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PRESIDENT’S BUDGET RELEASED

On May 7th the Administration released its complete FY10 budget proposal. Overall, the President is proposing to cut or scale back 121 programs for an estimated savings of \$17 billion in FY10. Almost \$12 billion would come from discretionary programs and most of the rest from defense programs.

However, rather than a cut, the budget proposes a nearly 12 percent increase for the HPF over the final FY09 appropriations, totaling \$77.675 million - including **\$46.5 million for SHPOs!** For SHPOs, this would mean a \$4 million increase over the final FY09 appropriation and is \$10.7 million above what President Bush had proposed for FY09. The FY10 proposed funding level for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices is \$8 million, an increase of one million over their final FY09 funding.

The budget would also reinstate funding for the Preserve America Grant program at \$3.175 million. The Preserve America grant program received no funding in the final FY09 appropriations bill. Additionally, the President proposes \$20 million for Save Americas Treasures, the same amount received in FY09.

Numbers are in millions

The President is also seeking major changes in federal and nonfederal parks and recreation programs. The budget does not mention the Park Service Centennial Challenge program and instead creates a new Protection of Treasured Landscapes initiative and would provide \$25 million for Centennial Challenge-like appropriations which will need to be matched equally by non-federal donations. The budget also included \$16 million for “Heritage Partnership Programs” (National Heritage Areas) and provides for a \$100 million increase for National Park operations and maintenance.

On the conservation programs side, Obama proposed \$425 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), however \$191 million of that would be shifted to other programs such as the Endangered Species Fund and Forest Legacy program. The budget also proposed \$30 million for the state side of the LWCF and \$198.8 million for federal land acquisition. The Bush administration had sought very little funding for the LWCF.

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	FY10 Proposed Budget	FY09 Final Appropriations	FY09 Proposed Budget
HPF Total	\$77.675	\$69.5	\$66.658
SHPOs	\$46.5	\$42.5	\$35.717
THPOs	\$8	\$7	\$3.941
SAT	\$20	\$20	\$15
PA	\$3.175	\$0	\$10
Inventory/ Survey	\$0	\$0	\$2

Below is a recap of the Obama administration's fiscal 2010 request from the May 8, 2009 Federal Parks and Recreation newsletter:

- STATE LWCF: an increase of \$11 million, or \$30 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$19 million;
- STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS: an increase of \$40 million, or \$115 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$75 million;
- FEDERAL LWCF: an increase of \$38.6 million, or \$199 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$160 million;
- URBAN PARKS AND RECREATION RECOVERY: no money, the same as fiscal 2009;
- NPS OPERATIONS: an increase of \$134 million, or \$2.666 billion compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$2.132 billion;
- NPS CONSTRUCTION: a DECREASE of \$26.5 million, or \$206 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$232.5 million;
- NPS RECREATION AND PRESERVATION: a DECREASE of \$6 million, or \$53.9 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$59.7 million;
- PROTECTION OF TREASURED LANDSCAPES: A new program with indirect assistance from an \$100 million increase in NPS operations and a \$25 million matching grant program;
- FOREST LEGACY: an increase of \$41.6 million, or \$91.1 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$49.4 million;
- FOREST SERVICE RECREATION: Unclear but the overarching National Forest System appropriation would remain the same;
- FOREST SERVICE TRAILS: Unclear but a capital improvement and trails line item would increase by \$62 million;
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION STATE GRANTS: an increase of \$4 million, or \$46.5 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$42.5 million;
- SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES: unchanged, \$20 million in fiscal 2009 and a fiscal 2010 million request of \$20 million;
- BLM RECREATION MANAGEMENT: an increase of \$4 million, or \$67.7 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$63.7 million; and
- FWS REFUGE MANAGEMENT: an increase of \$20.4 million, or \$483.3 million compared to a fiscal 2009 appropriation of \$462.9 million.

Details of the budget can be found on-line at www.doi.gov.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13-14, ACHP quarterly committee and business meetings, Washington, D.C.

July 8-12, 2009 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Big Bend, Texas