



## National Parks and Public Lands Amendment

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Washington, DC (February 3, 2009)- Senator Bingaman intends to offer an amendment to provide \$2.5 billion in increased funding for the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to carry out important land and resource management projects. Senators Boxer, Wyden, Kerry, Tester, and Stabenow are cosponsors.

Increased funding from this amendment will result in an estimated 45,000 new jobs, many in rural areas. A copy and summary of the amendment are attached. If your boss would like to cosponsor, or if you need additional information, please contact David Brooks (4-9863), Kira Finkler (4-5523), or Scott Miller (4-5488) of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff.

\* National Park Service- The amendment will add \$142 million to allow the National Park Service to undertake deferred maintenance and habitat restoration projects. It will add \$811 million to the Park Service's construction account to enable work on projects the Park Service has identified can be implemented within the next 18 months.

\* State Grants- The amendment adds \$45 million to the Historic Preservation fund, provides \$100 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund state grant program, and \$50 million for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants. These funds, which are passed through to States and Indian tribes, will allow for development and construction projects to protect and repair historic properties, provide for outdoor recreation facilities (but not land acquisition), and development of fish and wildlife habitat projects.

\* Fish and Wildlife Service- The amendment adds \$110 million for resource management projects at national wildlife refuges and \$15 million to the Fish and Wildlife Service construction account to allow the agency to work through more of its estimated \$3 billion backlog of deferred maintenance projects.

\* Bureau of Land Management- The amendment adds \$370 million for the Bureau of Land Management to implement land and resource projects, including watershed and grassland restoration, reclamation of abandoned wells and mines, hazardous fuels reduction, and renewable energy production on public lands.

\* Forest Service- The amendment provides an additional \$900 million for hazardous fuels reduction and forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and rehabilitation projects on national forest, state, and private lands, including new funds for roads and trails projects.

\* Bureau of Indian Affairs- Adds \$15 million for tribal watershed restoration and invasive species work.

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