

REVIEW OF IMPOUNDMENT MESSAGE

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FROM

THE ACTING COMPTROLLER GENERAL,  
THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND SPECIAL IMPOUNDMENT  
MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998, PURSUANT TO 2 U.S.C. 685



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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 1998.*

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On February 20, 1998, the President submitted to the Congress his second special impoundment message for fiscal year 1998. The message reports twenty-four proposed rescissions of budget authority, numbers R98-1 through R98-24. We have reviewed the proposed rescissions contained in the second special message and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §§ 681-692.

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Sincerely,

JAMES F. HINCHMAN,  
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ENCLOSURE I

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**R98-2**                      Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
                                 Salaries and Expenses  
                                 Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$350,000  
                                 1281600  
                                 12X1600

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                                 Salaries and Expenses  
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                                 12X3700

According to a letter apportionment schedule and other information provided by the agency, total budgetary resources are \$671,812,185 and not \$672,263,000 as reported by the President.

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    Conservation Operations  
    Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$378,000  
    12X1000

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**R98-9**                      Food and Nutrition Service  
    Child Nutrition Programs  
    Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$114,000  
    128/93539  
    127/83539

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**R98-10**                      Forest Service  
    National Forest System  
    Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$1,094,000  
    12X1106

According to a letter apportionment schedule and other information provided by the agency, total budgetary resources are \$1,567,208,950 and not \$1,618,377,000 as reported by the President.

**R98-11**                      Forest Service  
    Reconstruction and Construction  
    Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$30,000  
    12X1103

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**R98-12**                      Forest Service  
    Forest and Rangeland Research  
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**R98-13** Forest Service  
State and Private Forestry  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$59,000  
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**R98-14** Forest Service  
Wildland Fire Management  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$148,000  
12X1115

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

**R98-15** Bureau of Land Management  
Management of Lands and Resources  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$1,188,000  
14X1109

According to a letter apportionment schedule and other information provided by the agency, total budgetary resources are \$675,472,959 and not \$687,120,000 as reported by the President. Agency officials informed us that the funds are not being withheld from obligation.

**R98-16** Bureau of Land Management  
Oregon and California Grant Lands  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$2,500,000  
14X1116

According to a letter apportionment schedule and other information provided by the agency, total budgetary resources are \$125,071,003 and not \$124,546,000 as reported by the President. Agency officials informed us that the funds are not being withheld from obligation.

**R98-17** Bureau of Reclamation  
 Water and Related Resources  
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14X0680

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**R98-19** United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Construction  
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**R98-20** National Park Service  
 Construction  
 Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$1,638,000  
14X1039

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**R98-21** Bureau of Indian Affairs  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**R98-22**                      Office of the Secretary  
Payment to Air Carriers  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$2,499,000  
69X0150

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**R98-24**                      Maritime Administration  
Maritime Guaranteed Loan Program Account (Title XI)  
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$2,138,000  
69X1752

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## ENCLOSURE II

**CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE**  
(in thousands of dollars)

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	<b>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service</b>	
R98-2	Salaries and expenses.....	350
	<b>Food Safety and Inspection Service</b>	
R98-3	Salaries and expenses.....	502
	<b>Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration</b>	
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