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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cancels Ivory Crush Event Due to Federal Government Lapse in Appropriations

Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will suspend most programs and operations, including the ivory crush event scheduled for Tuesday October 8, 2013 in Commerce City, CO.

It will be rescheduled and notifications will be made to those who were invited. When rescheduled the Service will destroy the approximately six tons of elephant ivory that comprise the Service's stockpile as part of its response to the President's July 1, 2013 Executive Order on Combating Wildlife Trafficking.

Additional information on Fish and Wildlife Service efforts to support conservation of elephants and other imperiled species across the globe can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/international>. Because the website will not be maintained, the Service's website will be down for the duration of the shutdown. Additional information will be available at www.DOI.gov/shutdown.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service.

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