

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Cancellation Pursuant to Line Item Veto Act; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, and Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998

November 20, 1997.

Two Special Messages from the President under the Line Item Veto Act are published below. The President signed these messages on November 20, 1997. Under the Act, the messages are required to be printed in the **Federal Register** (2 U.S.C. 691a(c)(2)).

Clarence C. Crawford,
Associate Director for Administration.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington
November 20, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2107). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachments, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
President of the Senate, Washington, D.C.
20510

Cancellation No. 97-75

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2107)

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$1,000 thousand for Franklin County Dam on page 83 of House Report 105-337, dated October 22, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and Considerations Relating to or Bearing Upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs: These funds would be used to obtain land survey information necessary for planning the construction for a new dam on Forest Service (USDA) land in Mississippi. The funds are being canceled because (1) they were not requested in the President's FY 1998 Budget and would be used to plan the construction of a recreation dam that has substantial out-year funding costs, which are unlikely to be accommodated within projected USDA funding levels unless higher-priority projects are postponed; and (2) the Forest Service does not traditionally construct dams, for recreational or any other purpose. Construction of this dam is currently estimated to cost about \$12 million.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	- 750
1999	- 250
2000	
2001	
2002	

Outlay changes—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

2003-07	
Total	- 1,000

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: - \$1,000 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration Procedures:

If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Forest Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Franklin County Dam Recreation Facilities (Reconstruction and Construction).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Mississippi, 2nd and 4th Congressional Districts.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above:

Mississippi: two; 2nd District: one; 4th District: two.

Cancellation No. 97-76

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2107).

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$5,200 thousand with respect to the conveyance to the State of Montana of \$10 million in Federal mineral rights in Montana, under Section 503(a)(1)-(2) of the Act.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation: Facts, Circumstances, and Considerations Relating to or Bearing Upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs:

In connection with the Crown Butte/New World Mine acquisition (addressed in Section 502 of the Act), Section 503 provides for the uncompensated conveyance to the State of Montana of either \$10 million in Federal mineral rights in Montana or the Federal mineral rights in Otter Creek Tracts 1, 2 and 3 (in Montana).

Section 503 would cause Federal taxpayers to lose their share of royalties from Federally owned lands, which would normally be split between the State where the Federal owned lands are located and the U.S. Treasury upon development of Federal mineral rights. The Federal share would be \$5.2 million. The section would set a costly precedent by requiring the Federal Government to "compensate" a State for a purchase or exchange of lands between the Federal Government and a willing seller. This precedent could therefore discourage innovative, cost-effective land protection solutions in the future.

This cancellation applies to the budget authority under each of the alternative conveyances under Section 503(a)(1)–(2).

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal budget authority will not increase, as specified below (the amount of the effect depends on whether mineral rights would have been conveyed under Section 503(a)(1) or Section 503(a)(2); as discussed below, we estimate that mineral rights would more likely have been conveyed under Section 503(a)(1); Section 503 would not require a reduction in spending). This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Budget Authority changes under cancellation of section 503(a)(1)

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	– 1,300
1999	– 1,300
2000	– 1,300
2001	– 1,300
2002	
2003–07	
Total	– 5,200

Budget Authority changes under cancellation of section 503(a)(2)

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	
1999	
2000	
2001	
2002	
2003–07	– 1,352
Total	– 1,352

The negotiations requirement in Section 503(b), and the legislative history of Section 503, make clear it was intended that the Secretary would convey \$10 million in Federal mineral

rights in the State of Montana under Section 503(a)(1), rather than all Federal mineral rights in Otter Creek Tracts 1, 2, and 3 under Section 503(a)(2), and it is most likely that this is what the Secretary would have done. The discretionary budget authority in both Section 503(a)(1) and Section 503(a)(2) is canceled, but because the Secretary could not have made both conveyances, and the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority for the intended and most likely conveyance under Section 503(a)(1) exceeds the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority for the alternative conveyance under Section 503(a)(2), the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority reflected above in 1(A), and the adjustments to discretionary spending limits below in 1(F), are based upon the intended and most likely conveyance under Section 503(a)(1).

