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Dear Chairs and Ranking Minority Members:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' 2016-2017 Base Budget Report submitted pursuant of Minnesota Laws 2015, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 142.

It explores the central question of what current and past riders constitute the Department of Natural Resources 2016-2017 operating budget.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Emily Engel at emily.engel@state.mn.us or 651-259-5548.

Sincerely,



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Operations Support Division

2016-2017 Base Budget Report

**Laws of 2015, First Special Session,
Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 142**



Introduction

This report explores the central question of what current and past riders constitute the Department of Natural Resources 2016-2017 operating budget. Our methodology consisted of:

- 1) Determining our total operating appropriations for FY 2016-2017;
- 2) Identifying current riders from Laws of 2015 and 2016;
- 3) Conducting a 20-year look-back to Laws of 1995 to determine when these riders originated; and
- 4) Conducting a 4-year look-back to Laws of 2011 to identify riders that provided funding that became part of our on-going base appropriation.

Please note that appropriations from the following funds were out-of-scope for this report: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Outdoor Heritage Legacy Fund, Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, Clean Water Fund, and Bond/Capital Funds.

The report is organized by divisions according to the DNR's budget structure. For each division, it shows the total appropriation by fund, riders from 2016-17, and riders prior to 2016-17 (if relevant). The report provides additional information for each rider including 1) the full rider language, 2) the year it originated unless prior to 1995, and 3) when the funds were incorporated into DNR base funding (if relevant). Please note that riders have a "legal lifespan" of two years and will expire at the end of FY 2017. To be consistent with this legal rule, the report does not show appropriations at the rider level in FY 2018 and FY 2019.

This report was prepared as directed by Minnesota Laws 2015 First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 142.

BASE BUDGET REPORT.

The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency shall each submit a report that contains the details of their base budgets, including prior appropriation riders, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources by October 15, 2016.

Preparing this report took approximately 30 hours and cost approximately \$1,040.

Department of Natural Resources Base Budget Report

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
LANDS AND MINERALS						
Total Appropriations			6,461	5,721	5,521	5,521
General Fund Total	General Fund		1,585	1,785	1,585	1,585
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	344	344	344	344
Natural Resources Fund Total	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	20	20	20	20
		Minerals Management	2,955	3,015	3,015	3,015
		Snowmobile	13	13	13	13
		Forest Management Investment Account	344	344	344	344
Remediation Fund Total	Remediation Fund		1,000	0	0	0
Permanent School Fund Total	Permanent School Fund	Forest Suspense	200	200	200	200

Riders in the 2016-17 Biennial Budget

Mineral Research	General Fund		68	68
<p>\$68,000 the first year and \$68,000 the second year are for minerals cooperative environmental research, of which \$34,000 the first year and \$34,000 the second year are available only as matched by \$1 of nonstate money for each \$1 of state money. The match may be cash or in-kind.</p> <p>Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p> <p>Note: Match requirement removed in Laws 2016, Ch 189</p>				

Iron Ore Research	General Fund		51	51
	Natural Resources Fund	Minerals Management	200	200
<p>\$251,000 the first year and \$251,000 the second year are for iron ore cooperative research. Of this amount, \$200,000 each year is from the minerals management account in the natural resources fund. \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year are available only as matched by \$1 of nonstate money for each \$1 of state money. The match may be cash or in-kind. Any unencumbered balance from the first year does not cancel and is available in the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p> <p>Note: Match requirement removed in Laws 2016, Ch 189</p>				

Minerals Management	Natural Resources Fund	Minerals Management	2,755	2,815
<p>\$2,755,000 the first year and \$2,815,000 the second year are from the minerals management account in the natural resources fund for use as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for mineral resource management, projects to enhance future mineral income, and projects to promote new mineral resource opportunities.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws of 2005, 1SS, Ch 1</p>				

School Trust Lands	Permanent School Fund	Forest Suspense	200	200
<p>\$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year are from the state forest suspense account in the permanent school fund to accelerate land exchanges, land sales, and commercial leasing of school trust lands and to identify, evaluate, and lease construction aggregate located on school trust lands. This appropriation is to be used for securing long-term economic return from the school trust lands consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and sound natural resources conservation and management principles.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws of 2005, 1SS, Ch 1</p>				

School Trust Lands Valuation	General Fund		200	
<p>\$200,000 the second year is to initiate, in consultation with the school trust lands director, a valuation process and representative valuations for the compensation of school trust lands required by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 18, paragraph (b). By January 15, 2017, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and education policy and finance on the Department of Natural Resources' progress in developing a valuation process, a description of the process to identify representative sample valuations, and the results of the representative valuations of school trust lands identified for compensation. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>				

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Salt Lands Acquisition in Bear Head State Park	Remediation Fund		1,000			

