



American Horse Council Washington Update

MEMORANDUM

To: AHC Member Organizations

From: American Horse Council

Re: Secretary Kempthorne Announces President's FY 2008 Interior Budget

Date: February 5, 2007

At a press conference this afternoon, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Interior Budget. The 2008 budget request totals \$10.7 billion, an increase of 3.1 percent over the level enacted by a continuing resolution passed by Congress in 2007.

Funding for National Parks

The President's proposed budget for the nation's 390 national parks is \$2.4 billion, which includes a \$261 million increase over the 2007 continuing resolution amount and \$208 million above the President's 2007 budget. As a part of the parks' budget, the President proposes adding at least \$100 million a year over the next 10 years in order to hire 3,000 seasonal park rangers, guides, and maintenance workers, as well as fund youth programs.

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

The President's budget proposes an additional \$650,000 for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

Wild Horse and Burro Management Program

The Wild Horse and Burro Management Program, which is included in the Bureau of Land Management's Budget, will be reduced by \$4.7 million under the President's budget. According to the BLM, they will focus their resources on short-term and long-term care and adoptions.

The President's budget must be approved by the Democratic-controlled Congress.

For Information, see <http://www.doi.gov/budget/2008/08Hilites/toc.html> or contact the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031.

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