INTERIOR & ENVIRONMENT

\$35.2B

To invest in our nation's natural resources, fight damaging wildfires, address infrastructure and maintenance needs, and rein in burdensome regulations

REINING IN THE EPA

- Freezes EPA base funding at the FY17 level of \$8.06B
- Overall EPA funding has been reduced by \$2.2B (21%) since FY10
- Reduces funding for EPA regulatory activities by \$23.5M from FY17
- Holds EPA staffing to the lowest level in 30 years
- EPA's staffing levels have been reduced by 650 positions over the last year, and 3,106 FTEs since FY10

CUTTING RED TAPE

- Prohibits EPA from regulating the lead content in ammunition or fishing tackle
- Directs the EPA, USDA, and DOE to establish clear policies that reflect the carbon neutrality of biomass
- Prohibits the EPA from making changes to certain agricultural exemptions under the Clean Water Act
- Exempts livestock producers from EPA greenhouse gas regulations
- Directs Interior to work with Congress, states, and constituents before making national monument designations
- Directs the Administration to distribute Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas revenues consistent with current laws

REBUILDING PARKS

• Provides \$3.2B for the National Park Service, with emphasis on operations and deferred maintenance

PRESERVING NATURAL RESOURCES

- Funds wildland firefighting and prevention programs at
 \$3.8B the total 10-year average for suppression costs for both Interior and the Forest Service
 - Includes forest management and fire budgeting reforms, providing budget certainty, encouraging more on-the-ground management, reducing litigation, and improving the health of our forests
- Provides \$60M for sage grouse conservation to protect the species while preventing an ESA listing and preserving federal lands for public and private uses, including military activities
- Targets U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding to speed the delisting of the endangered species, fight invasive species, and prevent illegal wildlife trafficking

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Provides full funding (\$530M) for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to help local governments offset property tax losses due to federal lands
- Includes \$115M for an Office of Surface Mining pilot program that accelerates the reclamation of abandoned mine lands, boosting community redevelopment
- Prioritizes funding for water infrastructure, including:
 - Providing a total of \$2.9B bill-wide for local drinking water and sewage construction projects through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds
 - Providing **\$63M** for the WIFIA program, which will finance over \$6B in water infrastructure projects
 - Includes a "Buy America" provision for drinking water projects
- Includes a \$66M increase to accelerate the cleanup of Superfund sites to return them to productive use and spur economic development
- Supports our Native American communities by:
 - Funding the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Education at **\$3.1B**, an increase of **\$204M** above FY17
 - Providing **\$5.5B** (**\$498M** above FY17) for the Indian Health Service

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