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: The estimated budget authority effect (in FY 1998 through FY 2002) is shown above (based on the figures for a conveyance under Section 503(a)(1), as discussed in 1(D)).

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is the same as the estimated effect of budget authority.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of the Interior.

2(A). Bureau: Bureau of Land Management.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Natural Resources and Environment/Conveyance to State of Montana (net receipts from mineral leasing on Federal lands are deposited, by formula, to Rent and Bonuses From Land Leases for Resource Exploration and Extraction; and Royalties on Natural Resources, not Otherwise Classified (General Fund accounts), and Reclamation Fund, All Other, Royalties on Natural Resources (Reclamation Fund account)).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Montana, At Large.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above: Montana: four.

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Cancellation No. 97–77

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104–130

Bill Citation: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (H.R. 2160).

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$900 thousand for Biocontrol and Insect Rearing Laboratory, Stoneville, Mississippi, on p.41 of House Report 105–252, dated September 17, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and Considerations Relating to or Bearing upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs: USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) currently conducts insect mass rearing/augmentative biological control research at the State-owned Gast Facility in Starkville, Mississippi. The Gast Facility has been used for the mass propagation of insect pests and biological control agents for several decades, and this grant would provide funding to renovate the facility. The project is being canceled because: (1) it was not requested in the President's FY 1998 Budget; (2) these funds would provide for planning of this facility and would require additional future appropriations for construction (\$12.9 million); (3) ARS conducts insect rearing at nearly 30 other locations; and (4) the need for additional research facilities is under review by the Strategic Planning Task Force mandated by the 1996 Farm Bill to review potential consolidations of Federal agricultural research facilities. The Task Force report is due in April 1999.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	- 400
1999	- 500
2000	
2001	
2002	
2003-2007	
Total	- 900

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: - \$900 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration

Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Agricultural Research Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/project (Account): Agricultural Research and Services/Biocontrol and Insect Rearing Laboratory, Stoneville, Mississippi (Buildings and Facilities).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Mississippi, 2nd Congressional District.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above: Mississippi: three; 2nd Congressional District: two.

Cancellation No. 97-78

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2160).

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$600 thousand for the Poisonous Plant Laboratory, Logan, Utah, on page 42 of House Report 105-252 dated September 17, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and Considerations Relating to or Bearing upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs: The funds would be used for planning and design of an office and laboratory building to house the staff of the Poisonous Plants Laboratory, an Agricultural Research Service (USDA) facility in Logan, Utah.

A new facility would replace an existing, aged building that has been expanded periodically. The Poisonous Plants Laboratory's mission is to strengthen the livestock industry by reducing economic losses caused by poisoning. The project is being canceled because: (1) it was not requested in the President's FY 1998 Budget; (2) these funds would provide for planning of this facility and would require additional future appropriations for construction (\$4.8 million); and (3) the need for additional research facilities is under review by the Strategic Planning Task Force mandated by the 1996 Farm Bill to review potential consolidations of Federal agricultural research facilities. The Task Force report is due in April 1999.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal

outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	- 300
1999	- 300
2000	
2001	
2002	
2003-07	
Total	- 600

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: - \$600 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration

Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Agricultural Research Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Agricultural Research and Services/Poisonous Plant Laboratory, Logan, Utah (Buildings and Facilities).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Utah, 1st Congressional District.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above: Utah: two; 1st District: one.

Cancellation No. 97-79

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2160).

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$250 thousand for Special Research Grants, project "Dairy, Alaska" on page 43 of House Report 105-252, dated September 17, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and

Considerations Relating to or Bearing upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs:

Funding for this project at the University of Alaska would support research on high energy and high protein feeds to meet the nutritional requirements of dairy cattle in the State of Alaska. The project is being canceled because: (1) it was not requested in the President's FY 1998 Budget; (2) USDA currently funds a large amount (several million dollars worth) of research on the nutritional requirements of dairy cows that addresses needs of dairy farmers nationwide, whereas this grant focuses on the specific production and economic issues facing the dairy industry in Alaska; (3) the President's Budget proposals emphasize high priority programs in the national interest and competitively-awarded research to ensure that limited financial resources are used to support only the highest quality research; and (4) without this project, the University of Alaska would be able to conduct this research if it chooses to use its federal Hatch Act formula funds.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	- 25
1999	- 75
2000	- 75
2001	- 50
2002	- 25
2003-07	
Total	- 250

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: - \$250 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These

Adjustments upon Sequestration Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Agricultural Research and Services/Dairy, Alaska (Research and Education Activities).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Alaska, At-Large.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above:

Alaska: three.

