes on climate variability and the processes associated with the generation and disposition of naturally occurring greenhouse gases.

## **MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE: \$677 million**

Outer Continental Shelf Program: The MMS will receive \$27.7 million for environmental studies. An increase of \$2.6 million will enable the MMS to provide information on coastal and marine environments needed by Interior, affected States and other institutional groups.

Outer Continental Shelf Program: The MMS budget includes \$3.6 million to fund global change studies. The MMS studies will focus on the hydrographic properties of the Gulf of Mexico; key indicator marine species; and the social, environmental and economic implications of global change.

Outer Continental Shelf Program: An increase of \$1.2 million will strengthen MMS supervision of OCS operations - particularly in the areas of inspection and enforcement and research into safety and pollution prevention.

Royalty Management Program: An increase of \$1.7 million for the Initiative for Indian Tribes and Allottees has been proposed to improve the level of services provided to Indian mineral revenue recipients.

Royalty Management Program: \$1.8 million will be used to fund the contemporaneous audit initiative. This initiative will place audit cycles on a more current schedule.

## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: \$1.08 billion**

America the Beautiful: \$156.5 million has been requested for NPS under this Presidential initiative. These funds will be used to strengthen, preserve and protect the Nation's public resources, to improve recreational opportunities for the public, and to acquire high priority lands - including Florida wetlands.

Legacy '99: \$364.2 million in funding under this Secretarial initiative will be used to accelerate repair and rehabilitation of the facilities of the NPS.

National Park System: An increase of \$63 million is requested for operations.

Historic Preservation Fund: A request of \$33.7 million is made - the first since fiscal year 1982 - to provide for grants to States and to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## **OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING: \$261 million**

State Regulatory Grants: An increase of \$6.0 million will enable OSM to provide a total of \$47.9 million to States to enable them to maintain effective State programs.

Assessments and Collections: An increase of \$2.9 million will fund enhancements to the Applicant Violator System enabling OSM to better determine true ownership and control relationships.

Administrative Support: An increase of \$0.1 million will support continued development of the Coal Data Management Information System.

State Reclamation Grants: A reduction in State abandoned mine land grant funds by \$33 million to \$117 million is proposed because of the sizeable balance of funds previously made available to affected States.

Rural Abandoned Mine Program: This program will be phased out by reducing proposed funding \$9.9 million. This will establish a single reclamation delivery system.

Kentucky Settlement Agreement: Funding reduction of \$2.7 million will complete the fourth and final year of the settlement agreement.

## **TERRITORIAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: \$345 million**

Administration of U.S. Insular Areas: Total proposed funding of \$71.2 million includes \$6.5 million for construction projects in American Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands; operations in American Samoa; and covenant funds for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. A \$6.4 million request for the Technical Assistance Program includes an increase of \$0.5 million over enacted funding levels in 1990. Compact of Free Association: That portion of funding subject to annual appropriation for this program element is \$19.2 million. Included in this element is funding for mandated Federal programs and services for the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.



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## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

America the Beautiful is a major, new Presidential initiative focused on the environment. This initiative will implement the President's commitment to the conservation, enhancement and protection of the nation's natural heritage. Federal efforts under America the Beautiful will be led by the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. America the Beautiful will, if enacted, support acquisition of high priority lands for public benefit; provide enhanced recreational opportunities and protection and restoration of important natural resources by Interior; and, promote a new national reforestation program by Agriculture.

Funding levels for these programs are 75 percent above fiscal year 1990 levels. Further information on the three components of America the Beautiful is presented below together with a summary of funding proposed by the President.

### Land Acquisition:

- \$250 million (\$35 million in new funding) is proposed to enable acquisition of lands for America's national parks, wildlife refuges, forests and other public lands.
  - Interior programs: \$161 million
  - Agriculture programs: \$89 million

### Recreation and Natural Resources:

- \$205 million (\$59 million in new funding) is proposed to focus Federal attention on key natural resources and recreation areas in need of protection and enhancement. This effort is the Legacy '99 portion of America the Beautiful and will be managed by the Department of the Interior.

### Reforestation :

- \$175 million (all new funding) is proposed to accomplish two objectives: plant a billion trees on private lands across America (where management and investment efforts are low); and establish a community tree planting program to help in planting another 30 million trees across the country. This program will be managed by the Department of Agriculture.

## **LEGACY '99**

The year 1999 marks the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Secretary Lujan has directed his Department to begin a decade-long effort to enhance and restore key natural resources and public facilities under his jurisdiction. This two-part initiative, known as Legacy '99, will be a key component of the Secretary's pledge to improve Interior's stewardship of the natural and cultural resources entrusted to it.

The first component of Legacy '99 will include programs proposed for protection of key natural resources and enhancement of public recreational areas and opportunities. It is part of the President's America the Beautiful program.

The second part of Legacy '99, designed to complement the President's America the Beautiful initiative, will expand Interior's maintenance and rehabilitation programs. Maintenance of the infrastructure of America's national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands is critical to their continued viability and improvement. Included are programs designed to ensure repair of unsafe dams, clean-up of hazardous materials and general improvement in public facilities rehabilitation and maintenance.

*The funding summary is as follows:*

### **Recreation and Natural Resources:**

- \$205 million (\$59 million in new funding), also discussed as part of the President's America the Beautiful initiative, will expand Interior's programs to protect key natural resources and enhance public recreation areas.

### **Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation:**

- \$646 million (\$114 million in new funding) is proposed to expand Interior's programs designed to repair and rehabilitate facilities in the Department's parks, refuges and other public lands; finance dam safety programs; and clean-up of hazardous materials on public lands managed by Interior.



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