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Overview

There has been a significant reduction in the financial transparency of the Department of the Interior (DOI). Between March and May 2020, DOI removed the budget justifications for all years prior to FY2020 that had been hosted on its DOI.gov website. The URLs for those budget justifications now register as “Page Not Found.” Additionally, budget request highlights (called “Budget in Briefs”) and budget process testimonies have also been removed and now register as either “Access Denied” or “Page Not Found.” Through these removals, DOI has significantly impaired public understanding of the financial trajectory of the Department, and impeded public and Congressional oversight.

Description of Changes

Past Budget Documents

Budget justifications are plain-language explanations of how a federal agency or office intends to use the money appropriated to it by Congress. Budget justifications are the primary documents Congress uses in its decisions to appropriate money, and they are some of the only products of the budgeting process geared toward an explicitly broad, non-expert audience. The Department of the Interior (DOI) has removed budget justifications for the years preceding Fiscal Year 2020 (the current fiscal year). Until spring of this year, the DOI “Budget Justifications” webpage (www.doi.gov/bpp/budget-justifications) included budget justification documents for 19 of its agencies and department offices for each year dating back to FY2012. The DOI “Appropriations” (also known as “Budget by Year,” www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations) and “Budget in Briefs” (www.doi.gov/bpp/budget-briefs) webpages used to link to pages with budget justifications and other important fiscal information dating back to 2001.

The past years’ budget justification documents are no longer available through the DOI website: their URLs now register as “Page Not Found.” The links provided to past years’ budget webpages from the “Appropriations” and “Budget Briefs” webpages now register as “Access Denied” and the budget justifications documents linked on those now-restricted pages register as “Page Not Found” (they are mostly, but not all, the same URLs that had been linked on the “Budget Justifications” page).

The budget justifications were removed from the “Budget Justifications” page sometime between March 18 and May 4, 2020. It is likely that the past years’ Appropriations and Budget in Brief pages were taken down around the same time, though we can only confirm that the pages became restricted access sometime between January 2019 and June 2020.

While it is the responsibility of DOI, not agencies within the department, to make budget justification documents available to the public, some agencies within DOI, such as the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the National Park Service (NPS), make their current and past budget justifications available through their own websites. So while the public could not access the documents through the DOI website, some of the budget justifications could be accessed by searching the individual agency websites. Other agencies and offices within the DOI, such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Office of the Solicitor, have not historically made these budget documents available, so DOI's removals mean that they are no longer available to the public by any means. The availability of past budget justifications is now a patchwork, with a notable void of material for departmental offices and operations. Even with extensive searching on sub-departmental websites and archival agency and non-profit websites, members of the public can still only find budget justifications for less than half of DOI's Congressionally appropriated annual budgets since 2012, and a significantly smaller fraction of those in earlier years.

Current and Upcoming Budget Documents

For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, DOI includes links to budget justifications for 19 offices and agencies within the department in two places on its website: its Budget and Performance Portal (www.doi.gov/bpp) and its Office of Budget (www.doi.gov/budget). Several links do not work to the 2021 budget justifications on the Budget and Performance Portal page itself and to the 2020 budget justifications on the BPP's Budget Justifications page (www.doi.gov/bpp/budget-justifications): of the 19 links provided, links to six FY2021 budget justifications (BLM, BOEM, BSEE, BTFA [formerly OST], USGS, and WFM) and three FY2020 budget justifications (BIA, NRDA, and OSMRE) register as "Page Not Found." Interestingly, all of the links to the 2020 and 2021 budget justifications work on the two remaining fiscal year appropriations webpages within the DOI Office of Budget website (www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2020 and www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2021).

Broader Context of Federal Budgeting Transparency

Our findings underscore the need for archival standards to foster fiscal transparency across federal agencies. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires that budget justifications be made available to the public within two weeks of submission to Congress ([OMB Circular A-11 section 22.6\(c\)](#)) by posting on "the Internet at a vanity federal government URL (e.g., agencyXYZ.gov/CJ)" but does not specify how long the budget justifications should be made available. Many federal agencies make several years' budget justifications available, as DOI did prior to these removals. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) links to budget justifications dating back to 2012 on its [Budget](#) webpage; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) links to budget justifications going back to 2011, and other agency financial and performance information going back to 1999 on its [Historical Planning, Budgets, and Results Reports](#) webpage. Standardization of the location and minimal archival record for agency budget documents would facilitate greater fiscal transparency across agencies and efficiency for public and Congressional research.

