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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2017

June 21, 2016.--Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
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Mr. Calvert, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

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Bureau of Land Management

Wildlife and Fisheries.--The Committee recommends \$114,661,000 for wildlife and fisheries, \$12,750,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$6,658,000 below the budget request. Within the total provided, the Committee recommends \$102,131,000 for wildlife management. The additional \$11,750,000 is intended specifically for the Bureau to remove encroaching conifers, eradicate and control invasive weeds, restore riparian habitats, reduce fuel loads, and augment post-fire stabilization and rehabilitation efforts, as requested. The Committee recommends \$12,530,000 for fisheries management.

The Committee commends the Bureau for completing the National Seed Strategy and provides \$1,000,000 to implement it. The Committee continues to believe the Bureau should focus on increasing the availability of appropriate seed to address high-priority restoration needs and to collaboratively work with other Federal agencies, States, researchers, and private partners to implement the strategy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2017

June 16, 2016.--Ordered to be printed

Ms. Murkowski, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT



Bureau of Land Management

Wildlife and Fisheries.--The bill provides \$112,596,000 for wildlife and fisheries, which is \$10,685,000 above the enacted level. The Committee notes the \$37,000,000 increase for fiscal year 2016 that has been included in the base budget of this account for the purposes of sage-grouse habitat improvement. Of the funds provided, no less than \$45,643,000 is for on-the-ground activities to improve sage-grouse habitat, including removal of conifers, creating fire breaks, seeding, reducing fuels, removing invasive species and post-fire restoration activities.

National Seed Strategy.--The Committee acknowledges the successful creation of a National Seed Strategy and, of the funds provided for wildlife management, \$5,000,000 is to begin implementation of the Strategy, which is expected to expand efforts to respond with restoration resources to landscape-scale ecological changes due to drought, invasive species and catastrophic wildfires. The Committee encourages the Department to thoroughly and objectively undertake a comprehensive assessment of seed needs and capacities as the Strategy is implemented. The Committee expects BLM to use the National Seed Strategy in conjunction with other plant conservation activities to build upon programs for seed collection, conservation, procurement and storage, including coordinated efforts with the Department of Agriculture's Plant Material Centers to avoid addition expense and duplication effort.

The Committee continues to support the Bureau's Plant Conservation Program which, in 2017, is expected to support implementation of the National Seed Strategy at a landscape level and to lead the interagency Native Plant Materials Development program, the Seeds of Success program, the Plant Conservation Alliance, several regional native plant materials development programs, and related research and programmatic activity.