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Policy Brief..... Fiscal Year 2004 Interior Appropriations

BY THE NUMBERS:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	FY '03 Enacted	FY '04 Request	FY '04 Cmte Bill
Appropriations	19,463	19,555	19,627
Emergency Spending Requested*	289	0	0

*Emergency Spending for wildfires requested by the President for FY 03 in July of 2003, but not yet enacted.

Excluding the Emergency Spending Request, the Committee bill is:

- \$164 million or 0.8% more than last year; and
- \$72 million or 0.4% more than the request.

Including Emergency Spending Request, the bill is \$125 million or 0.6% below last year.

FUNDING ISSUES:

HOT BUTTON ISSUES:

In Thousands of Dollars

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Request	FY 2004 Cmte	% Over FY '03	% Over Request
NEA	115,732	117,480	117,480	1.51%	0.00%
Federal Land Acquisition (BLM, USFWS, NPS, FS)	313,539	187,176	100,000	-68.11%	-46.57%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	218,570	200,000	225,000	2.94%	12.50%
Wildfire Suppression (BLM & FS)	511,273	799,890	690,310	35.02%	-13.70%
Wildfire Preparedness (BLM & FS)	953,407	892,472	1,000,725	4.96%	12.13%
Wildfire Reimburse & Addt'l Funds.....	825,000	0	0	-100.00%	

MAJOR PROGRAMS:

In Thousands of Dollars

	FY 03 Enacted	FY 04 Request	FY 04 Cmte	Cmte Over '03	Cmte Over Request	% Over '03	% Over Request
Bureau of Land Management							
Management of Lands & Resources.....	820,344	828,079	834,088	13,744	6,009	1.68%	0.73%
Wildland Fire Mgmt.....	839,153	698,725	698,725	140,428	0	-16.73%	0.00%
Construction.....	11,898	10,976	10,976	-922	0		
Land Acquisition.....	33,233	23,686	14,000	-19,233	-9,686	-57.87%	-40.89%
Oregon & California Grant Lands.....	104,947	106,672	106,672	1,725	0	1.64%	0.00%
PILT.....	218,570	200,000	225,000	6,430	25,000	2.94%	12.50%
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service							
Resource Mgmt.....	911,464	941,526	959,901	48,437	18,375	5.31%	1.95%
Construction.....	54,073	35,393	52,718	-1,355	17,325	-2.51%	48.95%
Land Acquisition.....	72,893	40,737	23,058	-49,835	-17,679	-68.37%	-43.40%
Land Owner Incentive Program.....	-260	40,000	40,000	40,260	0		0.00%
Private Stewardship Grants.....	-65	10,000	10,000	10,065	0		0.00%
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund.....	80,473	86,614	86,614	6,141	0	7.63%	0.00%
National Wildlife Refuge Fund.....	14,320	14,414	14,414	94	0	0.66%	0.00%
North Amer Wetlands Conserv Fund.....	38,309	49,560	24,560	-13,749	-25,000	-35.89%	-50.44%
Neotropical Migratory Birds Conservation...	2,981	0	5,000	2,019	5,000		
Multinational Species	4,768	7,000	5,000	232	-2,000	4.87%	-28.57%
State Wildlife Grants Fund.....	64,577	59,983	75,000	10,423	15,017	16.14%	
National Park Service							
Operations of Park System.....	1,564,331	1,631,882	1,636,882	72,551	5,000	4.64%	0.31%
US Park Police.....	77,921	78,859	78,859	938	0	1.20%	0.00%
National Recreation & Preservation.....	61,628	47,936	54,924	-6,704	6,988	-10.88%	14.58%
Urban Park & Recreation Fund.....	298	305	305	7	0	2.35%	
Historic Preservation Fund.....	68,552	67,000	71,000	2,448	4,000	3.57%	5.97%
Construction.....	325,712	327,257	303,199	-22,513	-24,058	-6.91%	-7.35%
Land Acquisition & State Assistance.....	171,348	238,634	131,154	-40,194	-107,480	-23.46%	-45.04%
U.S. Geological Survey.....	919,272	895,505	935,660	16,388	40,155	1.78%	4.48%
Minerals Mgmt Service.....	170,312	171,321	171,321	1,009	0	0.59%	0.00%
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement							
Regulation & Technology.....	104,681	106,699	106,699	2,018	0	1.93%	0.00%
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.....	190,498	174,469	194,469	3,971	20,000	2.08%	11.46%
Bureau of Indian Affairs							
Operation of Indian Programs.....	1,845,246	1,889,735	1,902,106	56,860	12,371	3.08%	0.65%
Construction.....	345,988	345,154	345,154	-834	0	-0.24%	0.00%
Insular Affairs.....	96,926	87,468	90,967	-5,959	3,499	-6.15%	4.00%
Departmental Mgmt.....	71,957	97,140	79,027	7,070	-18,113	9.83%	-18.65%
Office of the Solicitor.....	47,462	50,374	50,374	2,912	0	6.14%	0.00%
Office of the Inspector General.....	36,003	39,049	39,049	3,046	0	8.46%	0.00%

