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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND DISTRIBUTED TO STATES AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR FY 1979

The Interior Department has notified the governors of the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia of their Fiscal Year 1979 apportionments from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Secretary Cecil D. Andrus announced today.

Secretary Andrus said, "This increase in the Fund from \$600 million in FY 1978 to \$737 million in FY 1979, will make it possible to provide more close-to-home recreation than has been possible in the past. We also will be able to acquire Federal lands critically needed for recreation in National Parks, National Forests and other Federal areas."

The bulk of the Fund is derived from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases collected by the Department of the Interior.

Congress appropriated \$737 million to finance outdoor recreation through the four major Federal land managing agencies--National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management --and the 50 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia.

The Fiscal Year 1979 Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriation includes \$369.8 million for the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia. The balance of the \$737 million--\$367.2 million--will be used for land acquisition by the four major Federal agencies which manage national recreation and wildlife areas and for Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service administration of the programs.

Chris T. Delaporte, Director of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service noted that during the Fund's 14-year life, \$1.7 billion in matching grants has been made to the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia to purchase over 1.9 million acres of land and to fund 14,332 projects for development of facilities.

About \$1.7 billion has been divided among the principal Federal land managing agencies for acquisition of land and water to provide recreation, to preserve outstanding natural resources and protect endangered wildlife.

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Of the \$369.8 million to be available to the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, \$357.8 million is divided among them on the basis of a fixed share and population formula. An additional \$12.0 million has been reserved as a Contingency Reserve Fund to be used by the Secretary of the Interior for unforeseen emergency needs.

Funds for Federal agencies are appropriated for specific areas on the basis of land acquisition plans and Congressional action authorizing new areas to be acquired and federally managed.

From the FY 1979 Fund appropriation, \$360.0 million will permit the Federal land managing agencies to acquire land and water recreation areas of national significance. The National Park Service will receive \$253.7 million; the Forest Service, \$71.4 million; the Fish and Wildlife Service, \$33.4 million; and the Bureau of Land Management, \$1.5 million.

FISCAL YEAR 1979 APPORTIONMENTS TO STATES
FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

<u>State</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>
Alabama	\$ 6,085,650	New Hampshire	\$ 3,330,726
Alaska	2,904,690	New Jersey	11,294,378
Arizona	4,859,702	New Mexico	3,490,235
Arkansas	4,295,421	New York	23,609,786
California	27,212,832	North Carolina	7,232,356
Colorado	5,368,486	North Dakota	3,023,883
Connecticut	6,251,495	Ohio	14,411,464
Delaware	3,206,520	Oklahoma	5,107,521
Florida	11,504,966	Oregon	4,779,130
Georgia	7,168,557	Pennsylvania	15,673,679
Hawaii	3,554,519	Rhode Island	3,724,916
Idaho	3,145,628	South Carolina	5,041,215
Illinois	14,970,207	South Dakota	3,062,312
Indiana	7,934,932	Tennessee	6,671,121
Iowa	4,921,460	Texas	15,538,014
Kansas	4,540,020	Utah	3,887,777
Kentucky	5,532,522	Vermont	2,877,331
Louisiana	6,301,006	Virginia	7,500,920
Maine	3,416,578	Washington	6,227,993
Maryland	7,242,691	West Virginia	4,058,258
Massachusetts	9,633,482	Wisconsin	7,012,888
Michigan	12,709,209	Wyoming	2,818,234
Minnesota	6,451,677	District of Columbia	1,382,196
Mississippi	4,317,934	Puerto Rico	4,587,732
Missouri	7,340,168	Virgin Islands	101,710
Montana	3,147,163	Guam	123,135
Nebraska	3,933,224	American Samoa	34,848
Nevada	3,235,503		

Apportioned to States	\$357,740,000
Contingency Reserve	12,000,000
Total Appropriation	\$369,790,000