

Budgetary Comparison National Parks, Forests versus Refuges

Current and Proposed Federal Budgets

Agency/Year	Total Budget	Dollars per Acre	Budget per Unit
NPS FY 06-7	\$1.7B	20.23	4.4M
FY 08	\$2B	23.81	5.1M
USFS FY 06-7	\$448M*	10.47	961K
FY 08	\$378M*	8.83	811K
FWS/NWRS FY 06-7	\$382.5M	3.98	61K
FY 08	\$394.8M	4.11	62K

The budget levels for FY 06 have been extended through the current fiscal year (FY 07) through a continuing resolution.

The figures for FY 08 are those contained in President Bush's proposed budget unveiled in February 2007.

Land Area and Units

National Park Service (NPS): 390 units covering 84M acres.

U.S. Forest Service (USFS): 466 units (designated USFS Wilderness, National Monuments, National Recreation Areas, and National Game Refuge & Wildlife Preserves) covering 42.8M acres.

*Selected USFS programs: Forest Legacy; Recreation, Wilderness & Heritage; Wildlife and Fisheries Management.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS): 632 units covering 96M acres.