

**Mississippi**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2012 Total*</b>	<b>5% Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	91,078	-4,265	86,813

\* 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 Mississippi totaled about \$91 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$4.3 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 Mississippi with over 400 employees. Mississippi has four units of the National Park System within its borders and share two units with adjoining States. In addition, Mississippi hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 6.2 million visitors, created over 2,600 jobs, and generated \$160 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Mississippi stand to lose an estimated:
  - \$1.8 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.
  - \$1.0 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge and Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge*.
  - \$1.0 million from National Park Service sites like *Gulf Islands National Seashore and Vicksburg National Military Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Mississippi would drop by about \$938 thousand.

<b>Interior Grants and Payments</b>	<b>Estimate Total</b>	<b>Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	274	-14	260
Historic Preservation Fund	744	-37	707
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	527	-26	501
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,660	-85	1,575
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	11,873	-606	11,267
State and Wildlife Grants	534	-27	507
Mineral Revenue Payments	2,812	-143	2,669
<b>Total, Mississippi</b>	<b>18,424</b>	<b>-938</b>	<b>17,486</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.