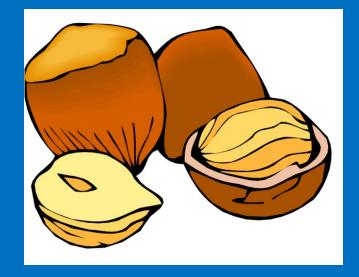
# **Department of the Interior**

In a Nutshell







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# **Our History**

- Created in 1849
- Over the years
- Now

# **Our Mission**

- Conserving our land and water
- Generating revenue and utilizing our natural resources
- Expanding outdoor recreation and access
- Protecting our people and the border
- Modernizing our organization and infrastructure for the next 100 years



### Department of the Interior Roles & Responsibilities

- Participates in preparedness and response activities
- One of the three Departments that are <u>Natural Resources Trustees</u>
- Works with the Responsible Party(s) and State and Tribal trustees to protect natural and cultural resources and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Provides emergency management, preparedness, and response expertise and <u>support</u> to OSCs conducting the response
- Provides scientific/technical expertise in areas such as protecting natural, cultural, and historic resources; mapping; modeling; offshore oil drilling
- Conducts Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) to scientifically determine injuries, restoration needs, and compensation for lost public use of injured natural resources and secure restoration through either regulation, settlement, or litigation





How many Bureaus does Interior have?
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Can you name the Bureaus?



### **DOI Bureaus' under the NCP**







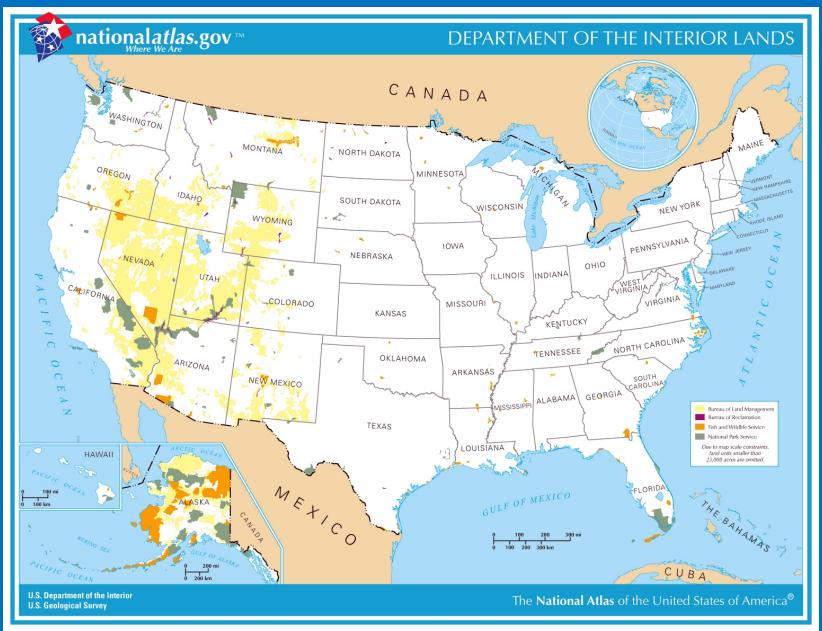




# Fish and Wildlife Service

- Protects threatened and endangered species and their habitats
- Provides consultations to OSC
- Permitting and Oversight
- Authorizes entry to, and oversees activities on, national wildlife refuge system lands

#### DOI is the largest land manager in the U.S.



# **National Park Service**

- Protects and manages the National Park System
- Provides advice on and participates in activities affecting historic properties and cultural resources
- Participates in preparedness activities and response decision-making
- Independent authority under System Unit Resource Protection Act





- What is the name of the largest National Park in Puerto Rico?
- El Yunque National Rainforest

 What is the name of a historic site in San Juan?

San Juan National Historic Site in the Old San Juan section of San Juan, Puerto

# **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

- Coordinating and Communicating
- Programs
- Not a substitute





How many federal recognized Tribes are there in the Puerto Rico?







Which Bureau studies the earth and its processes?

# **US Geology Survey**

- Monitors Earthquakes
- Real-time data
- Provides support services related to geology, hydrology, geospatial information, and natural hazards

# **Bureau of Land Management**

- Resource protection for land and minerals
- Expertise in emergency response
- Sampling, investigation, surveillance, security
- Expertise in on-shore energy production, cultural and historic properties, natural resources, and federal property acquisition and disposal





 Which Bureau oversees the exploration of oil?



# Bureau of Safety Environmental Enforcement

- Regulates and oversees oil exploration, development, and production operation for oil and natural gas on the OCS
- Permits for oil and gas
- Facility inspections, safety research, develop regulations and standards,
- Reviews/approves producers' oil spill response plans, exercises





- Which Bureau provides advice on dams?
  Bureau of Reclamation
- What is the name of one of the largest reservoirs in the Puerto Rico?
   Guajataca reservoir, one of Puerto Rico's largest

## **Bureau of Reclamation**

- Provides advice on water systems
- Expertise in Engineering and Hydrology
- Can provide design services, construction, contracting, and oversight

# Office of Surfacing Mining

 Provides advice on surface coal mining (including abandoned coal mined lands, coal outcrop fires, coal mine wastes, waste bank stability, and toxic drainage)

 Is Puerto Rico a coal producing territory? No

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#### OEPC Leads and Coordinates DOI's NCP Preparedness and Response Activities

- Coordinates expertise to Area Committee and RRTs for preparedness planning to ensure our resources are considered
- REOs are Interior's point of contact and designated member of RRTs; receive spill notifications from NRC.
- Provides leadership, coordinates, and promotes consistency in carrying out DOI's environmental emergency preparedness and response to ensure that DOI provides support to the FOSC
- Response to oil spills and hazardous substance releases from vessels and/or facilities under DOI management and control
- Manage and oversees PRFAs for DOI Bureaus



#### **DOI Role - Environmental Compliance** Endangered Species Act (ESA)

• Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance is triggered for pre-approved actions – such as pre-approved dispersant plans and any actual response actions to a spill

#### Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918









#### **DOI Role - Environmental Compliance** National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act can be achieved by implementing the national *Programmatic Agreement on Protection of Historic Properties During Emergency Response Under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (1997);* 







- Historic Sites Act & Antiquities Act
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA)
- Archeological and Historic Preservation Act

#### **DOI Role - Environmental Compliance**



- U.S. Treaties with Sovereign Indian Nations
- Tribal consultations pursuant to Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (Nov. 6, 2000); the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation dated November 5, 2009; and DOI policy per Secretarial Orders 3317 and 3206
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
- Sacred Sites (Executive Order 13007 Access and Use of Sacred Sites )









#### **Dual DOI Roles - Response to Spills & Releases**

#### 1. Support the FOSC

Provide support to the FOSC in areas of DOI expertise. Examples:

- Wildlife operations
- Spatial analysis
- Resource protection
- Cleanup standards and technology review
- PRFA management and review

2. Land Management, Resource Protection & Tribal Coordination

> Ensure protection of DOI lands, resources and trust responsibilities. Examples:

- National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, BLM lands
- Endangered species, migratory birds,
- Ensure tribal representation



### **QUESTIONS?**

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