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.20, \$1,000,000 the first year is from the dedicated account within the remediation fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.20, subdivision 2, clause (4), to acquire salt lands as described under Minnesota Statutes, section 92.05, within Bear Head Lake State Park. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2018

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch4

Note: Onetime

ECOLOGICAL AND WATER RESOURCES

Total			32,414	32,779	32,103	32,103
General Fund Total	General Fund		17,526	17,497	17,046	17,046
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	2,368	2,463	2,463	2,463
		Heritage Enhancement	2,018	2,018	2,018	2,018
Natural Resources Fund Total	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	1,310	1,384	1,384	1,384
		Invasive Species	3,242	3,242	3,242	3,242
		Nongame Wildlife Manage	950	950	950	950
		Water Management	5,000	5,225	5,000	5,000

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Invasive Species Management	General Fund		3,206	3,206		
	Natural Resources Fund	Invasive Species	3,242	3,242		

\$3,242,000 the first year and \$3,242,000 the second year are from the invasive species account in the natural resources fund and \$3,206,000 the first year and \$3,206,000 the second year are from the general fund for management, public awareness, assessment and monitoring research, and water access inspection to prevent the spread of invasive species; management of invasive plants in public waters; and management of terrestrial invasive species on state-administered lands.

Originating Law: Laws 2007, Ch 57

Water Resources Management	General Fund		6,000	6,000		
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\$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are from the general fund for the following activities: (1) financial reimbursement and technical support to soil and water conservation districts or other local units of government for groundwater level monitoring; (2) surface water monitoring and analysis, including installation of monitoring gauges; (3) groundwater analysis to assist with water appropriation permitting decisions; (4) permit application review incorporating surface water and groundwater technical analysis; (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve the use of irrigation; (6) information technology, including electronic permitting and integrated data systems; and (7) compliance and monitoring.

Originating Law: Laws 2013, Ch 114

Grant to Mississippi Headwaters Board	General Fund		124	124		
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\$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the second year are for a grant to the Mississippi Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi within areas under the board's jurisdiction.

Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220

Grant to Leech Lake Band of Chippewa	General Fund		10	10		
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\$10,000 the first year and \$10,000 the second year are for payment to the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to implement the band's portion of the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi.

Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Grants to Implement Red River Mediation Agreement	General Fund		264	264		
<p>\$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the second year are for grants for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementation of the Red River mediation agreement.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: Laws 1999, Ch 231</p>						
Improvement, Enhancement, and Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement	2,018	2,018		
<p>\$2,018,000 the first year and \$2,018,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (1).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: Laws 2001, 1SS, Ch 2</p>						
Nongame Wildlife Management	Natural Resources Fund	Nongame Wildlife Management	950	950		
<p>\$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the second year are from the nongame wildlife management account in the natural resources fund for the purpose of nongame wildlife management. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year may be used for nongame wildlife information, education, and promotion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p>						
Water Management	Natural Resources Fund	Water Management	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<p>\$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year are from the water management account in the natural resources fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27, subdivision 2.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: Laws 2011, 1SS, Ch 2</p>						
Study of Feasibility of Administering Federal Section 404 Permit Program	General Fund		10	64		
<p>\$10,000 the first year and \$64,000 the second year are to study, in cooperation with the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the feasibility of the state assuming administration of the section 404 permit program of the federal Clean Water Act as required in this act. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Laws: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						
Cost Estimates for Augmentation of White Bear Lake from Sucker Lake Chain	General Fund		100			
<p>\$100,000 the first year is to develop cost estimates, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council, for the augmentation of White Bear Lake with water from the Sucker Lake chain of lakes. The commissioner must submit a report with the cost estimates developed under this paragraph to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance by February 1, 2016. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						
Grants for Levees in Red River Watershed	General Fund		400			
<p>\$400,000 the first year is for grants to assist in the construction of flood protection rural and farmstead ring levees in the Red River watershed. Grants may not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the projects. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Match for Hydraulic Modeling of Middle, Snake, and Tamarac Rivers	General Fund			187		

\$187,000 the second year is for a grant to the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to match equal funds from the North Dakota State Water Commission and North Dakota water boards to conduct hydraulic modeling of alternative floodway options for the reach including and upstream and downstream of the Minnesota and North Dakota agricultural levies in the vicinity of Oslo, Minnesota. The modeling must include evaluating removal of floodway flow obstructions, channel obstructions, transportation access, and equalization of agricultural levy protection. The project must be conducted in partnership with the border township association group representing four Minnesota townships and the city of Oslo and the three adjacent townships in North Dakota. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2018.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

Grant for Removal and Prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species in Koronis Lake	General Fund			200		
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\$200,000 the second year is for a grant to the Koronis Lake Association for purposes of removing and preventing aquatic invasive species. This is a onetime appropriation.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

