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Dear Recipients:

As you are likely aware, due to the failure of Congress and the Administration to reach an agreement on the balanced deficit reduction to avoid sequestration, the President was required by law to issue a sequestration order on March 1, 2013 canceling approximately $85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal government for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year 2013. As partners with the Department of the Interior (DOI), we wanted to provide you with timely and clear information about how these unfortunate budget cuts impact us, and in turn what it means for funds provided to you.

At this time, DOI is taking every step to mitigate the effects of these cuts, but based on our initial analysis, it is possible that your organization’s workforce, revenue, and planning processes may be affected. The Department will consider every available option to cut the required expenditures, while maintaining mission capabilities. Whenever possible or appropriate, we will seek to negotiate such changes and reductions.

To the extent that your award(s) may be affected due to these budget cuts, you will be contacted by the appropriate Award Official with additional details.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage these unfortunate circumstances.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Assistant Director
Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program