Appendix A. Appropriations for National Park Service and Other Federal Land Management Agencies

Funding for the federal land management agencies comes, by and large, from annual discretionary appropriations. In inflation-adjusted terms, annual budgets have trended upward slightly for the National Park Service, remained relatively constant for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and declined for BLM since 1980 (Figure A.1). The Forest Service budget has trended upward slightly, mainly because of a jump in 2000; this is due primarily to an increasing wildfire budget.

![Figure A.1. Total Appropriations for BLM, Fish & Wildlife Service, Park Service, and Forest Service](https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R42525)

As a share of total spending by the federal government, appropriations for the four land management agencies amounted to 2.1 percent of all non-defense discretionary spending in 1980 and 1.9 percent in 2018 (Figure A.2). The four agencies accounted for only 0.3 percent of all spending by the federal government, mandatory and discretionary, in 2018, slightly below the 1980 figure of 0.8 percent.
As a share of GDP, appropriations for the agencies have fallen over time (Figure A.3). In 1980, federal government spending on the four agencies equaled 0.11 percent of total GDP; by 2018, that figure had fallen almost in half, to 0.06 percent of GDP.

![Figure A.2. Total BLM, Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Forest Service Appropriations as Percent of Total and Non-Defense Discretionary Appropriations](https://www.cbo.gov/publication/55151)

Source: Non-defense and total appropriations available from Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and available at [https://www.cbo.gov/publication/55151](https://www.cbo.gov/publication/55151). Agency appropriations: see Figure A.1.
Figure A.3. Total BLM, Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Forest Service Appropriations as Percent of GDP

Source: GDP available in Economic Reports of the President, available at https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/ERP. Agency appropriations: see Figure A.1.