

Science Centers

Center Name	Location	FY 2000 Budget (\$000)
Center for Biological Informatics	Lakewood, CO	\$6,044
Program Description: The Center facilitates access to and use of biological data and information through leadership in establishing standards, developing information products, and using information technologies. The Center supports such programs as Gap Analysis, the USGS/National Park Service Vegetation Mapping, and the National Biological Information Infrastructure.		
Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center	LaCrosse, WI	\$3,205
Program Description: The Center provides natural resource managers with scientific information needed for effective conservation. The Center's core scientific programs focus on migratory birds, aquatic ecology, environmental contaminants, declining and endangered species, and fishery drug research and development.		
Leetown Science Center	Leetown, WV	\$7,221
Program Description: The Center conducts research to provide information needed to restore, enhance, maintain, and protect fish and other important aquatic and terrestrial organisms and their supporting ecosystems.		
National Wildlife Health Center	Madison, WI	\$4,023
Program Description: The Center provides national and international leadership for addressing health issues involving wildlife resources under Interior's stewardship and to foster partnerships with others to address wildlife health as a component of ecosystem health.		
Patuxent Wildlife Research Center	Laural, MD	\$11,568
Program Description: The Center's activities cover a wide range of approaches to managing the Nation's biological resources including identifying resource issues, establishing monitoring programs, conducting laboratory and field research, managing national databases, and transferring research results to other scientists and resource managers.		
Florida Caribbean Science Center	Gainesville, FL	\$3,608
Program Description: The Center provides natural resource managers with scientific information needed for effective conservation with emphasis on biological resources of the Florida peninsula, the southeastern states, and the Caribbean region. The Center focuses on coastal and marine ecology, restoration ecology, invasive species, and biological diversity.		
Great Lakes Science Center	Ann Arbor, MI	\$6,596
Program Description: The Center provides DOI and other natural resource managers with scientific information needed for restoring, enhancing, managing, and protecting living resources and their habitat in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem. The Center focuses on fish population research, invasive species, terrestrial ecology, and coastal and wetland habitat ecology.		
Midcontinent Ecological Science Center	Fort Collins, CO	\$8,550
Program Description: The Center provides information necessary to understand the causes and predict the consequences of change, including loss of wildlife habitat, threatened and endangered species, contaminated water systems, and global change, in order to improve the conservation and management of natural resources in interior western landscapes.		
Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center	Jamestown, ND	\$3,576
Program Description: The Center studies biological resources of the Nation's interior grasslands and provides information to DOI and other natural resources managers. The Center focuses on, among other areas, waterfowl ecology, grassland birds, wetlands, grassland and vegetation analysis, amphibian and reptilian taxonomy, and control of invasive plants.		

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Columbia Environmental Research Center	Columbia, MO	\$5,622
Program Description: The Center provides scientific information in addressing national and international environmental contaminant issues and impacts of habitat alterations on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems including large river floodplains, coastal habitats, wetlands, and lakes.		
National Wetlands Research Center	Lafayette, LA	\$5,152
Program Description: The Center develops and disseminates scientific information needed for understanding the ecology and values of our Nation's wetlands and for managing and restoring wetland habitats and associated plant and animal communities.		
Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center	Bozeman, MT	\$1,818
Program Description: The Center, the newest in USGS, conducts research and provides scientific assistance to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and other public land managers in the Northern Rockies. The Center's research focuses on Grizzly bears and their ecology, bison, amphibians, trumpeter swans and ecological studies related to fire and climate change.		
Western Fisheries Research Center	Seattle, WA	\$2,351
Program Description: The Center conducts research and provide technical assistance to support the stewardship of the Nation's natural resources, emphasizing fish populations, and aquatic ecosystems of the West. The Center focuses on fish health, fish ecology, and aquatic ecosystems.		
Alaska Biological Science Center	Anchorage, AK	\$6,416
Program Description: The Center provides biological information and research findings to resource managers, policy makers, and the public to support sound management of biological resources and ecosystems in Alaska. The Center's research focuses on arctic and subarctic ecosystems, marine mammal ecology, migratory birds, and terrestrial mammals ecology.		
Pacific Islands Ecosystem Research Center	Honolulu, HI	\$2,550
Program Description: The Center conducts research and provides information and technical assistance relating to conservation of indigenous biological resources of the State of Hawaii and island territories of Guam, Truk, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and others under U.S. jurisdiction in the Pacific basin.		
Western Ecological Research Center	Davis, CA	\$5,791
Program Description: The Center provides biological information and research findings to resource managers, policy makers, and the public to support sound management of biological resources and ecosystems in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. The Center's research focuses on work related to endangered species, waterfowl, amphibians, fire ecology, global change, and others.		
Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center	Corvallis, OR	\$7,268
Program Description: The Center provides the scientific understanding and technology needed to support sound management and conservation of our Nation's natural resources, with an emphasis on western ecosystems. The Center's programs focus on forest, aquatic, and arid and semi-arid ecosystems; wildlife ecology; landscape dynamics; population viability; restoration; and contaminants.		