



# NATIONAL **WILDLIFE** REFUGE SYSTEM

## NWRS Budget Overview

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# FY2021 – NWRS Enacted

- Total NWRS funding increase: \$1,449,000
- Assessment increases: -\$3,125,589
- 1% Pay increase:  $\approx$  -\$3,100,000
- FEHB premium increase of 3.6%: -\$1,355,423

**FY21 Effective NWRS Budget Reduction:  $\approx$  -\$6,176,589**

# FY2022 President's Budget Request



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# **FY2022 – NWRS Request**

**Total Request - \$584.399 million**

- \$80.546M above FY 2021 appropriation
- Highest request in the history of NWRS



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# FY2022 – By NWRS Program

## NWRS Funding – FY21 Appropriations to FY22 Request (in thousands)

Subactivity	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Request	Change from FY21 to FY22	% Change from FY21 to FY 22
Wildlife and Habitat Management	239,568	259,517	19,949	7.7%
Infrastructure Management	145,822	174,636	28,814	16.5%
Visitor Services	75,033	96,737	21,704	22.4%
Refuge Law Enforcement	40,907	48,915	8,008	16.4%
Conservation Planning	2,523	4,594	2,071	45.1%
NWRS Total	503,853	584,399	80,546	13.8%



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# FY2022 – Administrative Initiatives

## Pillars of the Administration:

- Build Back Better
- America the Beautiful
- Tackling the Climate Crisis
  - Civilian Climate Corps
  - Zero Emissions Fleet
- Social Equity
- Rebuilding Capacity



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## Wildlife and Habitat Management (1261)

- **Request is for \$259.517M** – an increase of \$19.949M above FY21
- **Program changes include:**
  - \$10.5M increase for Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities
  - \$5M increase for Inventory and Monitoring
  - \$4.949M increase for fixed costs adjustment



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## Refuge Maintenance (1262)

- Request is for \$174.636M – an increase of \$28.814M above FY21
- Program changes include:
  - \$2M increase for Deferred Maintenance
  - \$7M increase for Maintenance Support
  - \$2M increase for Youth Conservation Corps
  - \$9.638M increase for Annual Maintenance
  - \$6.5M increase for Equipment and Vehicle Replacement
  - \$1.676M increase for fixed costs adjustment





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## Refuge Visitor Services (1263)

- **Request is for \$96.737M** – an increase of \$21.704M above FY21
- **Program changes include:**
  - \$13M increase for Visitor Services activities
  - \$7M increase for Urban Wildlife Conservation Program
  - \$1.704M increase for fixed costs adjustment



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## Refuge Law Enforcement (1264)

- **Request is for \$48.915M** – an increase of \$8.008M above FY21
- **Program changes include:**
  - \$7M increase for Refuge Law Enforcement
  - \$1.008M increase for fixed costs adjustment



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## Conservation Planning (1265)

- **Request is for \$4.954M** – an increase of \$2.071M above FY21
  - \$2M increase for Conservation Planning
  - \$0.071M increase for fixed costs adjustment



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## **Construction (28xx) – 45.9 percent increase**

- **Request is for \$39.620M** – an increase of \$21.427M from FY 2021
  - Includes a total fixed cost increase of \$0.169M
  - Construct EV Charging Stations – \$10M

## **Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA)**

- Implementation includes up to \$95M per year for FWS in proposed mandatory funding for deferred maintenance projects



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## Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- **DOI LWCF full funding \$682M**
  - \$293M for land acquisition projects, and
  - \$399M for State and local grants
- **Total FWS LWCF \$99.715M**
  - Line Item Projects: \$53.092M with \$3.026M sequester
  - Sportsmen and Recreational Access: \$15.376M
  - Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships: \$11.135M
  - Exchanges: \$1.591M
  - Land Protection Planning: \$0.493M
  - Acquisition Management: \$18.028M



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## Transportation

- **FAST Act currently gives FWS \$30.0M/year**
- **New Transportation to be authorized by Oct 1, 2021**
  - House version of legislation authorizes \$50M/year
  - Senate version authorizes \$36M/year



# FY2022 – Legislative Proposals

## **Civilian Climate Corps**

- Putting Americans to work to conserve public lands and waters and strengthen community resilience.

## **Plug Orphan Oil and Gas Wells and Cleaning Up Abandoned Mines**

- Putting Americans to work to plug oil and gas wells and reclaim abandoned coal, hardrock, and uranium mines on Federal and non-Federal lands, improving environmental quality and creating good-paying jobs in hard-hit communities.

## **Invest in Climate Resilience**

- Strengthen communities against extreme wildfires, drought, and adverse resource impacts. Examples of Interior's contributions include expansion of:
  - Water efficiency and recycling, Indian water settlements, and dam safety programs in Bureau of Reclamation
  - U.S. Geological Survey's digital, high-resolution 3D elevation mapping program (3DEP)
  - Federal and Tribal hazardous fuels management activities

## **Advancing R&D and the Technologies of the Future**

- Advance America's research infrastructure to establish the U.S. as a leader in climate science, innovation, and R&D.

# President's Budget Request Time Line





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# Formulation Process – Year 1

## Year 1

- **December-May:** Internal FWS discussion, setting of priorities
- **June-August:** Internal FWS and DOI discussions
- **September-January:** Internal DOI and OMB discussions

## Year 2

- **December-February:** The final presentation is prepared by DOI
- **February:** Public release of President's Budget Request to Congress
- **March:** Congressional hearings on proposed budget



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