

Louisiana
(Dollars in Thousands)

Louisiana	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	225,817	-11,226	214,591

* 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 Louisiana totaled about \$26 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$11 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 Louisiana with over 900 employees. Louisiana has four units of the National Park System and shares a national scenic trail with adjoining States. In addition, Louisiana hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 1.3 million visitors, created over 850 jobs, and generated \$60 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Louisiana stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$278 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the four Native American Tribes in the State of Louisiana.
 - \$1.4 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge*, *Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge*, and *Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$443 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Jean Lafitte National Historical Park*, *New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park*, and *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Louisiana would drop by about \$2.4 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	423	-22	401
Historic Preservation Fund	829	-41	788
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	693	-35	658
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	628	-32	596
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	17,327	-884	16,443
State and Wildlife Grants	691	-35	656
Mineral Revenue Payments	26,781	-1,366	25,415
Total, Louisiana	47,372	-2,414	44,958

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.