

The seal of the U.S. Department of the Interior is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a bison standing on a patch of ground. Behind the bison are stylized mountains and a sun with rays emanating from it. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR" at the top and "March 3, 1849" at the bottom. The seal is rendered in black and white.

U.S. Department of the Interior:
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

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U.S. Department of the Interior History

- Created by Congress in 1849 to:
“take charge of the nation’s internal affairs”
- Known as “The Department of Everything Else” because of its wide and eclectic range of responsibilities

Robert M. Utley and Barry Mackintosh. The Department of Everything Else. 1989.
www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/utley-mackintosh/interior1.htm



Department of Everything Else

Construction of DC water system

Colonization of freed slaves in Haiti

Management of hospitals and universities

Oversight of D.C. jail

Census

Oversight of western wilderness

Indians, public lands, patents, pensions and territorial governments

Department of the Interior Evolution

- 1879 – Creation of U.S. Geological Survey
- 1884 – Bureau of Labor (later became Department of Labor)
- 1887 – Interstate Commerce Commission
- 1902 – Bureau of Reclamation to construct dams and aqueducts in the west
- 1910 – Bureau of Mines
- 1916 – National Park Service

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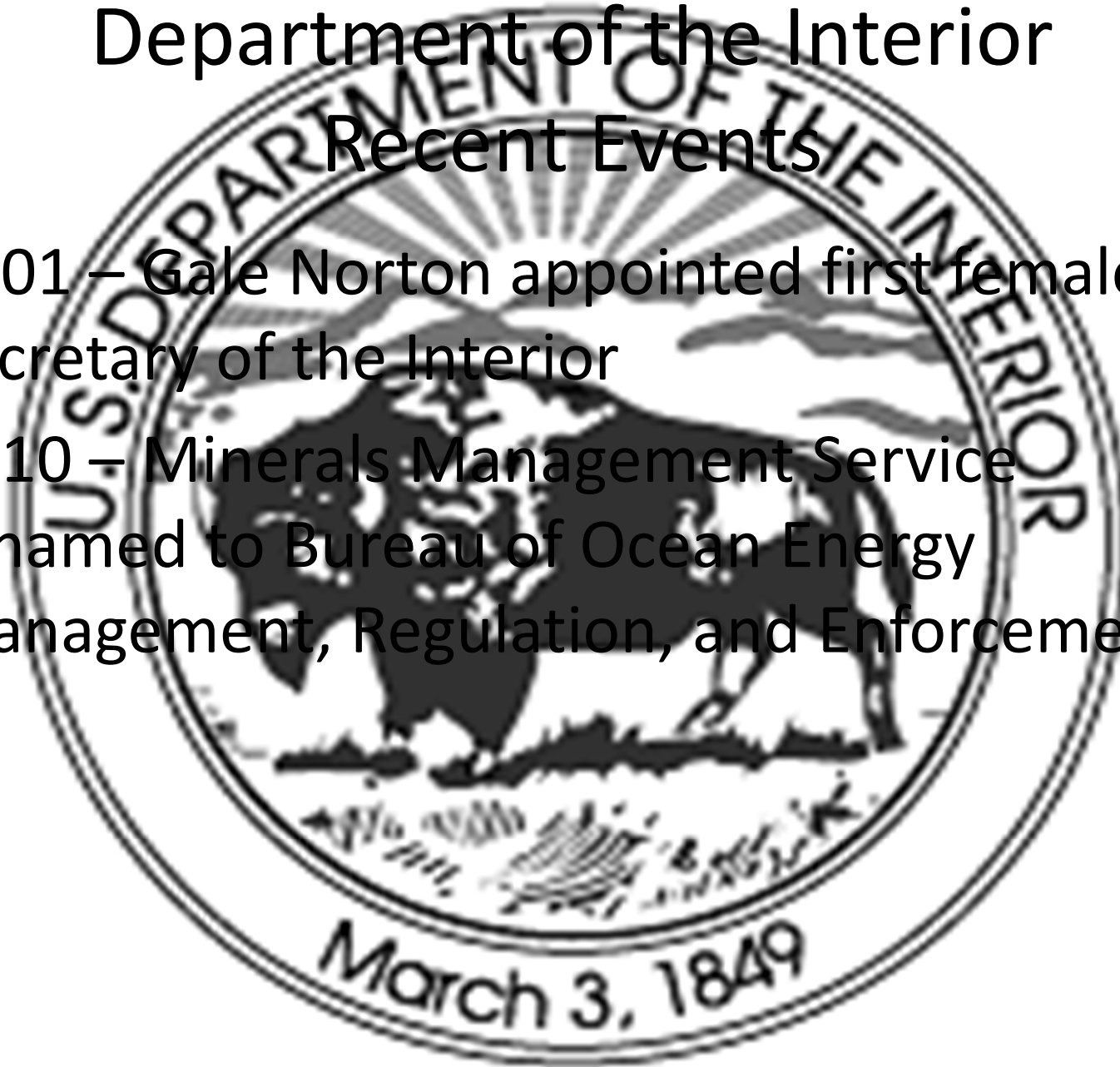
Department of the Interior Evolution Continued

- 1934 – Oversight of Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
- 1935 – Hoover Dam completed
- 1940 – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 1950s – More islands – Guam, Samoa and Trust Territory of Pacific Islands

Department of the Interior

Recent Events

- 2001 – Gale Norton appointed first female Secretary of the Interior
- 2010 – Minerals Management Service renamed to Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement



The Department of Everything Else Function

- Everything upon the face of God's earth will go into the Home Department," John O. Calhoun had prophesied
- "A slop bucket for executive fragments," one editorialist labeled the department.
- "Mother of Departments"

U.S. Department of Interior Mission - 2011

- “Manage and sustain America’s lands, water, wildlife and energy resources”
- “Honor our nation’s responsibilities to tribal nations”
- “Advocate for America’s island communities”



What We Do. US Department of the
Interior.

