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WEST VIRGINIA RECEIVES FUNDS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION STUDY GRANT

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Department of Interior has awarded the State of West Virginia \$45,000 to conduct a demand survey for recreational resources.

According to Rahall, the study will find out whether or not there is a demand for additional recreational facilities in West Virginia.

"West Virginia has nearly two million people within its borders and many of those people do not have access to recreation facilities," Rahall said. "It is my hope that this study will lead to increased recreational opportunities for those who are not afforded such at the current time."

According to information provided by the Department of Interior, the statewide study was to begin June 1 and last 10 months.

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) _ West Virginia has received a \$45,000 grant from the federal government to conduct a survey of recreational resources in the state, a spokesman for Rep. Nick Joe Rahall said Monday.

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Many of the state's 2 million residents have no access to recreational facilities, Rahall's office said.

The survey will determine if there's a need for more recreational facilities in the Mountain State. The U.S. Department of Interior-funded study starts this month and will last for 10 months, officials said.

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