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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 14236--Public Works for Water and Power Development and Energy Research Appropriation Act, 1977. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 1977 a total of \$9,518,713,000 in budget authority for activities of the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Corps of Engineers-Civil, the Bureau of Reclamation, the power agencies of the Department of the Interior, and several related independent agencies and commissions. The bill also appropriates \$200,000,000 in supplemental transition quarter funds for relief of victims of the Teton Dam disaster.

The President has signed Bill S. 268--Eagles Nest Wilderness, Colorado. This bill establishes the Eagles Nest Wilderness in Colorado comprising an area of some 133,910 acres. S. 268 will establish the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho and White River National Forests, Colorado. The bill will require that the Eagles Nest Wilderness be administered under the provisions of the Wilderness Act which means its primitive, natural state would be retained.

The President has signed H. R. 14237--Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977. This bill provides \$11,544,998,000 for fiscal year 1977 activities of the Department of Agriculture (except the Forest Service), the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies.

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