<http://www.doi.gov/whatwedo/index.cfm>

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Nuts and Bolts

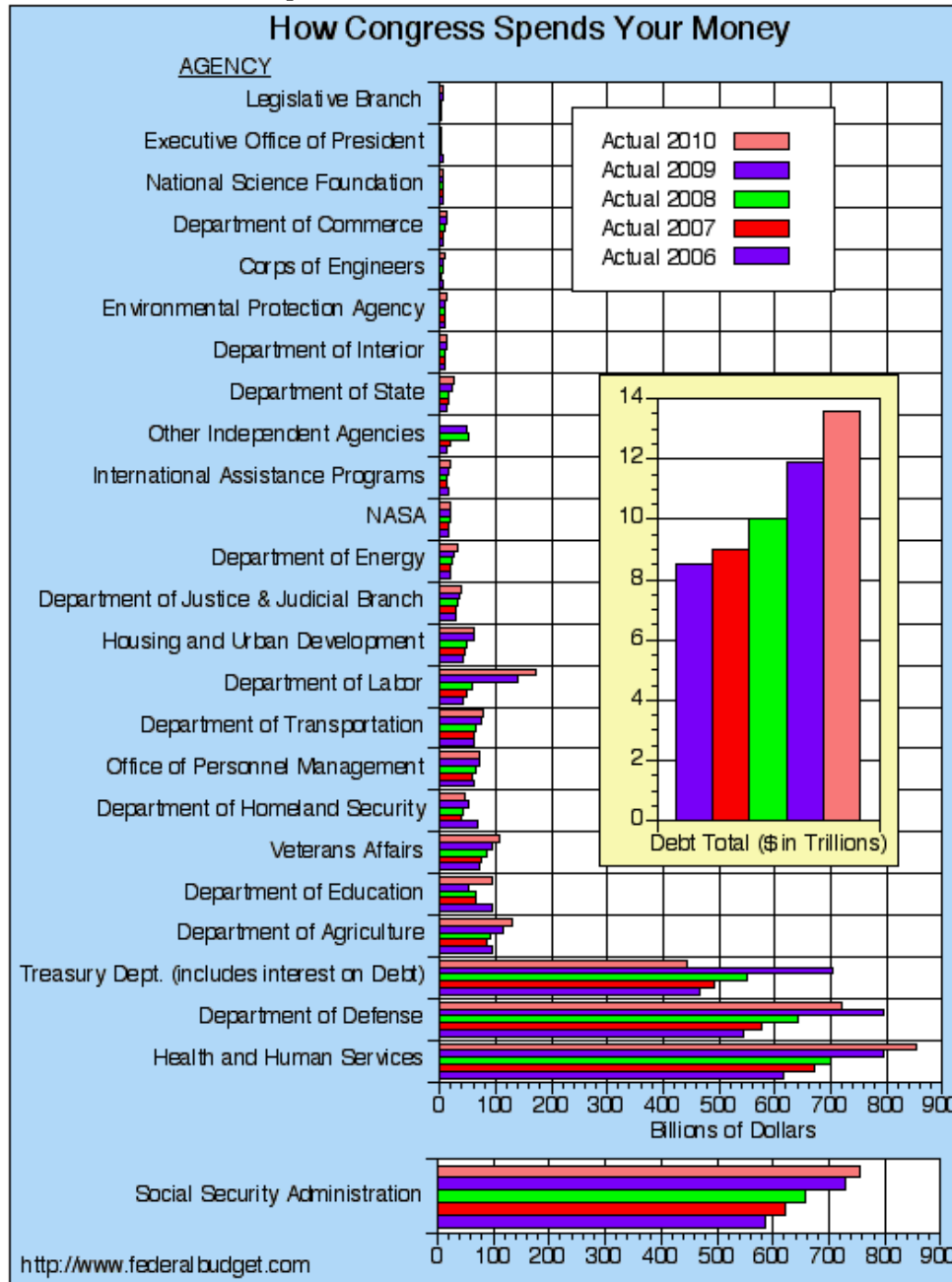
- Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
- Funding , Budget, and Appropriation
- 70,000 employees



Department of the Interior.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2012/assets/interior.pdf>

U.S. Department of the Interior



DOI Budget:
\$12 billion

National Debt
Awareness Center

<http://www.federalbudget.com/>

U.S. Department of Interior Offices

Eight Technical Bureaus

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Bureau of Reclamation

National Park Service

Office of Surface Mining

Reclamation and Enforcement

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Geological Survey



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More Offices

- Environmental Policy and Compliance (Mine!)
- Alaska Affairs
- Civil Rights
- Office of Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA)
- Coordinated Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Activities
- Many, many, more...



U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
(OEPC)

Mission Statement: “To provide leadership on a national and regional level for environmental policies and compliance for the nation’s premier resource management and conservation agency.”

U.S. Department of the Interior OEPC Current Teams

- Natural Resources Management Team – NEPA Information
- Environmental Management and Integration Team - Sustainability
- Resource Protection, Preparedness and Response Team
- Environmental Cleanup and Liability Management Team