In Sum

There has been a significant reduction in the financial transparency of the Department of the Interior through these website changes. The removal of past 8-19 years of budget justifications strips the public’s ability to assess DOI’s current budget requests and understand them in the context of the fiscal year, in relation to other departments and agencies, or as part of a longer trajectory of department funding. With recent DOI annual budgets ranging from 11 to 15 billion dollars requested from Congress, taxpayers have a right to know how DOI has spent its money.

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Detailed Description of Changes

This section of the report details changes that occurred on specific webpages. The changes are described with all of the text on the page presented as it existed both prior to the change and after the change. Screenshot images of page versions before and after the change follow the written description of changes.

In the reproductions of the page text, underlined items are items that were hyperlinked in the original page. The links for underlined items are the links that are present in the Internet Archive Wayback Machine (IAWM) which, when available, link to other pages archived in the IAWM. Several of the links do not work, however, as the linked pages were not archived in the IAWM. Thus, not all of the underlined items in the reproductions of the page text have working links.

1. Budget Justifications

- URL: www.doi.gov/bpp/budget-justifications
- Screenshot 1.1: Removal of FY2012-FY2019 occurred between [April 20, 2020 2:02 am EDT](#) (1.1a) and [May 4, 2020 2:01 am EDT](#) (1.1b)

This screenshot shows the DOI's "Budget Justifications" page. It used to link to the budget justification documents for FY2012—FY2020 for its sub-department agencies and offices (ranging from 17 entities in 2012 to 19 entities in 2020). Between April 20 and May 4, 2020, DOI removed the links to each of the budget justification documents for FY2012—FY2019. The URLs for those documents no longer work: they now all return "Page Not Found" errors. The only documents that remain on the page are for FY2020.

Screenshot 1.1

On April 20, 2020 the Budget Justifications page included:

2020 Budget Justification

- [FY 2020 Bureau of Land Management](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- [FY 2020 Central Utah Project Completion Act](#)
- [FY 2020 U. S. Geological Survey](#)
- [FY 2020 Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [FY 2020 National Park Service](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

- FY 2020 Bureau of Indian Education
- FY 2020 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs
- FY 2020 Office of Insular Affairs
- FY 2020 Office of the Solicitor
- FY 2020 Office of Inspector General
- FY 2020 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
- FY 2020 National Indian Gaming Commission
- FY 2020 Wildland Fire Management
- FY 2020 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program

2019 Budget Justification

- FY 2019 Bureau of Land Management
- FY 2019 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- FY 2019 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
- FY 2019 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- FY 2019 Bureau of Reclamation
- FY 2019 Central Utah Project Completion Act
- FY 2019 U. S. Geological Survey
- FY 2019 Fish and Wildlife Service
- FY 2019 National Park Service
- Budget Policy Addendum
- FY 2019 Indian Affairs
- FY 2019 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs
- FY 2019 Office of Insular Affairs
- FY 2019 Office of the Solicitor
- FY 2019 Office of Inspector General
- FY 2019 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
- FY 2019 National Indian Gaming Commission
- FY 2019 Wildland Fire Management
- FY 2019 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program

2018 Budget Justification

- FY 2018 Bureau of Land Management
- FY 2018 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- FY 2018 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
- FY 2018 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- FY 2018 Bureau of Reclamation
- FY 2018 Central Utah Project Completion Act
- FY 2018 U. S. Geological Survey
- FY 2018 Fish and Wildlife Service
- FY 2018 National Park Service

- [FY 2018 Indian Affairs](#)
- [FY 2018 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs](#)
- [FY 2018 Office of Insular Affairs](#)
- [FY 2018 Office of the Solicitor](#)
- [FY 2018 Office of Inspector General](#)
- [FY 2018 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians](#)
- [FY 2018 National Indian Gaming Commission](#)
- [FY 2018 Wildland Fire Management](#)
- [FY 2018 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program](#)

