

**Colorado**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2012 Total*</b>	<b>5% Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	778,477	-37,144	741,333

\* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in the State of Colorado totaled about \$778 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$37 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- Colorado is home to 10 National Parks, monuments, historic sites and recreation areas, 8 refuges, 2 fish hatcheries, and 8.3 million acres of public lands featuring 50 developed recreation sites and 5 National Landscape Conservation System sites, and over 7,300 Interior employees.
- Together these natural assets attracted 14.9 million visitors, created 13,768 jobs, and generated \$1.2 billion for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Colorado stand to lose an estimated:
  - \$6.5 million at Bureau of Land Management sites like the Anasazi Heritage Center, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area.
  - \$5 million at National Park Service sites like Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountain, and Great Sand Dunes National Parks
  - \$2 million at Fish and Wildlife Service sites like Rocky Flats, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Alamosa and Browns Park National Wildlife Refuges
  - \$1.5 million from Wildland Fire Management programs
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs activities will be reduced including budgets for contracted services provided by the following Tribes:
    - Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation; and
    - Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Colorado would drop by about \$11.2 million under the sequester.

<b>Interior Grants and Payments</b>	<b>Estimate Total</b>	<b>Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	8,643	-441	8,202
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	0	0	0
Historic Preservation Fund	885	-44	841
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	734	-37	697
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	28,556	-1,456	27,100
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	22,769	-1,161	21,608
State and Wildlife Grants	1,019	-51	968
Mineral Revenue Payments	157,819	-8,049	149,770
<b>Total, Colorado</b>	<b>220,425</b>	<b>-11,239</b>	<b>209,186</b>

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.