

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1976

The President

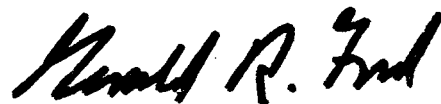
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 in the amount of \$23,282,000 for the Department of the Interior.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "F".



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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration amendments to the requests for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977, involving an increase of \$23,282,000 for the Department of the Interior. The details of these requests are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these requests and I am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

Paul H. O'Neill
Acting Director

(Proposed 1977 Budget amendments:)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT				
427	Management of lands and resources	\$ 208,740,000	\$10,540,000	\$219,280,000

This proposed amendment will provide funds to commence preparation of seven regional environmental impact statements needed for considering major coal development decisions, to do management framework planning, to aid in the selection of tracts for potential leasing, and to purchase 187 vehicles necessary for field programs.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

442 Administrative Provisions

(In the first paragraph under this heading delete "twenty-one" and insert in lieu thereof forty-four and insert of which twenty-one shall be immediately before "for replacement only".)

This proposed amendment would authorize the purchase of vehicles necessary for implementing Bureau of Reclamation field programs.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

462	Surveys, investigations, and research	284,308,000	11,850,000	296,158,000
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This proposed amendment will provide funds to collect hydrologic data in areas that could be disturbed by coal mining, to do necessary coal resource mapping, to implement new surface mining regulations, and to evaluate coal resources prior to lease sales. Funds also are provided to prepare for Interior assumption of management responsibility for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska under P.L. 94-258, signed April 5, 1976, and to replace supplies and equipment destroyed in the fire of March 19, 1976 at the Federal Center, Denver.

(Proposed 1977 Budget amendments:)

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MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

465	Salaries and expenses	\$90,148,000	\$892,000	\$91,040,000
466	Administrative Provisions			

(In the paragraph under this heading delete the colon after "first-aid work" and insert in lieu thereof and for the purchase of not to exceed 195 passenger motor vehicles:)

These proposed amendments provide funds to permit the purchase of vehicles necessary for implementing mine health and safety programs.