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**Corps Of Engineers' And Bureau Of
Reclamation's Recreation Construction Backlogs**

The Army's Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation have large backlogs of construction projects for recreation. Recreation is a component of some of the agencies' water resources projects whose primary objectives include navigation, flood control, and hydroelectric power. For the Corps and Bureau construction projects receiving appropriations for fiscal year 1982, recreation construction backlogs totaled \$755 million and \$188 million, respectively, as of the beginning of fiscal year 1982. These amounts represented about 3 percent of the agencies' estimated total costs for the projects with unfunded recreation components. The reasons for the backlogs include funding limitations, lack of funding priorities, and competing funding demands such as authorization of new projects.

A January 26, 1983, GAO report on the Corps' and the Bureau's total construction backlogs presented the Congress with a number of options to deal with the backlogs, including funding increases, increased cost sharing by nonfederal sponsors, and setting funding priorities. These options also apply to the recreation construction backlogs.



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