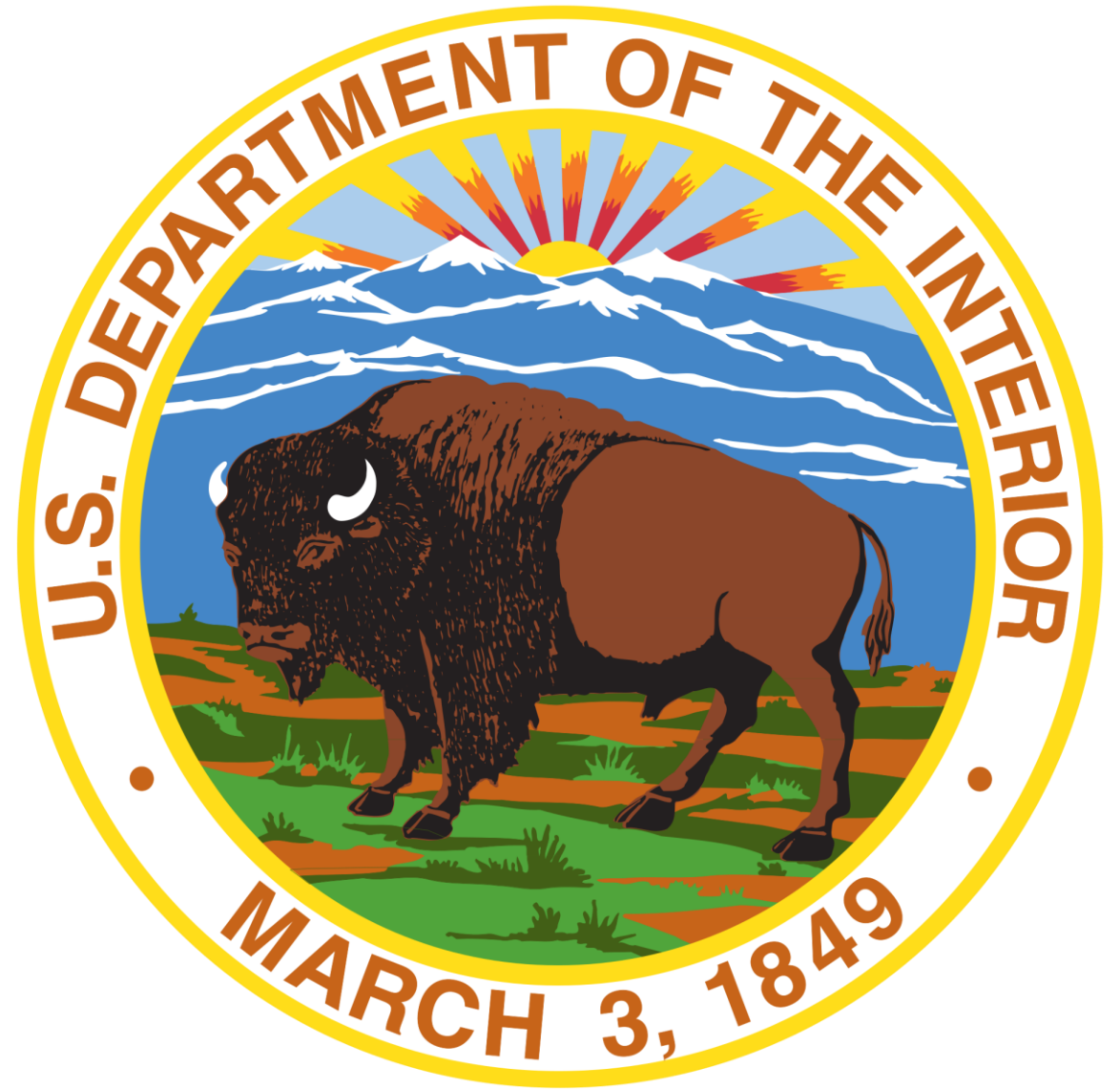


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# Interior & Alaska: A Special Relationship

- Interior manages more than 200 million acres of land across Alaska
- 16 National Parks
- 16 National Wildlife Refuges
- More than 70 million surface acres of Bureau of Land Management Land



# A Historic Investment

- President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law contains several provisions that invest in Department of the Interior initiatives and benefit the communities and areas we directly serve.
- The Department received \$30.6 billion across our bureaus and offices dedicated to **restoring critical habitats, addressing the drought crisis, assisting with wildland fire management, and helping communities prepare for extreme weather events.**
- At Interior, we know that success in implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is through frequent **collaboration with Tribal, local, state, and federal leaders** and their communities.

