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Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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USDA, FOREST SERVICE  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
STATUS OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2010

Forest(s)	Project	State	Region	Fiscal Year Appropriation	Total Available	Approved/ Pending Reprogramming	Net Available	Expended as of 3/31/2010	Unexpended as of 3/31/2010	Amount Planned to be expended by 9/30/2010	Amount unobligated by 9/30/2010	Status
Gallatin/Custer	Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem	MT	1	2010	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 05/2010.
Helena	Blackfoot Challenge	MT	1	2010	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 08/2010.
Lewis and Clark	Lewis and Clark National Forest	MT	1	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 06/2010.
	Regional Total				\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	
Arapaho	Arapaho National Forest	CO	2	2009	\$ 9,875	\$ -	\$ 9,875	\$ -	\$ 9,875	\$ -	\$ 9,875	Acquisition completed in FY 2009.
Uncompahgre	Uncompahgre National Forest	CO	2	2010	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,234,143	\$ 2,232,411	\$ 1,001,732	\$ 1,001,732	\$ -	Completed Ophir Valley, Phase II acquisition (\$2,232,411) in 10/2009. Expect to complete Ophir Valley, Phase III in 04/2010. Acquisition will be complete.
				2009	\$ 2,234,143							
Black Hills	Lady C Ranch	SD	2	2010	\$ 1,640,000	\$ -	\$ 1,807,500	\$ -	\$ 1,807,500	\$ 1,803,358	\$ 4,142	Expect to close on Lady C Ranch, Phase IV in 04/2010. Acquisition will be complete.
				2009	\$ 167,500							
	Regional Total				\$ 5,051,518	\$ -	\$ 5,051,518	\$ 2,232,411	\$ 2,819,107	\$ 2,805,090	\$ 14,017	
Cibola	Cibola National Forest	NM	3	2009	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	Completed the Tampico Spring purchase in 07/2009 for \$2,000,000. Acquisition complete.
Gila	Bear Creek Ranch	NM	3	2010	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	Expect to complete the Bear Creek purchase in 04/2010.
	Regional Total				\$ 3,600,000	\$ -	\$ 3,600,000	\$ -	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 600,000	
Humboldt-Toiyabe	Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest	CA	4	2010	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -	Purchase has been contracted and appraisal requested; expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Sawtooth	Sawtooth NRA - Piva Parcel	SD	4	2010	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Multiple	Bonnieville Shoreline Trail	UT	4	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	Working with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on project; expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Dixie	Dixie National Forest	UT	4	2010	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	Working with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on project; expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Uintas/Wasatch-Cache	High Uintas	UT	4	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,520,407	\$ -	\$ 1,520,407	\$ 1,520,407	\$ -	Expect completion of phase 1 by 07/2010.
				2009	\$ 20,407							
	Regional Total				\$ 8,320,407	\$ -	\$ 8,320,407	\$ -	\$ 8,320,407	\$ 8,320,407	\$ -	
Angeles	Big Horn Mine	CA	5	2010	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ 3,750,000	\$ -	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	Big Horn Mine purchase in progress - appraisal review pending. An estimated \$2.5 million is anticipated to complete the acquisition.
				2009	\$ 2,000,000							
Angeles	Shoemaker Canyon	CA	5	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Cleveland	Cleveland National Forest	CA	5	2009	\$ 1,065,000	\$ -	\$ 1,065,000	\$ -	\$ 1,065,000	\$ 1,065,000	\$ -	Expect to expend on available acquisitions by 09/2010.
Los Padres	Big Sur Ecosystem	CA	5	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	Completed the Pacific Valley, Phase 2B acquisition in 02/2010. Unobligated balance will be applied to additional tracts in the Big Sur Ecosystem as they become available.
San Bernardino	Garner Home Ranch	CA	5	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
Tahoe/Eldorado	Sierra Nevada Checkerboard	CA	5	2010	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,001,200	\$ -	\$ 1,001,200	\$ 1,001,200	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition by 09/2010.
