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To: State Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Governor of Guam
Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
Governor of American Samoa
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Mayor of the District of Columbia

Pursuant to the Interior Appropriations Act of 2004, States and Territories are eligible to compete for funds under the Landowner Incentive Program. For FY 2003, the Landowner Incentive Program has only \$25.8 million to allocate to the States, approximately \$9 million less than last year. The Service published a Request for Proposals for this program in the August 15, 2003, *Federal Register* and included a 60-day grant proposal submission period which ended on October 14. We received proposals requesting over \$41.8 million from 43 States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This was an impressive indication of program interest in this second funding year. As a result, some proposals with considerable merit will not receive funding. As part of his 2005 budget request to Congress, President Bush is seeking \$50 million for this program

After giving full consideration to Service national review team recommendations, we will make grant awards to 37 States and the U.S. Virgin Islands under Tier 1, and to 20 States under Tier 2. A table is enclosed which lists the States selected for grant awards. The Tier 1 grants emphasize program infrastructure building, and have a cap of \$180,000. The Tier 2 grants focus on project implementation, and in combination with a Tier 1 grant, have a FY 2004 cap of \$1.3 million, or 5 percent of the total funds available. We congratulate these States and request that these agencies contact the appropriate Regional Office, Division of Federal Assistance, prior to submitting the remaining grant agreement and compliance documentation necessary to obligate funds awarded.

The Regional Office staffs remain anxious to provide feedback and suggestions to those States whose grant proposals were not selected for funding this year in an effort to improve their proposed programs and future competitiveness. In addition, the Regions look forward to assisting those States and Territories who did not submit proposals at this time, but would like to do so in preparation for future Landowner Incentive Program appropriations.

Sincerely,

DIRECTOR

Enclosure

**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
GRANT AWARDS FOR THE LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM
JANUARY 2004**

STATE	TIER 1	TIER 2	TOTAL
ALABAMA	\$180,000		\$180,000
ALASKA	\$100,000		\$100,000
ARIZONA	\$180,000		\$180,000
ARKANSAS	\$38,250	\$1,261,750	\$1,300,000
CALIFORNIA	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
COLORADO		\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
CONNECTICUT	\$180,000	\$848,999	\$1,028,999
DELAWARE	\$180,000	\$900,000	\$1,080,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			0
FLORIDA	\$180,000		\$180,000
GEORGIA	\$180,000		\$180,000
HAWAII	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
IDAHO	\$180,000		\$180,000
ILLINOIS	\$180,000		\$180,000
INDIANA			0
IOWA	\$180,000		\$180,000
KANSAS	\$180,000		\$180,000
KENTUCKY		\$862,000	\$862,000
LOUISIANA	\$180,000		\$180,000
MAINE	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
MARYLAND	\$180,000		\$180,000
MASSACHUSETTS	\$180,000	\$900,000	\$1,080,000
MICHIGAN			0
MINNESOTA			0
MISSISSIPPI	\$180,000		\$180,000
MISSOURI	\$180,000		\$180,000
MONTANA	\$177,797		\$177,797

STATE	TIER 1	TIER 2	TOTAL
NEBRASKA	\$180,000		\$180,000
NEVADA		\$364,500	\$364,500
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$180,000		\$180,000
NEW JERSEY	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
NEW MEXICO	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
NEW YORK	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
NORTH CAROLINA	\$180,000	\$354,500	\$534,500
NORTH DAKOTA			0
OHIO			0
OKLAHOMA	\$180,000		\$180,000
OREGON	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
PENNSYLVANIA	\$180,000	\$760,000	\$940,000
RHODE ISLAND	\$75,000		\$75,000
SOUTH CAROLINA			0
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$173,550		\$173,550
TENNESSEE	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
TEXAS			0
UTAH	\$180,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,300,000
VERMONT	\$180,000	\$971,250	\$1,151,250
VIRGINIA	\$180,000		\$180,000
WASHINGTON	\$180,000	\$760,000	\$940,000
WEST VIRGINIA			0
WISCONSIN			0
WYOMING			0
PUERTO RICO			0
GUAM			0
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$75,000		\$75,000
AMERICAN SAMOA			0
N. MARIANA ISLANDS			0
TOTAL	\$6,399,597	\$19,362,999	\$25,762,596