

requirement and protocol in place it is very likely these soldiers would be identified, aware of their situation, and able to seek the appropriate care they need.

We're within days of sending 3,000 of Oregon's finest to the Middle East. This amendment provides them with added security and protection they need, and frankly deserve. I'd like to thank Chairman SKELTON and Ranking Member MCHUGH for their support to address this critical issue that has impacted so many of Oregon's citizen soldiers, and I urge my colleagues to support the adoption of this important amendment.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to list the congressionally-directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 2996, the FY2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of Buhl Wastewater System Improvements

Amount: \$500,000

Account: EPA/STAG

Recipient: City of Buhl

Recipient's Address: 203 North Broadway, Buhl, ID 83316

Description: The city is periodically exceeding the NPDES limitations under the Clean Water Act and was recently fined by EPA for non-compliance of their pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) limitations. IDEQ and EPA have mandated that the city build a new wastewater treatment center. Buhl, a town of less than 5,000 residents, recently passed a bond election for \$15 million to help pay for the required improvements to their water system. The loan funds will be a burden to the residents—many of whom are elderly (19% of the community) and the majority of whom are low to moderate income—and will increase monthly water bills by over \$100, but even this will be unsustainable without additional assistance. Funding for this project will enable the city build a new wastewater treatment center that would meet the Federal and State mandates imposed on the community.

Project Name: Historic Old Pen Site Stabilization Project

Amount: \$150,000

Account: National Park Service/Save America's Treasures

Recipient: Idaho State Historical Society

Recipient's Address: 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

Description: This project will provide stabilization to the Old Idaho State Penitentiary historic site, which is operated by the Idaho State Historical Society. The Old Pen is one of the West's most significant prison sites and one of the most visited cultural facilities in Idaho. It thus plays a key role in the economic vitality of Boise and the Treasure Valley. Funding would be used for work needed immediately to stabilize the site. In addition,

funding would be used for a historic structures report to help better anticipate future maintenance and repair needs before they become emergency situations.

Project Name: Idaho Sage-Grouse Management Plan

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service/ESA Resource Management

Recipient: Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation

Recipient's Address: 300 N. 6th Street, Boise, ID 83702

Description: Sage-grouse are on the verge of being listed under the Endangered Species Act, with a decision on listing expected this spring. Idaho is taking proactive steps to recover this species before a listing is required. The management plan, which is a partnership with private landowners, is an attempt to be wise stewards of the nation's wildlife without being compelled to do so by law.

Project Name: Piva Parcel Land Acquisition

Amount: \$400,000

Account: USFS/Land Acquisition

Recipient: U.S. Forest Service, Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Recipient's Address: 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

Description: Funds will be used to enable the Forest Service to acquire the 160-acre Piva parcel from a willing seller so that it can be used for public recreation and access to the Redfish Lake recreation area from the town of Stanley. The Forest Service currently has a conservation easement on the property, but acquiring the land is necessary to carry out planned improvements.

Project Name: SNRA Trail Maintenance and Improvements

Amount: \$1,200,000

Account: Capital Improvements and Maintenance (Trail Construction)

Recipient: U.S. Forest Service, Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Recipient's Address: 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

Description: Funds will be used for trail construction, maintenance, and improvement in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Of the funds appropriated for trail maintenance and improvement in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, \$500,000 is for trail improvements; \$500,000 is for maintenance of existing motorized trails and areas; and \$200,000 is for the improvement of two existing trails to provide primitive wheelchair access at Murdock Creek and Phyllis Lake.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects in my district that have received funding in the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY2010 and provide an explanation of my support for them.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. SCOTT F. LARGE

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man of great integrity, intelligence and insight, Mr. Scott F. Large, on the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of

distinguished service to the Intelligence Community.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Large throughout his tenure as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. When he assumed this role in 2007, the organization was undertaking significant transformation that he helped initiate in earlier leadership roles. He carefully guided changes to strengthen his organization's role as the nation's primary source of space reconnaissance for military and intelligence forces.

Mr. Large's prior assignments prepared him well for this leadership role. He served as the Principal Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office from April, 2007 until his appointment as Director later that year. He also served as Director of the Imagery Systems Operations and Acquisition Directorate from 2003 to 2006, during a period of significant technological and programmatic challenges.

Mr. Large has carried out leadership assignments in two other intelligence community organizations. He was Director of the Source Operations and Management Directorate at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. He also served in the Central Intelligence Agency's Directorate of Operations and as Associate Director of the Science and Technology directorate, leading technology development programs. Mr. Large made fundamental contributions to these programs and helped establish them as some of the nation's premier intelligence efforts.

Mr. Large's determination to lead fundamental changes in his organization, his willingness to assume leadership roles in other intelligence organizations, and his ability to facilitate collaborative partnerships with other elements of the Intelligence Community are testament to the quality of his leadership.

In announcing that he was stepping down as Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, Mr. Large reminded his workforce of the critical role of space reconnaissance to the nation: For nearly 50 years the NRO has provided this nation with an undeniable intelligence and operational advantage. Today the NRO continues to provide mission critical information to all of our end users. We are clearly on the verge of taking our mission to the next level and have set in motion strategic initiatives which will clearly demonstrate the importance of what you do.

The nation's space reconnaissance workforce and systems are better positioned to contribute to the nation's defenses as a result of the leadership of this public servant. For this, we thank Mr. Large and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote No. 297, 389, 392, 394 and 405. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all rollcall votes No. 297, 392, and 394. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes No. 389 and 405.