2017 Budget Justification

- [FY 2017 Bureau of Land Management](#)
- [FY 2017 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management](#)
- [FY 2017 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2017 Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- [FY 2017 Central Utah Project Completion Act](#)
- [FY 2017 U. S. Geological Survey](#)
- [FY 2017 Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [FY 2017 National Park Service](#)
- [FY 2017 Indian Affairs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of Insular Affairs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Solicitor](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of Inspector General](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians](#)
- [FY 2017 National Indian Gaming Commission](#)
- [FY 2017 Wildland Fire Management](#)
- [FY 2017 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program](#)

2016 Budget Justifications

- [FY 2016 Bureau of Land Management \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Bureau of Reclamation \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Central Utah Project Completion Act \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 U. S. Geological Survey \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Fish and Wildlife Service \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 National Park Services \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY 2016 Indian Affairs \(PDF\)](#)

- FY 2016 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Office of Insular Affairs ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Office of the Solicitor ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Office of Inspector General ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 National Indian Gaming Commission ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Wildland Fire Management ([PDF](#))
- FY 2016 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program ([PDF](#))

2015 Budget Justifications

- FY 2015 Bureau of Land Management ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Bureau of Reclamation ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 U. S. Geological Survey ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Fish and Wildlife Service ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 National Park Services ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Indian Affairs ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of Insular Affairs ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of the Solicitor ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of Inspector General ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 National Indian Gaming Commission ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Wildland Fire Management ([PDF](#))
- FY 2015 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program ([PDF](#))

2014 Budget Justifications

- FY 2014 Bureau of Land Management ([PDF - 8Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2014 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2014 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement ([PDF - 4Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Bureau of Reclamation ([PDF - 7Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 U. S. Geological Survey ([PDF - 6Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Fish and Wildlife Service ([PDF - 13Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 National Park Services ([PDF - 7Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Indian Affairs ([PDF - 10Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs ([PDF - 10Mbs](#))

- FY 2014 Office of Insular Affairs ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Office of the Solicitor ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Office of Inspector General ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2014 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2014 National Indian Gaming Commission ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2014 Wildland Fire Management ([PDF - 1mbs](#))
- FY 2014 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program ([PDF - 3Mbs](#))

2013 Budget Justifications

- FY 2013 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Bureau of Reclamation ([PDF - 9Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Bureau of Land Management ([PDF - 9Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Fish and Wildlife Service ([PDF - 10Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Indian Affairs ([PDF - 6Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 National Indian Gaming Commission ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2013 National Park Services ([PDF - 5Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program ([PDF - 2Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Office of Inspector General ([PDF](#))
- FY 2013 Office of Insular Affairs ([PDF - 2Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs ([PDF - 5Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Office of the Solicitor ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians ([PDF -](#))
- FY 2013 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement ([PDF - 1Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 U. S. Geological Survey ([PDF - 5Mbs](#))
- FY 2013 Wildland Fire Management ([PDF - 1mbs](#))

2012 Budget Justifications

- FY 2012 [Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement](#)
- FY 2012 [Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- FY 2012 [Bureau of Land Management](#)
- FY 2012 [Central Utah Project Completion Act](#)
- FY 2012 [Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- FY 2012 [Indian Affairs](#)
- FY 2012 [National Indian Gaming Commission](#)
- FY 2012 [National Park Services](#)
- FY 2012 [Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program](#)
- FY 2012 [Office of Inspector General](#)
- FY 2012 [Office of Insular Affairs](#)

- [FY 2012 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs](#)
- [FY 2012 Office of the Solicitor](#)
- [FY 2012 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians](#)
- [FY 2012 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2012 U. S. Geological Survey](#)
- [FY 2012 Wildland Fire Management](#)

On May 4, 2020, the only links remaining on the page were:

