



**President
George Bush**

We have been blessed in this country with a bountiful land. Fertile soils, abundant water, great forests, productive fisheries, teeming wildlife, rich mineral resources—these have been our heritage.

Ours is also a land of incomparable natural beauty—of vast open spaces and magnificent mountains, of majestic rivers and shining lakes, of rolling plains and splendid sea coasts. These, too, are part of our heritage and have helped shape and inspire the American spirit.



**Secretary
Manuel Lujan, Jr.**

President Bush and I share a great love and respect for our rich and magnificent land. My upbringing in New Mexico instilled in me a profound reverence for the beauty and sanctity of our land. I believe that we hold this natural bounty in trust for our children and grandchildren.

It is a great honor to serve President Bush and the American people as Secretary of the Interior. I consider it a great opportunity to continue my public service, keep faith with my upbringing, and stay close to the land I love.

BIOGRAPHY

SECRETARY MANUEL LUJAN, JR.

On December 22, 1988, President-elect George Bush selected Congressman Manuel Lujan, Jr. to join his Cabinet as Secretary of the Interior.

First elected to Congress in 1968, Mr. Lujan represented the First District of New Mexico for 10 terms. He served on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee from 1969 until his retirement in January 1989, including a four-year term from 1981 to 1985 as the Committee's Ranking Republican Member. He also served on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy from 1969 to 1977, and on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology from 1977 until his retirement, where he was that Committee's Ranking Republican Member since 1985.

Mr. Lujan's major interests during his legislative career included natural resource and space policy, energy and scientific research, education and fiscal responsibility in government.

Mr. Lujan was born in San Ildefonso, New Mexico, on May 12, 1928. He was raised in Santa Fe where his father, Manuel Lujan, Sr., served three terms as Mayor. Mr. Lujan received a B.A. from the College of Santa Fe and worked in the insurance business prior to his election to Congress.

Mr. Lujan and his wife, the former Jean Couchman, have four children: Terra, Jay, Barbara and Jeff.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



A Message from

**SECRETARY
MANUEL LUJAN, JR.**



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

Dear Interior Employee:

As we embark on our service in the Administration of President George Bush, I would like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts with you about the challenge we face in the years ahead.

First, it is a great honor to serve this President as Secretary of the Interior and a pleasure to work with the Department's public servants. As a member of Congress and of the House Interior Committee, I gained firsthand knowledge of your dedication and professionalism. The experience of the transition has strengthened my sense of respect for Interior employees.

I am a Westerner, a native of New Mexico, where I grew up under the influence of three cultures—Spanish, Indian, and Anglo. This upbringing instilled in me a deep reverence for the beauty and sanctity of our land. Over the past two decades in Congress, I have kept faith with my upbringing and worked for the preservation of the land and waters and natural riches that are the great gift of our American heritage.

I assume my responsibilities as Secretary knowing that the commitment we share is essential to the success of our vital mission. America is blessed with a rich abundance of natural and cultural resources. It is our responsibility, our duty, to use these treasures prudently and pass them unspoiled to our children and grandchildren. Clearly, the Department of the Interior is charged with several of the most important tasks facing the nation—the management of our public lands and resources and administration of human resource programs for Native Americans and the Territories.

President Bush has made stewardship a top priority of his Administration. The President and I are dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and development of America's natural resources in an environmentally sound manner. The President and I have agreed that the idea of stewardship will guide us in this endeavor. And we have set out a 10-point agenda (outlined on the following pages) to achieve our goals.

I look forward to meeting our challenges. Together, we will provide leadership at the Interior Department to help achieve George Bush's vision of a strong, prosperous, and healthy America.

Sincerely,

MANUEL LUJAN, JR.

STEWARDSHIP OF AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

*President George Bush and Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, Jr. agreed to the following 10-point agenda. The first letters of the agenda items form the acronym that is the overarching theme of this Administration's program—**STEWARDSHIP.***

STEWARDSHIP: We will be good stewards, conserving and wisely managing our national resources of limitless beauty and value.

TERRITORIES: We will work with the leadership of the Territories and Freely Associated States to further the political, economic, and social development of their peoples.

EDUCATION: We will place a high priority on the important role of education in ensuring the public's knowledge, appreciation, and support of our natural resource policies. We will use Departmental resources to help develop the Administration's long-range plan to reform, rejuvenate, and revitalize our education system for the benefit of all Americans.

WAR ON DRUGS: We will be aggressive soldiers in the Nation's war on drugs. We will take all appropriate measures to: (1) increase cooperative efforts with State and local law enforcement officials to eradicate illegal crops and to interdict the sale and transportation of drugs on public lands; (2) provide a drug-free workplace; and (3) encourage treatment for drug users.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: We will implement President Bush's "America the Beautiful" concept to strengthen and preserve our National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and Wilderness Areas.

RESPONSIBLE, EFFICIENT, AND ETHICAL MANAGEMENT: We will manage the Department in a fiscally responsible, efficient, and ethical manner, with a high priority placed on equal opportunity.

DOMESTIC RESOURCES: We will manage the multiple-use Federal lands and waters to provide the widest range of benefits from these domestic resources to the American people, including preservation, recreation, energy, minerals, water supply, food, and fiber.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: We will aggressively apply the Department's unique scientific and technological resources to the solution of national and international problems such as water and air quality, global climate change, acid rain, and biodiversity.

HARMONY: We will strive to bring a spirit of harmony to our public policy discussions through consultation, cooperation, and coordination instead of confrontation among competing interests, consistent with President Bush's call for a "kinder, gentler Nation."

INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE GROUPS: We are committed to making the ideals of Native American self-government and self-determination a reality. We will work with Native Americans to promote economic development, improved educational opportunities, and other measures to enhance their quality of life.

PARTNERSHIPS: We will promote partnerships with State and local governments, individuals, and public and private groups at all levels, as well as utilize President Bush's "thousand points of light" — the varied, voluntary, and unique organizations within our Nation of communities.