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Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Information about each project was provided by the requesting entity. Amounts requested are not guaranteed; funds secured are likely to differ from the requested amount. Senator Tester's appropriation requests to the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2011 are listed below.

[United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)

Big Hole Grayling Recovery and Drought Mitigation Project

Big Hole Watershed Committee
Butte, MT
\$1,952,500

The funds requested will have two outcomes: preservation of a species under threat of extinction and demonstration of how a community living in the arid west can voluntarily maintain and improve instream flows despite severe drought conditions

Birch Creek Demonstration Forest

The Conservation Fund
Flathead National Forest, MT
\$1,650,000

Funds would be used to acquire 320 acres to provide a buffer for adjacent land in a developing area around the Birch Creek Demonstration Forest that will be used for education and research.

Chain-of-Lakes Recreation Management Area/Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

The Conservation Fund
Helena, MT
\$1,000,000

Funds will be used for the acquisition of the McMaster Ranch property, conserving 1,120 acres of scenic private land to provide permanent access for hiking, biking, horseback riding and other recreation opportunities for residents of Helena and surrounding communities.

Clearwater Lands Project

The Nature Conservancy, Montana Chapter
Seeley Lake, MT
\$5,900,000

Funds will allow the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks to acquire 3,821 acres of land in the Clearwater river drainage near Seeley Lake. The Clearwater Lands Project contains some of the most biologically important, but unprotected, fish and wildlife habitat in Montana.

Drinking Water Infrastructure to Reduce Tenmile Creek Withdrawals

City of Helena
Helena, MT
\$1,100,000

Funding will be used by the City of Helena for physical improvements to its existing drinking water system transmission, conveyance, distribution and storage facilities.

Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Operation and Maintenance Funding

Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Res.
Fort Peck, MT

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\$635,433

These funds will be used to operate & maintain the Fort Peck Water Project's Intake facilities, including the sludge lagoon maintenance, which includes the pumps, air backwash, inspection, and site maintenance. In addition, these funds will be used for the operation and maintenance of the water treatment facility which will be completed in 2011.

Montana Bio-mass Initiative

Native American Development Corporation

Billings, MT

\$670,200

This project would conduct preliminary investigations, design, assessment, and coordination for site selection of two major Biopower (50 megawatt) plants on tribal reservations.

Montana Legacy Completion

The Nature Conservancy, Montana Chapter

Swan River Valley, MT

\$10,000,000

Funds will be used to purchase over 310,000 acres to avoid dispersed residential development, to protect crucial wildlife habitat, to provide for much-needed forest restoration and proper forest management and to maintain public access for recreational use.

Montana Wolf Recovery and Management

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Helena, MT

\$850,000

Funds will continue coordination of the wolf recovery/management program in Montana, and hire wolf specialists (5) located in Montana communities to implement the Montana's wolf management plan.

Phase 4a Improvements to Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Crow Tribe of Indians

Crow Agency, MT

\$2,300,000

Funds will be used to install an ultraviolet disinfection system at the drinking water treatment plant and replace water and wastewater pipes in Crow Agency.

Reclamation of Two Montana Urban Gravel Pits for Education Centers

Montana Audubon

Billings and Helena, MT

\$150,000

Funding will restore former gravel mine sites in Billings and Helena, significantly improving their effectiveness as wildlife habitat, outdoor classrooms for environmental education programs, and showcases for the restoration economy

Red Rock Lakes Nation Wildlife Refuge

The Nature Conservancy, Montana Chapter

Centennial Valley, MT

\$3,000,000

This appropriation will allow the USFWS to acquire 670 acres from EGA. The addition of these EGA lands to the Refuge will reduce the threats and help maintain the biological integrity of the Centennial Valley.

Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area

The Nature Conservancy & The Conservation Fund

Great Falls, MT

\$7,895,000

This easement program accomplishes the following: 1) proactive protection of critical habitat – for "listed" species including grizzly bear, Canada lynx, bull trout, piping plover, gray wolf, and slenderleaf moonwort, 2) supports climate change and conservation objectives, and 3) preservation of rural agriculture and cultural heritage, 4) benefits a large vision (Crown of the Continent).

Seeley Lake-Missoula County Sewer District

Seeley Lake Sewer District

Seeley Lake, MT

\$10,000,000

Funds will construct a wastewater treatment and disposal facility, collection lines and connection of homes and businesses to the facility.

Small Water Public Systems Technical Assistance Program

Montana State University

Bozeman, MT

\$500,000

Funds will be used for creation and distribution of the interactive training course Operator Basics 2013. This course will provide 12-15 hours of continuing education to the operators of small public water systems and lagoon-based wastewater systems, and those who are studying to become certified operators for the first time.

Storm Water Improvements East End Industrial Area

City of Billings

Billings, MT

\$3,520,000

Funds will expand current drainage system to enhance existing draining in the East End Industrial Area which floods the roadway during large storm events.

Tenderfoot Acquisition

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Tenderfoot Trust

Lewis and Clark National Forest, MT

\$4,000,000

Funds will be used to purchase 8200 acres of land in the Tenderfoot drainage to provide public access and new opportunities for fish and wildlife habitats as well as hunting and outdoors activities.

Upper Madison River Special Recreation Management Area

The Nature Conservancy-Montana Chapter

Madison River Valley, MT

\$1,000,000

This project will allow the Bureau of Land Management to acquire 320 acres of land in the Madison valley contiguous to other BLM holdings. The parcel will provide public access to 881 acres of public land on the Madison river.

Wastewater Upgrades / NE Interceptor

City of Great Falls, Montana

Great Falls, MT

\$7,000,000

The Wastewater Upgrades are to meet EPA regulatory requirements as directed by MT DEQ. The NE Interceptor is required to upsize capacity problem areas to accommodate residential and industrial growth in the NE sector of the City.

West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor

City of Kalispell

Kalispell, MT

\$3,500,000

This project includes the construction of a sewer interceptor that will run from West Reserve Drive for approximately six miles to the wastewater treatment plant. It includes pipelines, lift stations, force mains, manholes, construction management and engineering.