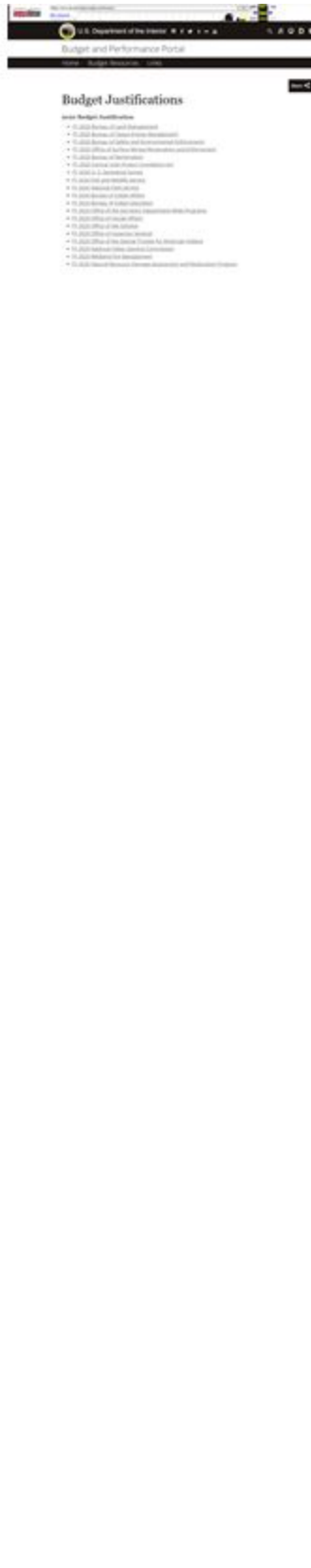
2020 Budget Justification

- [FY 2020 Bureau of Land Management](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- [FY 2020 Central Utah Project Completion Act](#)
- [FY 2020 U. S. Geological Survey](#)
- [FY 2020 Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [FY 2020 National Park Service](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)
- [FY 2020 Bureau of Indian Education](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of Insular Affairs](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of the Solicitor](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of Inspector General](#)
- [FY 2020 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians](#)
- [FY 2020 National Indian Gaming Commission](#)
- [FY 2020 Wildland Fire Management](#)
- [FY 2020 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program](#)

Screenshot 1.1a (April 20, 2020)



Screenshot 1.1b (May 4, 2020)



2. Appropriations

- URL: www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations
- Screenshot 2.1: Removals occurred between [February 10, 2020 10:57pm EST](#) and [June 27, 2020 8:46 pm EDT](#)
- Screenshot 2.2: Linked webpage status changed to “Access Denied.” Example FY2017 appropriations webpage (<https://www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2017>) changed status between [January 9, 2019 8:23 pm EST](#) and [July 16, 2020 9:06 pm EDT](#)

DOI’s “Appropriations” page, accessed by clicking on “Budget by Year” on the DOI Office of Budget website, used to include links to appropriations webpages for each fiscal year dating back to FY2001. The content of each of those webpages was slightly different year to year, but since 2008, each of those webpages (see 2.2) included links to budget highlight webpages (see 3.2), testimonies from budget hearings (pdfs), and budget justifications (pdfs) for that year. Sometime before July 2020, the links to the appropriations webpages for fiscal years 2001—2019 were removed and the URLs for those webpages now register as “Access Denied,” with the page reading “Content Unavailable.” The URLs for the testimony and budget justification pdfs now register as “Page Not Found.”

Screenshot 2.1

This screenshot shows DOI’s “Appropriations” webpage as it was on February 10, 2020 (2.1a) with links to appropriations webpages for fiscal years 2002-2021, and as it was on June 27, 2020 (2.1b) with links only to appropriations webpages for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

The Appropriations webpage included the following on February 10, 2020:

Appropriations

Current Fiscal Year Appropriation

- [Fiscal Year 2021](#)

Prior Fiscal Year Appropriations

- [Fiscal Year 2020](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2019](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2018](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2017](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2016](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2015](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2014](#)

- [Fiscal Year 2013](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2012](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2011](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2010](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2009](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2008](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2007](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2006](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2005](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2004](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2003](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2002](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2001](#)

The Appropriations webpage included the following on June 27, 2020:

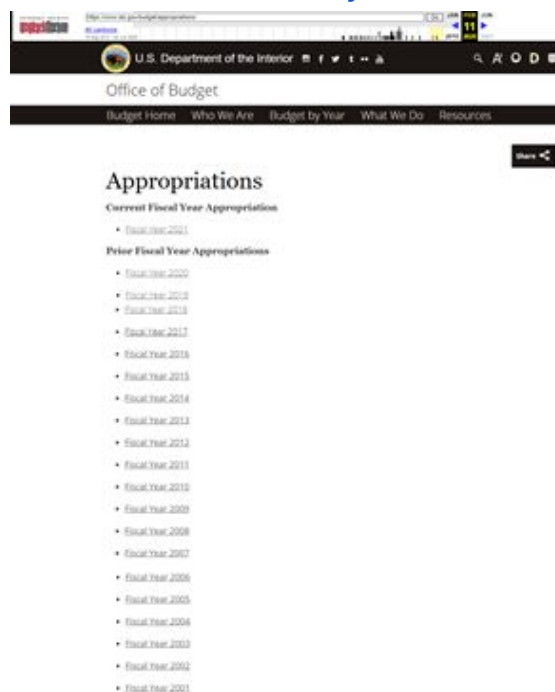
Budget by Year

Current Fiscal Year Appropriation

- [Fiscal Year 2021](#)

