

# FUNCTION 300: NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

## SENATE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR 2001

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Under current law, spending for Function 300, Natural Resources and the Environment, will total \$24.5 billion in BA and \$24.2 billion in outlays for 2000. This function includes funding for water resources, conservation and land management, recreation resources, and pollution control and abatement. Agencies with major program activities within the function include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Forest Service (within the Department of Agriculture), and the Department of the Interior, including the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, among others.

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### CHAIRMAN'S MARK

(\$ Billions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Budget Authority	24.5	24.9	25.0	25.0	25.1	25.1
Outlays	24.2	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.1	24.9

### Discretionary

The Chairman's mark assumes discretionary spending in this function would total \$24.1 billion in BA and \$24.0 billion in outlays for 2001. Over the next five years, the resolution assumes an allocation of \$125 billion for programs in this function. For 2001, there is a decrease of \$101 million in BA and an increase of \$260 million in outlays from the 2000 level.

The Chairman's mark for function 300 assumes increases in spending over the

2000 level for several important conservation and land management programs including:

- ! \$90 million in 2001 for the operation of the National Park Service and a total of \$450 million over 5 years;
- ! \$71 million in FY 2001 for management of land resources for the Bureau of Land Management and \$355 million over 5 years;
- ! \$59 million in 2001 for wildland fire management in the Forest service and \$295 million over 5 years;
- ! \$102 million in 2001 for NOAA's Pacific coastal salmon recovery program and \$510 million over 5 years.

The Chairman's mark also includes approximately \$165 million in additional spending for 2000 for NOAA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management and several other agencies.

The Chairman's mark does not accept the President's cut of \$539 million in 2001 and \$2.4 billion over 5 years in the EPA State and Tribal Assistance grants. The Chairman's mark also rejects the President's proposal for a new discretionary spending cap for the Lands Legacy program. The committee believes that the appropriations level of \$3.9 billion provided in 2000 for the accounts that comprise the President's Land Legacy proposal is sufficient to fund the activities included in the President's proposal if the Congress and the President choose to do so.

### **Mandatory used for Discretionary offsets**

The 2001 Chairman's mark for function 300 assumes no mandatory funds used as discretionary offsets.

### **Mandatory PAYGO**

The resolution assumes two changes in mandatory spending for function 300. The function assumes an increase in mandatory spending of up to \$200 million in FY 2001 for payments to counties for schools and roads and up to \$1.1 billion over the 5 year period. It also assumes the extension of recreational fee demonstration programs for the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service at a total cost of \$89 million in 2001.

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### COMPARISON OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK WITH PRESIDENT'S BUDGET AND SBC BASELINE (\$ Billions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>Chairman's Mark</u>						
Budget Authority	24.5	24.9	25.0	25.0	25.1	25.1
Outlays	24.2	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.1	24.9
<u>President's Budget</u>						
Budget Authority	24.5	26.4	26.2	25.9	26.5	27.0
Outlays	24.2	25.6	26.2	26.0	26.2	26.4
<u>SBC Baseline</u>						
Budget Authority	24.3	24.8	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7
Outlays	24.2	24.7	24.8	25.0	24.8	24.5
<u>Mark compared to:</u>						
<u>President's Budget</u>						
Budget Authority	--	-1.5	-1.1	-0.8	-1.5	-2.0
Outlays	0.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-1.1	-1.5
<u>SBC Baseline</u>						
Budget Authority	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Outlays	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3