Special Trustee for American Indians.....	148,287	295,621	240,621	92,334	-55,000	62.27%	-18.60%
Forest Service							
Research.....	250,049	252,170	267,230	17,181	15,060	6.87%	5.97%
State & Private Forestry.....	284,712	315,823	290,758	6,046	-25,065	2.12%	-7.94%
National Forest System.....	1,353,444	1,369,573	1,400,792	47,348	31,219	3.50%	2.28%
Wildland Fire Mgmt.....	2,006,968	1,541,775	1,624,632	382,336	82,857	-19.05%	5.37%
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	548,450	524,571	560,473	12,023	35,902	2.19%	6.84%
Land Acquisition.....	132,945	44,130	29,288	103,657	-14,842	-77.97%	-33.63%
Land Acq Special Acts & Exchanges.....	1,294	1,303	1,303	9	0	0.70%	0.00%
Mgmt for Subsistence Use.....	5,506	5,535	5,535	29	0	0.53%	0.00%
Department of Energy							
Clean Coal Deferral	-87,000	0	-86,000	1,000	-86,000		
Fossil Energy Research & Development....	620,837	514,305	609,290	-11,547	94,985	-1.86%	18.47%
Naval Petroleum & Oil Shale Reserves.....	17,715	16,500	20,500	2,785	4,000		
Elk Hills Schools (Advance).....	36,000	36,000	36,000	0	0		
Energy Conservation.....	891,769	875,793	879,487	-12,282	3,694	-1.38%	0.42%
Economic Regulation.....	1,477	1,047	1,047	-430	0	-29.11%	0.00%
Strategic Petroleum Reserve.....	171,732	175,081	175,081	3,349	0	1.95%	0.00%
Northeast Home Heating Reserve.....	5,961	5,000	5,000	-961	0		
Energy Information Administration.....	80,087	80,111	82,111	2,024	2,000	2.53%	2.50%
Department of HHS							
Indian Health Service.....	2,849,661	2,889,662	2,948,642	98,981	58,980	3.47%	2.04%
Navajo & Hopi Relocation.....	14,397	13,532	13,532	-865	0	-6.01%	0.00%
Inst of Amer Ind & Alas NatCulture & Arts.	5,454	5,250	5,250	-204	0	-3.74%	0.00%
Smithsonian.....	544,875	566,523	583,718	38,843	17,195	7.13%	3.04%
National Gallery of Art.....	92,842	100,449	100,449	7,607	0	8.19%	0.00%
Kennedy Center.....	33,690	32,560	32,560	-1,130	0	-3.35%	0.00%
Woodrow Wilson Center.....	8,433	8,604	8,604	171	0	2.03%	0.00%
NEA.....	115,732	117,480	117,480	1,748	0	1.51%	0.00%
NEH.....	124,936	152,000	137,000	12,064	-15,000	9.66%	-9.87%
Commission of Fine Arts.....	1,216	1,422	1,422	206	0	16.94%	0.00%
National Capital Arts & Culture.....	6,954	5,000	7,000	46	2,000	0.66%	40.00%
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation..	3,643	4,100	4,100	457	0	12.54%	0.00%
National Capital Planning Commission.....	7,206	8,230	7,730	524	-500	7.27%	-6.08%
Holocaust Memorial.....	38,412	39,997	39,997	1,585	0	4.13%	0.00%
Presidio Trust.....	21,188	20,700	20,700	-488	0	-2.30%	0.00%

LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE:

Prevents funds from being used to initiate any new competitive sourcing studies.

The bill extends through 2008 the Hard Rock Minimum Holding Fee, which expired at the end of fiscal year 2003.

Prevents funds from being used for activities in direct response to the United Nations Biodiversity Convention.

Prevents oil and gas leasing in the eastern Gulf of Mexico (outside of Sale 181 area) or in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning Areas.

Prevents mineral leasing activities within National Monuments, except where permitted by the original Presidential declaration creating the monument.

Prohibits oil and gas drilling in the Finger Lakes National Forest, New York.

Permits the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to give consideration in the awarding of contracts to local contractors who are from or who employ dislocated and displaced workers in an economically disadvantaged rural community (this includes those affected by the reduction in Federal timber harvesting).

Provides for the sale of the White River Oil Shale Mine, Utah

Caps the rate of compensation for the Special Master, the Special Master Monitor and others appointed by District Court in the case Cobell V. Norton at an annual rate in excess of 200% of the highest Senior Executive Service rate for the Washington area.

No funds may be used to study or implement the draining of Lake Powell.

Provides for a land exchange for a World War I National Memorial and Mojave National Preserve

Contains authorizing language creating the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area in North Carolina and authorizing appropriations of \$10 million, but not more than \$1 million in any given year

Prohibits funds from being used to support the Klamath Fishery Management Council

Permits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to spend funds to encourage public participation in Service programs and up to \$2 million per year for contracts for employment-related legal services.

Permits the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to limit competition for watershed restoration project contracts as part of the Jobs in the Woods programs in Region 10 of the Forest Service.

Extends the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program through 2006 (currently expires in 2004)

EARMARKS & OTHER PROGRAMS:

The bill earmarks \$2 million for local governments in southern California for planning associated with the National Communities Conservation Planning program.

The bill provides that sufficient funding under the heading Insular Affairs shall be available for the Pacific Basin Development Council and the Close-Up Foundation.

The bill earmarks \$6 million within Wildland Fire Programs within the Forest Service for economic action programs.

\$125,000 within the funds provided for the Smithsonian is provided for the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

The bill also continues to fund at \$30 million the Save America's Treasures Program begun by former First Lady Hillary Clinton.

Earmarks in the Report under National Recreation and Preservation:

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Request	Recommended
Statutory or Contractual Aid			
Aleutian World War II Historic Area.....	397	---	---
Blue Ridge Parkway (Folk Art Center).....	---	---	750
Brown Foundation.....	200	101	101
Chesapeake Bay Gateway.....	1,987	798	798
Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission.....	446	47	87
Flight 93 Memorial.....	298	---	298
French and Indian War (PA).....	---	---	500
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve.....	801	806	806
Jamestown 2007.....	199	---	199
Johnstown Area Heritage Association.....	49	49	49
Lake Roosevelt Forum.....	50	---	50
Lamsey River.....	586	155	155
Louisiana Purchase Comm of Arkansas.....	19	---	---
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.....	525	528	528
National Constitution Center, PA.....	497	---	497
Native Hawaiian culture and arts program.....	735	740	740
New Orleans Jazz Commission.....	66	66	66
Office of Arctic Studies.....	1,490	---	---
Penn Center National landmark, SC.....	497	---	---
Roosevelt Camphello International Park Commission.....	797	847	847
Sewall-Beelmont House.....	397	---	---