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The Department of the Interior today released $1,871,000 in Accelerated Public Works funds to stimulate employment through 28 projects. The allocation increases funds already approved for 14 of the projects. The new allocation will be invested in 12 States on a variety of forestry improvements. Most of the work will begin within 30 days, the Department said.

Approximately 2,100 man-months of on-site employment will be created by the newly approved projects. An equivalent amount is expected to be generated elsewhere in supplying materials and equipment.

Betterments to public lands, fish and wildlife habitat, and Indian reservations are included in the forestry improvements.

The Department thus far has received $63,000,000 in Accelerated Public Works money from the appropriations made by Congress and allocated by the President. The Area Redevelopment Administration has overall charge of the Accelerated Public Works program. All but approximately $2,000,000 has now been committed to specific Interior Department projects. The remainder soon is to be earmarked.

The 28 projects included in today1s announcement are in areas administered by three branches of the Department. Seventeen projects, valued at $1,219,000 will be on areas under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has six projects, with an investment of $377,000, and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has five, totaling $275,000.

Following is a description of the latest APW allocations on a State-by-State basis: