

Minnesota
(Dollars in Thousands)

Minnesota	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	186,500	-9,153	177,347

* 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 Minnesota totaled about \$186.5 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$9.2 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 has a presence in Minnesota with over 800 employees. Minnesota is the home to four park units, one national scenic trail, and one national scenic riverway. In addition, Minnesota hosts 13 refuges and 7 wetland management districts.
- Together these assets attracted almost 2.2 million visitors, created over 1,100 jobs, and generated \$97 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Minnesota stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$3.3 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the six Native American Tribes in the State of Minnesota.
 - \$4.9 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge*, *Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge*, and *Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$557 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Voyageurs National Park*, *Pipestone National Monument*, and *Grant Portage National Monument*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Minnesota would drop by about \$1.8 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	942	-47	895
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	738	-37	701
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,002	-102	1,900
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	30,695	-1,565	29,130
State and Wildlife Grants	949	-47	902
Mineral Revenue Payments	12	-1	11
Total, Minnesota	35,338	-1,800	33,538

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.