Prior Fiscal Year Appropriations

- [Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Screenshot 2.1a ([February 10, 2020](#))Screenshot 2.1b ([June 27, 2020](#))

Screenshot 2.2

This screenshot shows an example of one the webpages linked on DOI's "Appropriations" webpage, this one for fiscal year 2017 (<https://www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2017>). The page used to include budget highlights, justifications, and information regarding other parts of the budget process; by July 2020 the URL registered as "Access Denied" with the page header reading "Content Unavailable."

The FY2017 Appropriations webpage include the following on January 9, 2019:

Fiscal Year 2017

This page highlights items of interest concerning the Department of the Interior's budget. You may track the progress of this budget request through the Congressional appropriations process from this page.

Budget in Brief

The Department of the Interior [Budget in Brief](#) highlights and describes details of the fiscal year 2017 request.

Note: This document is presented as several separate PDF-formatted files. To view these files requires that you have [Adobe Acrobat Reader®](#) loaded on your computer.

Interior Fact Sheet - Budget 2017

Testimony from Budget Hearings

Statement of Sally Jewell, Secretary of The Interior, Testimony on the 2017 President's Budget Request before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Committee on Appropriations, March 2, 2016.

Statement of Sally Jewell, Secretary of The Interior, Testimony on the 2017 President's Budget Request before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Senate Committee on Appropriations, March 2, 2016.

Statement of Neil G. Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Testimony on the 2017 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, March 3, 2016.

Statement of Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service, Testimony on the 2017 Budget Request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, March 15, 2016.

Statement of Lawrence S. Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Testimony on the 2017 Budget Request for Indian Affairs before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, March 16, 2016.

Statement of Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Testimony on the 2017 Budget Request for the National Park Service before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, March 16, 2016.

Statement of Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Testimony on the 2017 Budget Request for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement before The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, March 3, 2016.

Budget Justifications

- FY 2017 Bureau of Land Management
- FY 2017 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- FY 2017 Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- [FY 2017 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#)
- [FY 2017 Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- [FY 2017 Central Utah Project Completion Act](#)
- [FY 2017 U. S. Geological Survey](#)
- [FY 2017 Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [FY 2017 National Park Service](#)
- [FY 2017 Indian Affairs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Secretary Department-Wide Programs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of Insular Affairs](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Solicitor](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of Inspector General](#)
- [FY 2017 Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians](#)
- [FY 2017 National Indian Gaming Commission](#)
- [FY 2017 Wildland Fire Management](#)
- [FY 2017 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program](#)

Bills

- Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations
- Energy and Water Development Appropriations

The Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bills

House Action: [\(HR 5538\)](#)

- Reported by the House Committee. The House Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on May 24, 2016.
- Passed by the Committee. The House Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the bill on June 15, 2016 by a vote of 31 to 18.
- House Action. The bill was placed on the House calendar on June 21, 2016.
- House Action. House Committee reported an original measure [H. Rept. 114-632](#) on June 21, 2016.
- House Action. The House Rules Committee reported favorably on the rules for debate of the bill on July 11, 2016.
- House Action. The House considered the bill July 12, 2016 through July 14, 2016.
- Passed by the House. The Committee of the Whole House adopted the bill on July 14, 2016 by a vote of 231-196.

Senate Action: [\(S 3068\)](#)

- Reported by the Senate Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on June 14, 2016.
- Passed by the Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the bill on June 14, 2016 by a vote of 16 to 14.

- Senate Action. Senate Committee reported an original measure S. Rept. 114-281 on June 16, 2016.

- Senate Action. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar on June 16, 2016.

Executive Action:

- No Executive Action

Bill Summary and Status:

- HR 5538

- S 3068

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

House Action: (HR 5055)

- Reported by the House Committee. The House Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill on April 12, 2016.

