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Millions of dollars' worth of brainpower, representing a "who's who " of management, labor, higher education, and science, is helping guide the administration of America's natural resources, the Department of the Interior said today.

This talent, virtually free to the government, is found in the nearly 50 advisory committees and panels which regularly counsel Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and other top Interior officials. Advisers are specialists in virtually every field of administration and research, from mine safety to weather modification; Indian education to grazing on the public lands; water research to preservation of historic sites.

"Without the help of these experts, who give unselfishly of their time and talent, Interior I s resource programs would be far less successful, II Secretary Udall said. "They give us their advice and constructive criticism - - and we listen."

Although many of the advisers are in the high-income bracket and are nationally and internationally known for their expertise, Interior's costs for their services usually is $16 per day for subsistence, plus travel expenses to and from Washington, D. C.

Most advisory groups meet once a year, but the frequency increases if critical or extremely complex problems are encountered.

Nearly every field of science is represented in the advisory groups, including medicine, physics, metallurgy, hydrology, geology, zoology, chemistry, limnology, oceanography, and archaeology.

"Such assistance represents the highest form of public service, "he added. "We simply cannot afford to employ all the brainpower we need. So we ask for help and are very gratified by the response. The services of these groups have saved the government untold millions of dollars. They have helped us to avoid mistakes, to move rapidly and positively, and to accomplish much, much more than we could working in a vacuum of government-dominated thought."

Secretary Udall also commended the assistance of the many federal employees, from Interior as well as dozens of other government agencies, who often serve as committee members in addition to their regularly assigned duties.

Committee membership ranges from three (Advisory Committee on Natural Science Studies) to 106 (National Petroleum Council). Following is a list of typical advisory groups serving the Department of the Interior and its programs:

Assistant Secretary -- Water Pollution Control

Advisory Committee on Water Pollution Control Administration

Assistant Secretary -- Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Marine Resources Development Program Advisory Committee

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

Director’s Waterfowl Advisory Committee

National Fisheries Center and Aquarium Advisory Board Annual Dove Conference

Bureau of Reclamation

Advisory Committee on Atmospheric Water Resources Board of Artistic Consultants

Bureau of Land Management

National Advisory Board Council

State Advisory Boards

Oregon and California Advisory Board (State) Oregon and California District Advisory Boards Alaska State Advisory Board

Bonneville Power Administration

Bonneville Regional Advisory Council

Geological Survey

Advisory Panel of the Geological Survey’s National Center for Earthquake Research

Advisory Committee on Water Data for Public Use

National Park Service

Historic American Buildings Survey Advisory Board

Wildlife Advis<?ry Committee

Advisory Board on the San Jose Mission Historic .Site

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site Advisory Committee

New York City National Shrines Advisory Board

Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments Minute Man National Historic Park Advisory Commission

Independence National Historic Park Advisory Commission.

Hot Springs National Park Federal Registration Board

Consulting Committee for National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings National Park Service Senior

Executive Committee

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

Examining Board for Technicians, Hot Springs National Park

Ozark National Scenic River ways Commission

Fire Island National Seashore Advisory Commission Advisory Committee on Natural Science Studies

Committee for the Preservation of the White House Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

U.S. Territorial Expansion Memorial Commission Advisory Committee for Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

Office of Geography

Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names

Bureau of Indian Affairs

National Indian Education Advisory Committee

Federal Water Pollution Control Administration

National Technical Advisory Committees (5)

Technical Committee to the Great Lakes - Illinois River Basin Project

Bureau of Commercial Fisheries

American Fisheries Advisory Committee

Office of Coal Research

General Technical Advisory Committee

Petroleum Advisory Committee

National Petroleum Council

Foreign Petroleum Supply Committee

Foreign Petroleum Supply Committee, Petroleum Security Subcommittees Emergency Advisory Committee for Natural Gas

Office of Water Resources Research

Advisory Panel on Water Research

Bureau of Mines

Lignite Advisory Committee

Department’s Industry Advisory Committee on Coal Exports

Advisory Committees on Health and Safety Standards in Metal and Nonmetallic Mines (3)

Defense Electric Power Administration

Industrial Advisory Committee to the Defense Electric Power Administration

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