				2009	\$ 1,200							
	Regional Total				\$ 8,316,200	\$ -	\$ 8,316,200	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 7,116,200	\$ 5,866,200	\$ 1,250,000	

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Mt. Baker/ Snoqualmie- Wenatchee	Cascades Ecosystem	WA	6	2010	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	Appraisal has been requested; approved value anticipated by summer 2010.
Mt. Baker/ Snoqualmie	Wild Sky Wilderness	WA	6	2010	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition of two parcels of land. One appraisal review completed and offer made to landowner. Second appraisal requested. Approved value anticipated late spring/summer 2010.
Wallowa-Whitman	Hells Canyon NRA	WA	6	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	Appraisal review completed and offer made to landowner.
Regional Total					\$ 4,200,000	\$ -	\$ 4,200,000	\$ -	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ -	
Alabama	Alabama National Forests	AL	8	2009	\$ 1,373,000	\$ -	\$ 1,373,000	\$ -	\$ 1,373,000	\$ 1,373,000	\$ -	First tract has been optioned for \$1,205,000; appraisals and title work completed. Balance of \$168,000 will be applied to a second tract; appraisal and title work have been completed.
Chattahoochee- Oconee	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest	GA	8	2010	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	Option has been signed by landowner and acquisition is expected to be completed by 09/2010. Appraisal, hazmat, title and other processing steps have been completed. Note project appraised at \$1,246,050; an additional \$46,050 is needed to close the case.
Multiple	Florida National Scenic Trail	FL	8	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Funds committed on an agreement with the NPS to acquire various trail properties.
Osceola	Pinhook Swamp Wildlife Corridor	FL	8	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Parcel will be acquired from the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) for \$1.1 million. The SRWMD will contribute the \$600,000 needed to complete this purchase. The survey has been completed and title commitment ordered. Projected closing date will be in 08/2010.
Daniel Boone	Daniel Boone National Forest	KY	8	2010	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 1,137,550	\$ -	\$ 1,137,550	\$ 1,137,550	\$ -	Five properties have been appraised and the forest is working with the landowners to sign the options.
				2008	\$ 237,550							
NFs In North Carolina	Appalachian Trail	NC	8	2008	\$ 70,050	\$ -	\$ 70,050	\$ -	\$ 70,050	\$ 70,050	\$ -	Forest working to acquire a tract from Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. Expect funds to be obligated by end of September 2010.
Pisgah	Catawba Falls Access /Trail Acquisition	NC	8	2010	\$ 713,000	\$ -	\$ 713,000	\$ 713,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Acquisition completed in 02/2010.
Uwharrie	Uwharrie Trail	NC	8	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Parcel appraised at \$690,400; purchase price will be \$500,000. Option has been signed by landowner. Hazmat, appraisal, survey, title work and other processing steps have been completed. Case will close before the end of the fiscal year.
Francis Marion	Hills Tract	SC	8	2009	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Acquisition completed in 02/2010.
Cherokee	Rocky Fork	TN	8	2010	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Acquisition completed in 03/2010.
Regional Total					\$ 12,393,600	\$ -	\$ 12,393,600	\$ 7,113,000	\$ 5,280,600	\$ 5,280,600	\$ -	
Hoosier	Hoosier National Forest	IN	9	2010	\$ 825,000	\$ -	\$ 879,300	\$ 54,000	\$ 825,300	\$ 762,000	\$ 63,300	Franklin tract for \$104,000 (\$54,000 from project funding, \$50,000 from critical inholdings) was completed in 02/2010. TNC-Kimball tract (\$560,000) will be submitted for oversight in 05/2010. Wires tract (\$202,000-estimate) is expected to close by 09/2010.
				2008	\$ 54,300							
Ottawa	Great Lakes, Great Lands	MI	9	2010	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	Expect to complete TPL-Prickett Lake, Phase 1 tract acquisition by 09/2010.
Chippewa/ Superior	Minnesota Wilderness	MN	9	2010	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	Domine acquisition will be submitted for oversight in 04/2010.

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Superior	Superior National Forest	MN	9	2009	\$ 196,000	\$ -	\$ 196,000	\$ -	\$ 196,000	\$ 156,000	\$ 40,000	The forest is ordering an appraisal for the 40-acre Houle tract, estimated value of \$156,000, which could be completed if appraisal is completed by 06/2010.
