

**North Carolina**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

North Carolina	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	160,955	-7,864	153,091

\* 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 North Carolina totaled about \$161 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 North Carolina with nearly 800 employees. North Carolina has seven park units within its borders and shares three park units with adjoining States. In addition, North Carolina hosts ten refuges and one national fish hatchery.
- Together these assets attracted almost 20 million visitors, created almost 12,000 jobs, and generated \$720 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in North Carolina stand to lose an estimated:
  - \$840 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.
  - \$1.7 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge*, *Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge*, and *Currituck National Wildlife Refuge*.
  - \$1.7 million from National Park Service sites like *Cape Hatteras National Seashore*, *Cape Lookout National Seashore*, and *Guilford Courthouse National Military Park*.

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

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	926	-46	880
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	984	-49	935
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,152	-212	3,940
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	24,806	-1,265	23,541
State and Wildlife Grants	2,191	-110	2,081
<b>Total, North Carolina</b>	<b>33,059</b>	<b>-1,682</b>	<b>31,377</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.