- Passed by the Committee. The House Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the bill on April 19, 2016 by a voice vote.

- House Action. The bill was placed on the House calendar on April 26, 2016.

- House Action. House Committee reported an original measure H. Rept. 114-532 on April 26, 2016.

- House Action. The House Rules Committee reported favorably on the rules for debate of the bill on May 23, 2016.

- House Action. The House considered the bill May 24, 2016 through May 26, 2016.

- Defeated in the House. The Committee of the Whole House failed to adopt the bill on May 26, 2016 by a vote of 112 to 305.

Senate Action: (S 2804)

- Reported by the Senate Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill on April 14, 2016.

- Passed by the Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the bill on April 14, 2016 by a voice vote.

- Senate Action. Senate Committee reported an original measure S. Rept. 114-236 on April 14, 2016.

- Senate Action. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar on April 14, 2016.

Executive Action:

- No Executive Action

Bill Summary and Status:

- [HR 5055](#)
- [S 2804](#)

Continuing Appropriations

Continuing Resolutions:

- [HR 5325](#) Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans, Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act provides funding for agencies through December 9, 2016. The bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 342 to 85 and by the Senate by a vote of 72 to 26. The bill became [Public Law 114-223](#).
- [HR 2028](#) Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act provides continued funding through April 28, 2017. The bill was adopted by the House by a vote of 326 to 96 and by the Senate by a vote of 63 to 36. The bill became [Public Law 114-254](#).

On July 16, 2020 the webpage URL returned an "Access Denied" error showing the following:

Content unavailable

That page doesn't seem to be available on our system. Its content may have been moved elsewhere -- or our site might just be having trouble right now.

Our site-search feature may be able to help. To search DOI.gov and other Interior sites, start by clicking the magnifying lens at the top of the screen.

Screenshot 2.2a ([January 9, 2019](#))



Screenshot 2.2b ([July 16, 2020](#))



3. Budget in Briefs

- URL: www.doi.gov/bpp/budget-briefs
- Screenshot 3.1 Links and link text removals occurred between **[January 8, 2019 8:08 pm EST](#)** and **[July 13, 2020 10:48 pm EDT](#)**
- Screenshot 3.2 Linked webpage status changed to “Access Denied.” Example FY2015 “Budget in Brief” webpage (<https://www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2015/highlights>) changed status between **[August 7, 2019 3:51 pm EDT](#)** and **[July 22, 2020 6:46 pm EDT](#)**

Budget in Briefs (Briefs) are highlights from each bureau’s budget requests and justifications, written for a broad audience, and explicitly comparing the current fiscal year request with the previous year. DOI’s “Budget in Briefs” page used to link to Briefs webpages for each fiscal year dating back to 2001 (see 3.1). By July 2020, that page only links to a FY2020 “Budget in Brief” webpage. The previously linked Briefs webpages now register as “Access Denied” (see 3.2).

Screenshot 3.1

This screenshot shows DOI’s “Budget in Briefs” webpage on the last two most recent snapshots in the Internet Archive Wayback Machine, which unfortunately are separated by more than a year. As of January 8, 2019, the webpage contained links to Briefs pages for each fiscal year from 2001 through 2017. As of the most recent snapshot on July 13, 2020, the webpage only contained a link to the FY2020 “Budget in Brief” page.

On January 8, 2019, the “Budget in Briefs” webpage included the following:

Budget in Briefs

- [FY 2017 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2016 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2015 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2014 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2013 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2012 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2011 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2010 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2009 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2008 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2007 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2006 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2005 Budget in Brief](#)
- [FY 2004 Budget in Brief](#)

- [FY 2003 Budget in Brief](#)
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This screenshot displays an example “Budget in Brief” webpage for a specific fiscal year, in this case 2015 (<https://www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2015/highlights>). This screenshot shows the most recent snapshot in the Internet Archive Wayback Machine, which unfortunately was from almost a year ago, August 2019. The Briefs webpages for each fiscal year included links to budget request highlights from the whole department as they relate to DOI strategic goals and from each bureau within the department. By July 2020, each of the Briefs webpages for specific fiscal years 2001—2019 registered as “Access Denied” and the URLs for the linked budget highlight documents (pdfs) now register as “Page Not Found.”

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