Mark Twain	Missouri Ozark	MO	9	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	TNC Tatum tract (\$230,000) is in oversight which expires 4/26/10. T.L.Wright tract (\$270,000—plus \$35,000 of administrative dollars to complete the \$305,000 acquisition), is waiting for oversight. Expect both cases to be completed by 09/2010.
White Mountain	White Mountain National Forest	NH	9	2010	\$ 434,000	\$ -	\$ 959,732	\$ -	\$ 959,732	\$ 265,000	\$ 694,732	Expect to complete acquisition of the Chester Lucy tract (\$265,000—estimate) by 09/2010. The unobligated funds will be used to complete the acquisition of the Stonehouse—Cromwell tract (\$225,000—estimate), as well as Wellman and Stony Brook tracts (appraisals requests pending) in FY 2011.
				2009	\$ 525,732							
Allegheny	Allegheny National Forest	PA	9	2010	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 577,775	\$ -	\$ 577,775	\$ 300,000	\$ 277,775	Expect to complete acquisition of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC)—Martin Run tract (\$300,000) by 09/2010. The unobligated funds will be used for the WPC—Clarion River, Phase I tract (\$200,000) and the Sekerak-Shreve tract in FY 2011.
				2009	\$ 77,775							
Green Mountain	Green Mountain National Forest	VT	9	2010	\$ 2,250,000	\$ -	\$ 3,670,850	\$ -	\$ 3,670,850	\$ 2,309,000	\$ 1,361,850	Expect to complete acquisition of the following tracts by 09/2010: TCF—Spruce Peak (\$650,000); WRL Properties (\$330,000); Waldo (\$100,000); B&F Realty Corp. (\$500,000); TPL—Mutrie (\$287,000); TPL—Grimes (\$442,000). The remaining unobligated funds will be used to purchase 8 smaller parcels in FY 2011.
				2009	\$ 1,420,850							
Chequamegon - Nicolet	Wisconsin Wild Waterways	WI	9	2010	\$ 2,125,000	\$ -	\$ 2,125,000	\$ -	\$ 2,125,000	\$ 2,125,000	\$ -	Expect to complete acquisition of the following tracts by the 09/2010: TNC—Wabikon/Riley (\$1,555,000); BCPL (\$450,000); and Midwest Timber (\$120,000).
Monongahela	Dolly Sods Conservation Area	WV	9	2010	\$ 2,800,000	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 1,740,000	\$ 1,060,000	Expect to complete TNC—Thunderstruck, Phase I tract (\$1,740,000) by 09/2010. The unobligated balance will be used for TNC—Thunderstruck, Phase II which has not been appraised.
Monongahela	Cummings Tract	WV	9	2010	\$ 985,000	\$ -	\$ 985,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ 85,000	Acquisition of the Cummings tract completed in 03/2010.
	Regional Total				\$ 15,093,657	\$ -	\$ 15,093,657	\$ 954,000	\$ 14,139,857	\$ 10,557,000	\$ 3,582,657	
Tongass	Craig Recreation Land Transfer	AK	10	2008	\$ 492,000	\$ -	\$ 492,000	\$ 491,200	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	Acquisition completed 03/2010.
	Regional Total				\$ 492,000	\$ -	\$ 492,000	\$ 491,200	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	
	All Regions				\$ 61,967,382	\$ -	\$ 61,967,382	\$ 11,990,611	\$ 49,976,771	\$ 44,529,297	\$ 5,447,474	
	Cash Equalization			2010	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,026,000	\$ 741,400	\$ 284,600	\$ 284,600	\$ -	
				2009	\$ 26,000							
	Critical Inholdings & Wilderness			2010	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	\$ 4,017,572	\$ 1,356,158	\$ 2,661,414	\$ 2,661,414	\$ -	
				2009	\$ 517,572							
	Acquisition Management			2009	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,257,137	\$ 962,197	\$ 8,294,940	\$ 8,294,940	\$ -	
				2009	\$ 1,257,137							
	National Total				\$ 76,268,091	\$ -	\$ 76,268,091	\$ 15,050,366	\$ 61,217,725	\$ 55,770,251	\$ 5,447,474	