

Florida
(Dollars in Thousands)

Florida	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	173,816	-8,287	165,529

* 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 Florida totaled about \$174 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$8 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.

- The Department of Interior has a presence in Florida with over 1,300 employees. Florida has 10 National Parks, preserves, monuments, and seashores within its borders and hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted almost 11.8 million visitors, created over 12,500 jobs, and generated almost \$1 billion for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Florida stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$677 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities including reductions to the contracted services budget for the following Tribes:
 - Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; and
 - Seminole Tribe of Florida—the five components are Dania, Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood, and Tampa Reservations.
 - \$2.9 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, and J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.*
 - \$3.0 million from National Park Service sites like *Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, and Everglades National Park.*

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Florida would drop by about \$1.7 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	1,216	-61	1,155
Historic Preservation Fund	412	-21	391
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	1,879	-94	1,785
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,038	-257	4,781
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	22,188	-1,132	21,056

State and Wildlife Grants	2,182	-109	2,073
Mineral Revenue Payments	542	-28	514
Total, Florida	33,457	-1,701	31,756

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.