

**Contents of Special Message**  
(in thousands of dollars)

<u>Defer-</u> <u>ral #</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Authority</u>
D76-12B	Interior:	
	Bureau of Land Management	
	Public lands development roads and trails.....	<u>20,000</u>
	Total.....	20,000

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Summary of Special Messages  
for FY 1976  
(amounts in thousands of dollars)

	<u>Rescissions</u>	<u>Deferrals</u>
Thirteenth special message:		
New items.....	----	---
Changes to amounts previously submitted.....	----	<u>3,900</u>
Effect of the thirteenth special message.....	----	3,900
Previous special messages....	3,328,714	8,982,867
Adjustments to eliminate double counting.....	---	<u>-242,023</u>
Total amount proposed in special messages.....	3,328,714 (in 44 rescission proposals)	8,744,744 (in 109 deferrals)

NOTE: All amounts listed represent budget authority except for \$106,850,352 consisting of two general revenue sharing deferrals (of outlays only). A supplementary report (D76-25D) was included in the tenth special message for one of these deferrals. The other deferral (D76-67) was reported in the seventh 1976 special message.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
Report Pursuant to Section 1014(c) of P.L. 93-344

This report revises deferral No. 76-12A transmitted to the Congress on February 6, 1976, and printed as House Document No. 94-362.

This report, on the Interior Department's program to develop roads and trails on public lands, increases by \$3,900,000 the amount being deferred. The Senate Committee on Appropriations requested deferral of this amount. The outlay estimates for fiscal year 1977 and 1978 have also been revised to more accurately reflect the effect of this deferral on fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter.

**DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency <u>Department of the Interior</u> Bureau <u>Land Management</u> Appropriation title & symbol <u>14X1113</u> <u>Public Lands Development</u> <u>Roads and Trails</u>	New budget authority \$ <u>---</u> (P.L. _____) <u>25,150,000<sup>1</sup>/<sub>*</sub></u> Other budgetary resources _____ Total budgetary resources <u>25,150,000<sup>1</sup>/<sub>*</sub></u>
OMB identification code: <u>10-04-1113-0-1-302</u>	/Legal authority (in addition to sec. 1013): <input type="checkbox"/> Antideficiency Act <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Grant program <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Type of budget authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Type of account or fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <u>June 30, 1976</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple-year <u>June 30, 1977, and</u> <u>June 30, 1978</u> (expiration date) <input type="checkbox"/> No-year	Amount to be deferred: Part of year \$ _____ Entire year <u>20,000,000*</u>

\* Justification

Contract authority in this account results from multi-year authorization under the Federal Aid Highway Act. The total amount of contract authority authorized under the Act is not based on a specific set of construction projects approved by the Congress or the Executive Branch but is derived from long-term estimates of future road building plans and represents an upper limit for an on-going road construction effort.

Contract authority is authorization to obligate Federal funds prior to their appropriation; however, subsequent payments to vendors and contractors cannot be made until after cash to liquidate contract authority has been appropriated. Appropriated funds are not being deferred by this action. What is being deferred is authority to obligate funds before appropriation.

Obligations of the contract authority for this account are made for constructing new roads and trails, reconstructing existing roads and trails, and acquiring easements for access to public lands. The roads and trails systems are used for management of the 450 million acres of public land and by recreationists. The road and trail system currently totals about 44,000 miles of roads and 5,000 miles of trails. In 1976, planned program activity includes 38 miles of new road construction, 28 miles of road surfacing, construction of 5 bridges and 45 miles of trails, and acquisition of 179 easements. This program is designed to use, in the most effective way, the contract authority provided for this program.

<sup>1</sup>/ Reflects rescission of \$4,900,000 (P.L. 94-249)

\* Revised from previous submission.

At the beginning of 1976, unobligated contract authority available for this program totalled \$30 million. Another \$50,000 in estimated reimbursements was expected to be received and obligated in fiscal years 1976 and 1977. On March 11, 1976, the Congress approved the rescission of \$4.9 million in contract authority that was not planned for use in 1976 and would have lapsed on June 30, 1976.

Consequently, \$25.1 million--disregarding reimbursements--in contract authority is now available for obligation and is scheduled to be used as follows:

\$5.1 in 1976  
 1.1 in the transition quarter  
 5.0 in 1977

Deferral of \$20 million in contract authority is proposed through fiscal year 1976 and, if appropriate legislation is enacted, \$18.9 million is proposed for deferral through the transition quarter. These deferrals are consistent with the appropriations to liquidate contract authority approved by the Congress for 1976 and the transition quarter. Of the total amount being deferred, \$3.9 million is not presently planned to be used before it lapses on September 30, 1977, and was proposed for rescission (R76-40). Instead of approving the rescission, the Senate Appropriations Committee declared that the \$3.9 million "...should be deferred pending Congressional action on the Bureau's fiscal year 1977 road construction program" (Senate Report No. 94-640). This \$3.9 million deferral is included in the total.

\*Estimated Effect

If all authorized contract authority were made available for obligation now, the Bureau of Land Management could probably obligate an additional \$1 million in 1976 and the transition quarter. This would result in financing lower priority projects than the current budget plan.

\*Outlay Effect (estimated in millions of dollars)

Comparison with the President's 1977 Budget:

1. Budget outlay estimate for 1976.....	4.3
2. Outlay savings, if any, included in the budget outlay estimate.....	.5
Current Outlay Estimates for 1976:	
3. Without deferral.....	4.8
4. With deferral.....	4.3
5. Current outlay savings (line 3 - line 4).....	.5
Outlay savings for the transition quarter.....	.5
Outlay savings for 1977.....	0
Outlay savings for 1978.....	0