Cancellation No. 97-80

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2160)

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$140 thousand for Special Research Grants, project "Hydroponic Tomato Production, Ohio" on page 43 of House Report 105-252, dated September 17, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and Considerations Relating to or Bearing upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs: The purpose of this Ohio State University project is to develop and demonstrate state-of-the-art hydroponic technology, solar greenhouses, and Internet tools to achieve year-round tomato growing systems that are capable of consistently producing high-quality, pesticide-free tomatoes for consumers. The project is being canceled because: (1) it was not requested in the President's FY 1998 Budget; (2) the President's Budget proposals emphasize high priority programs in the national interest and competitively-awarded research to ensure that limited financial resources are used to support only the highest quality research; and (3) Ohio State University has been conducting hydroponic tomato research for approximately thirty years, and would be able to conduct this project if it chooses to use its federal Hatch Act formula funds or other resources.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and,

to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	- 14
1999	- 42
2000	- 42
2001	- 28
2002	- 14
2003-07	
Total	- 140

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: - \$140 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration

Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Agricultural Research and Services/Hydroponic Tomato Production, Ohio (Research and Education Activities).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Ohio, 12th Congressional District.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above: Ohio: one; 12th District: one.

Cancellation No. 97-81

CANCELLATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act, P.L. 104-130

Bill Citation: "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (H.R. 2160).

1(A). Dollar Amount of Discretionary Budget Authority: \$50 thousand for Special Research Grants, project "Plant Genome Research, Ohio" on page 43 of House Report 105-252, dated September 17, 1997.

1(B). Determinations: This cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

1(C), (E). Reasons for Cancellation; Facts, Circumstances, and

Considerations Relating to or Bearing upon the Cancellation; and Estimated Effect of Cancellation on Objects, Purposes, and Programs: This project at Ohio State University would support the development of a “Bacterial Artificial Chromosome” (BAC) database constructed using *Tripsacum dactyloides*, a wild variety of corn. The availability of a BAC *Tripsacum* database would facilitate the map-based cloning of those genes regulating hybrid vigor. The project is being canceled because: (1) it was not requested in the President’s FY 1998 Budget; (2) the President’s Budget Proposals emphasize higher priority programs in the national interest and competitively-awarded research to ensure that limited financial resources are used to support only the highest quality research; (3) without this project, Ohio State University (at which the library would be maintained) could conduct this research using its federal Hatch Act formula funds, or the principal investigator could compete for the \$40 million available in FY 1998

through the National Science Foundation for plant genome research.

1(D). Estimated Fiscal, Economic, and Budgetary Effect of Cancellation: As a result of the cancellation, Federal outlays will not increase, as specified below. This will have a commensurate effect on the Federal budget deficit and, to that extent, will have a beneficial effect on the economy.

Outlay changes

[In thousands of dollars]

Fiscal year:	
1998	– 5
1999	– 15
2000	– 15
2001	– 10
2002	– 5
2003–07
Total	– 50

1(F). Adjustments to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Limits

Budget authority: – \$50 thousand in FY 1998.

Outlays: The estimated outlay effect for each year is shown above.

Evaluation of Effects of These Adjustments upon Sequestration Procedures: If a sequestration were required, such sequestration would occur at levels that are reduced by the amounts above.

2(A). Agency: Department of Agriculture.

2(A). Bureau: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

2(A). Governmental Function/Project (Account): Agricultural Research and Services/Plant Genome Research, Ohio (Research and Education Activities).

2(B). States and Congressional Districts Affected: Ohio, 12th Congressional District.

2(C). Total Number of Cancellations (inclusive) in Current Session in each State and District identified above: Ohio: two; 12th District: two.

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