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Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness.—The Committee has provided \$290,117,000 for recreation, heritage and wilderness programs, an increase of \$10,000,000 above the request. The Committee directs the Service to use the increase to restore proposed reductions to recreation operations activities and to fund ongoing travel management planning requirements.

The Committee believes that the Forest Service must continue to show progress toward meeting its travel management regulatory requirements, including its requirements to conduct a sciencebased analysis of the roads system, identify unneeded roads, and comply with appropriate criteria to designate roads and trails, as defined by 36 CFR 212.5 and 212.55. Within 60 days of enactment, the Service is directed to provide a report to the Committee outlining the process that it will use, by region, to ensure compliance with these requirements, including a timeline for implementation.

The Committee also believes that management of heritage resources on national forests, including compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, must be a greater priority for the Service. To that end, the Committee is encouraged that the budget request contains a 6 percent increase in funding to better manage heritage resources. The Committee directs the Service to provide a report no later than September 30, 2010 detailing heritage resource program accomplishments and funding allocations for each region and each national forest for fiscal years 2009 and 2010.