



What's Happening on Capitol Hill?

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NOTHING.



Roadblocks to Progress

- Budget
- Appropriations & Sequester
- End of the fiscal year
- Continuing Resolution
 - Through December 15
 - Clean?
- Debt Ceiling
 - Six week extension



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What happens to Conservation?

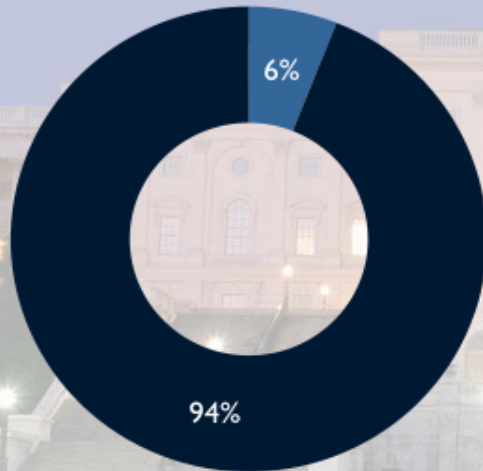
- Interior & Environment Appropriations on hold
- Funding still at FY12 levels + sequester
- Furloughed agency workers, stalled projects



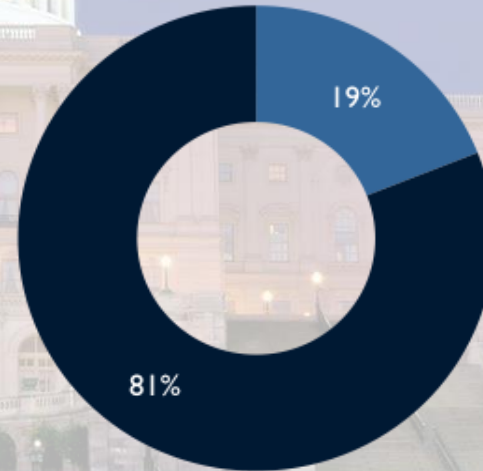
Forced Vacation?


- EPA
 - Office of Water, Geographic Programs
- Interior
 - USGS, FWS, NPS

EPA
n = 16,205



Interior
n = 72,562



 = furloughed staff

What's Next?



- Who knows.
- Starting to see cracks in the fortress – more negotiations, conversations
- No deadline for ending the shutdown
 - Two options: CR (with or without concessions); Appropriations
- October 17 reported deadline for the debt ceiling
 - Two options: increase limit; default

Today's Deal Announcement

The background of the slide is a photograph of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., taken at night. The building is illuminated with warm lights, and its iconic dome is the central focus. The sky is a deep blue, and the surrounding area is dark, with some lights visible on the grounds.

- Senate leaders crafted deal last night
- House will vote first; we'll know quickly if it will work
 - Reopens government through January 15
 - Lifts debt ceiling through February 7
 - Budget conference report by December 13
 - What to do with the sequester?
 - Includes provision on income levels for Obamacare

What does it mean for the Upper Delaware?

- Public lands?
 - Access and tourism
- Furloughed agency staff
- Restoration/
conservation project
delays
- No time for DRBCA

