

Wisconsin

(Dollars in Thousands)

Wisconsin	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	120,207	-6,002	114,205

* 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 Wisconsin totaled about \$120 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$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 Wisconsin with over 800 employees. Wisconsin has a national lakeshore within its borders and shares a national scenic riverway with an adjoining State. The State also shares two national Scenic trails with adjoining States. In addition, Wisconsin hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 1.8 million visitors, created over 1,400 jobs, and generated \$102 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Wisconsin stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$2.4 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting 11 Native American Tribes in the State of Wisconsin.
 - \$2.1 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and Necedah National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$424 thousand from National Park Service sites like *“Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway*.

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

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	843	-42	801
Historic Preservation Fund	950	-48	902
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	763	-38	725
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,120	-57	1,063
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	28,995	-1,479	27,516
State and Wildlife Grants	849	-42	807
Total, Wisconsin	33,520	-1,706	31,814

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.