



150th Anniversary U.S. Department of the Interior



On March 3, 1849, President James K. Polk signed the act creating the U. S. Department of the Interior. This new Department was charged with a wide range of responsibilities over internal development. Since its inception 150 years ago, the Department's responsibilities have evolved to include stewardship of natural and cultural resources and of its trust responsibilities to tribes. As we celebrate the anniversary of the Nation's principal conservation agency, we also celebrate the vision that inspired its creation and the continuing obligation to manage our resources and preserve the rich and precious heritage of this country.

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