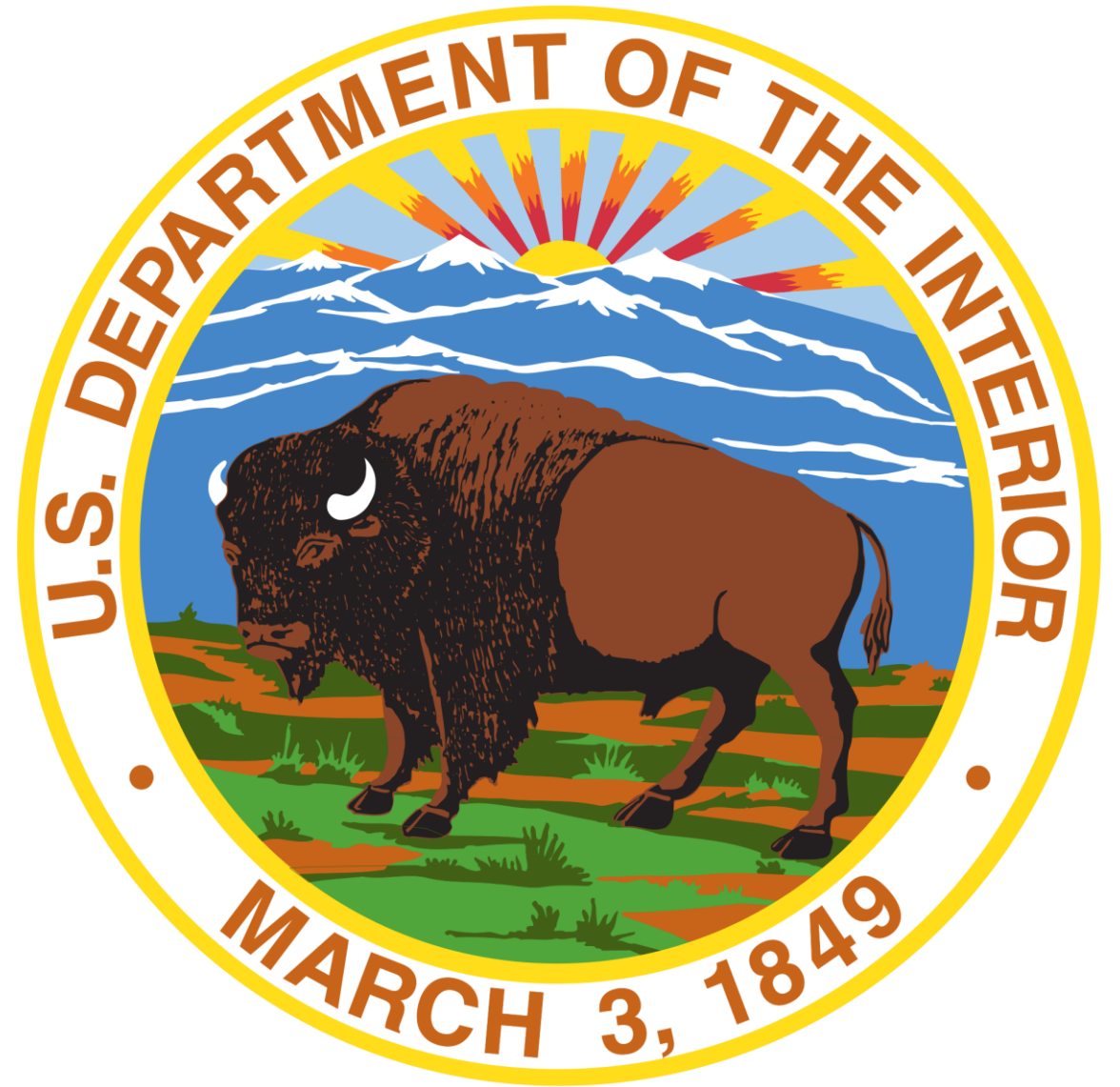


# Implementing the Infrastructure Law at DOI

- **Legacy Pollution Clean-Up**
  - Orphaned Wells, Abandoned Mines Lands
- **Tribal Investments**
  - Climate Resiliency, Relocation Assistance and Adaptation Planning, Infrastructure Repairs
- **Drought Mitigation**
  - Rural Water Projects
- **Wildland Fire**
  - Fuels Management, Restoration Activities, Firefighter Investments
- **Ecosystem Restoration**
  - Invasive Species, Watershed Health, Aquatic Restoration
- **Scientific Innovation**
  - Research Facilities, Data Preservation



What does this  
mean for Alaska?



# Addressing Legacy Pollution in Alaska

- **Abandoned Mine Land Funding:**

- Eliminates dangerous environmental conditions and pollution caused by past coal mining
- Reclaims hazardous land for recreational facilities and other economic redevelopment
- Supports vitally needed jobs for coal communities and enables economic revitalization

- **In Alaska:**

- AML annual grants - \$2,829,000 for FY22 for Alaska
- AML BIL funding - \$1,333,000 for FY22 for Alaska
- Upcoming: Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program (WCAP) applications to support local watershed restoration efforts
  - Complete local acid mine drainage (AMD) reclamation projects



# Addressing Legacy Pollution in Alaska

- **Orphaned oil and gas well plugging:**
  - Plugs wells that are polluting backyards, recreation areas, and public spaces across the country
  - Creates good-paying, union jobs, catalyzes economic growth and revitalization, and shuts down harmful methane emissions.
- **In Alaska:**
  - \$53,336,000 for total formula funding and initial grant eligibility
  - Final guidance for initial grant funding is forthcoming
  - Draft guidance on formula and performance grants is also forthcoming



# Supporting Indigenous Communities in Alaska

- **Indian Affairs Climate Resilience Support:**
  - Address and strengthen climate resilience and adaptation
  - Help with ocean and coastal management
  - Support relocation, managed retreat, and protect-in-place activities

## In Alaska:

- Tribes eligible to apply for climate adaptation awards
- Tribes eligible to apply for community relocation awards





# Fish and Wildlife Conservation in Alaska

- **Sport Fish Restoration:**

- Restore, research, and manage sport fish for the benefit of the public
- Stock fish for recreational purposes
- Restore, rehabilitate, improve, or manage aquatic areas adaptable for sport fish habitats

- **In Alaska:**

- Sport Fish Restoration Funds - \$19,983,067 for FY22 for Alaska



# Park Infrastructure In Alaska

- **Park Investments:**

- Improve aging park infrastructure
- Enhance visitor experience
- Support local recreation economies

- **In Alaska:**

- \$25 million in funding made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will accelerate critical investments in a long-term solution to address the Pretty Rocks landslide in Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska



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