



And the pain continues....Part V

The actual impacts of sequestration

- The U.S. Forest Service has closed a campground, locked away day-use toilets and taken away trash cans from several sites in the *Pecos Canyon, New Mexico*.

What does this mean? These sites brought in \$89,000 last year, and yet the costs to operate them were only \$41,000. Plus the increased trash and human waste that is piling up will have a very significant negative environmental impact on water quality in the Pecos River.

- The Salt Lake Community Action program has closed its food pantry in *Murray, Utah*.

What does this mean? This particular food pantry used to serve more than 1,000 people every month. They will no longer be able to receive this critical assistance for themselves and/or their families. Other centers in the program are cutting back on staff hours and issuing furloughs so it is not likely that they can pick up these additional persons in need.

- L-3 Communications Systems in *Salt Lake City, Utah* cut back on staff due to uncertainty over sequestration cuts.

What does this mean? About 4.2% of the company's workforce, or 190 employees, were laid off. Because of employment law exceptions, these employees did not receive Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification notices (WARN) alerting them to the layoffs.

- Camping in Scootney Park in *Ephrata, Washington* has been closed off to campers.

What does this mean? Nearly 6,000 campers utilized the campground last year. Many visitors traveled from larger surrounding cities such as Seattle, Spokane and Tri-Cities. The nearest alternative camping location is Potholes States Park about 35 miles away.

Across-the-board cuts to domestic spending are NOT the answer!