

**REPORT TO  
THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**AUDIT OF  
OUTDOOR RECREATION RESOURCES REVIEW COMMISSION  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JUNE 28, 1958, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 1962**



**BY  
THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
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To the President of the Senate and  
the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Herewith is our report on audit of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission for the period of its existence, June 28, 1958, through September 1, 1962.

Our audit indicates that the Commission properly administered its activities and accounted for the funds under its control.

Copies of this report are being sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of General Services, and the former Chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Campbell", is written over the printed name.

Comptroller General  
of the United States

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REPORT ON AUDIT  
OF  
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The General Accounting Office has made an audit of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission for the period of its existence, June 28, 1958, through September 1, 1962, pursuant to the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (31 U.S.C. 53), and the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 (31 U.S.C. 67). Our audit included tests of the financial transactions to the extent deemed appropriate and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The examination was performed in Washington, D.C.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission was created by the act of June 28, 1958 (72 Stat. 238), as a temporary bipartisan agency in the executive branch of the Government to preserve, develop, and make accessible adequate outdoor recreational facilities to all American people of present and future generations; to assure the spiritual, cultural, and physical benefits that outdoor recreation provides by determining present and future needs; to obtain information on available resources; and to make recommendations for meeting these goals to the President, the Congress, and the States and Territories.

The Commission was composed of 15 members: 2 majority and 2 minority members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 majority and 2 minority members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 7 citizens appointed by the President of the United States. The President appointed Laurance S. Rockefeller as Chairman of the Commission. The membership is shown in the appendix to this report.

The Commission, as required by the enabling legislation, established an advisory council composed of liaison officers from 15 Federal departments and agencies and 25 citizen members representative of various major geographical areas, citizen interest groups, and State agencies having a responsibility for outdoor recreation. During its existence the Commission employed about 60 professional, administrative, and clerical people and about 35 consultants on a part-time basis. The activities were directed by the Executive Director, Francis W. Sargent.

On January 31, 1962, the Commission submitted its report, "Outdoor Recreation For America," to the President and to the Congress. Also, the Commission prepared, in separate volumes, 27 study reports covering its studies and surveys of the Nation's outdoor recreation resources and needs.

As required by the act, as amended, the Commission terminated its operations on September 1, 1962.

### FINANCING

Activities of the Commission were financed by funds appropriated by the Congress as shown in the schedule. The act establishing the Commission authorized no more than \$2,500,000 for the purposes of the Commission and provided that moneys appropriated would be available until expended. The Congress appropriated \$2,500,000 of which \$2,370,816 had been expended at September 1, 1962.

The fiscal operations of the Commission were performed by the General Services Administration (GSA) for which a charge of \$69,500 was made.

Property acquired by the Commission at a cost of \$22,992 was transferred to GSA on or before September 1, 1962.

OPINION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of financial activity presents fairly the receipts and expenditures of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission for the period June 28, 1958, through September 1, 1962, in conformity with the principles and standards of accounting prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

## OUTDOOR RECREATION RESOURCES REVIEW COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

JUNE 28, 1958, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 1962

## APPROPRIATIONS:

## Acts of:

August 27, 1958 (72 Stat. 876)	\$ 50,000
May 20, 1959 (73 Stat. 44)	100,000
September 1, 1959 (73 Stat. 439)	850,000
May 13, 1960 (74 Stat. 118)	950,000
August 3, 1961 (75 Stat. 261)	<u>550,000</u>
	2,500,000

## EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	\$1,049,499
Research studies and surveys	491,087
Services performed by other Government agencies	477,132
Travel and transportation	99,748
Services performed by General Services Administration	69,500
Employer's share of retirement, FICA taxes, group insurance, and health service	68,346
Printing and reproduction	48,198
Communications	19,595
Supplies	10,149
Equipment rental	6,707
Postage	4,081
Miscellaneous (net)	<u>3,782</u>
Total expenses	2,347,824
Office furniture and equipment	<u>22,992</u>
Total expenditures	2,370,816

UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS (principally for printing and reproduction), adjusted as of February 28, 1963

86,345

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS

2,457,661

UNOBLIGATED BALANCE SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF JULY 25, 1956 (31 U.S.C. 701)

\$ 42,339

## **APPENDIX**

OUTDOOR RECREATION RESOURCES REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

	<u>Tenure of office</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
UNITED STATES SENATE:		
Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico	July 1958	Sept. 1962
Frank A. Barrett, Wyoming	July 1958	Jan. 1959
Henry C. Dworshak, Idaho (deceased)	Jan. 1959	Sept. 1962
Henry M. Jackson, Washington	Mar. 1960	Sept. 1962
Thomas E. Martin, Iowa	Feb. 1959	Jan. 1961
Jack Miller, Iowa	Mar. 1961	Sept. 1962
Richard L. Neuberger, Oregon (deceased)	July 1958	Mar. 1960
Arthur V. Watkins, Utah	July 1958	Jan. 1959
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:		
Harold R. Collier, Illinois	Feb. 1959	Mar. 1960
John H. Kyl, Iowa	Mar. 1960	Sept. 1962
Gracie Pfost, Idaho	July 1958	Sept. 1962
Ralph J. Rivers, Alaska	Apr. 1961	Sept. 1962
John J. Rhodes, Arizona	July 1958	Feb. 1959
John P. Saylor, Pennsylvania	July 1958	Sept. 1962
Al Ullman, Oregon	July 1958	Apr. 1961
PRIVATE CITIZENS:		
Laurance S. Rockefeller, New York, Chairman	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962
Samuel T. Dana, Michigan	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962
Mrs. Marian S. Dryfoos, New York	Dec. 1961	Aug. 1962
Mrs. Katharine Jackson Lee, New Hampshire (deceased)	Sept. 1958	Oct. 1961
Bernard L. Orell, Washington	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962
Joseph W. Penfold, District of Columbia	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962
M. Frederick Smith, New Jersey	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962
Chester S. Wilson, Minnesota	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1962