

Nebraska
(Dollars in Thousands)

Nebraska	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	76,884	-3,722	73,162

* 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 Nebraska totaled about \$77 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$3.7 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 Nebraska with over 500 employees. Nebraska has three national monuments and one scenic river within its borders and shares four national historic trails with adjoining States. In addition, Nebraska hosts six refuges and a wetland management district.
- Together these assets attracted over 1.3 million visitors, created over 660 jobs, and generated \$65 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Nebraska stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$854 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the six Native American Tribes in the State of Nebraska.
 - \$866 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and Rainwater Basin wetland Management District*.
 - \$1.8 million from National Park Service sites like *Agate Fossil Beds National Monument and Scotts Bluff National Monument*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Nebraska would drop by about \$839 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	470	-24	446
Historic Preservation Fund	786	-39	747
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	470	-24	446
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,165	-59	1,106
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	13,447	-686	12,761
State and Wildlife Grants	120	-6	114
Mineral Revenue Payments	28	-1	27
Total, Nebraska	16,486	-839	15,647

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.