

**South Carolina**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

South Carolina	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	31,697	-1,550	30,147

\* 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 South Carolina totaled about \$31.7 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$1.6 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 South Carolina with over 200 employees. South Carolina has six park units within its border. In addition, South Carolina hosts seven refuges and two national fish hatcheries.
- Together these assets attracted over 1.8 million visitors, created over 1,100 jobs, and generated \$78 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in South Carolina stand to lose an estimated:
  - \$101 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the Catawba Indian Nation (or Catawba Tribe of South Carolina).
  - \$873 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, and Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge.*
  - \$399 thousand from National Park Service sites like *fort Sumter National Monument and Congaree National Park.*

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to South Carolina would drop by about \$769 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	761	-38	723
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	652	-33	619
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	418	-21	397
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	12,661	-646	12,015
State and Wildlife Grants	619	-31	588
Mineral Revenue Payments	1	-0	1
<b>Total, South Carolina</b>	<b>15,112</b>	<b>-769</b>	<b>14,343</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.