Monitoring of Cold Spring Creek	Natural Resources Fund	Water Management		225		
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\$225,000 the second year is from the water management account in the natural resources fund for water appropriation monitoring, modeling, and reporting for the Cold Spring Creek area as required under this act. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

Grant for Erosion Control on Silver Lake	General Fund			75		
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\$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Virginia for erosion control on the northeast side of Silver Lake to protect public and private property and infrastructure. This is a onetime appropriation.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

FORESTRY

Total			39,614	43,281	41,281	41,281
General Fund Total	General Fund		26,446	28,850	28,350	28,350
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement	1,287	1,287	1,287	1,287
Natural Resources Fund Total	Natural Resources Fund	Forest Management Investment Account	11,881	13,144	11,644	11,644

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Private Forest Management Assistance	General Fund			2,500		
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\$2,500,000 the second year is for private forest management assistance. The agency base is increased by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Minnesota Forest Resource Council	General Fund		780	780		
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\$780,000 the first year and \$780,000 the second year are for the Forest Resources Council for implementation of the Sustainable Forest Resources Act.

Originating Law: Laws 2009, Ch 37

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Emergency Firefighting	General Fund		7,145	7,145		
<p>\$7,145,000 the first year and \$7,145,000 the second year are for prevention, presuppression, and suppression costs of emergency firefighting and other costs incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for presuppression and suppression costs during the biennium is appropriated from the general fund.</p> <p>Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p>						
Support of FORIST System	General Fund		250	250		
<p>\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for the FORIST system.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2001, 1SS, Ch 2</p>						
Forest Road Maintenance	General Fund		500			
<p>At least \$500,000 the first year is for forest road maintenance. The commissioner shall use the money to perform needed maintenance on forest roads in conjunction with timber sales.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						
Tools for Forest and Invasive Species Management	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement	1,287	1,287		
<p>\$1,287,000 the first year and \$1,287,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund to advance ecological classification systems (ECS) scientific management tools for forest and invasive species management. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the game and fish fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (1).</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2011, 1SS, Ch 2</p>						
Forest Management	Natural Resources Fund	Forest Management Investment Account	11,881	12,144		
<p>\$11,881,000 the first year and \$12,144,000 the second year are from the forest management investment account in the natural resources fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039, subdivision 2. The base for fiscal year 2018 and later is \$11,644,000.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2005, 1SS, Ch 1</p>						
State Lands Reforestation	Natural Resources Fund	Forest Management Investment Account		1,000		
<p>\$1,000,000 the second year is from the forest management investment account in the natural resources fund for reforestation on state lands. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
PARKS AND TRAILS						
Total			74,274	79,899	74,150	74,150
General Fund Total	General Fund		24,967	27,356	24,427	24,427
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	2,266	2,273	2,273	2,273
Natural Resources Total	Natural Resources Fund	Snowmobile	12,044	12,122	12,112	12,112
		All Terrain Vehicle	3,468	4,416	3,506	3,506
		Account				
		Off Highway Motorcycle	384	439	389	389
		Off Road Vehicle	976	1,033	983	983
		Local Trail Grants Lottery	1,005	1,005	1,005	1,005
		in-Lieu				
		State Parks Lottery in-Lieu	5,740	5,740	5,740	5,740
		Cross Country Ski	75	75	75	75
		State Land and Water	250	250	250	250
		Conservation				
		State Parks	12,211	14,450	12,650	12,650
		Water Recreation	10,888	10,740	10,740	10,740

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Onetime Funding for Parks and Trails	General Fund	2,800
<p>\$2,800,000 the second year is a onetime appropriation. Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189 Note: Onetime</p>		
Master Plan for Mississippi Blufflands Trail	General Fund	50
<p>\$50,000 the first year is for development of a master plan for the Mississippi Blufflands Trail, including work on possible extensions or connections to other state or regional trails. This is a onetime appropriation that is available until June 30, 2017. Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4 Note: Onetime</p>		
Restoration or Replacement of Blackduck Bridge	General Fund	500
<p>\$500,000 the first year is for restoration or replacement of a historic trestle bridge in Blackduck. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019. Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4 Note: Onetime</p>		
City of Virginia Trail Bridge Crossing	General Fund	190
<p>\$190,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Virginia for the additional cost of supporting a trail due to the rerouting of U.S. Highway No. 53. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019. Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4 Note: Onetime</p>		
Sewer Improvements at Woodenfrog Campground	General Fund	100
<p>\$100,000 the second year is for the improvement of the infrastructure for sanitary sewer service at the Woodenfrog Campground in Kabetogama State Forest. This is a onetime appropriation. Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189 Note: Onetime</p>		

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Programming Related to Transfer-on-Death Title Changes for Watercraft	General Fund			29		
<p>\$29,000 the second year is for computer programming related to the transfer-on-death title changes for watercraft. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						

Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid Program	Natural Resources Fund	Snowmobile	8,424	8,424		
<p>\$8,424,000 the first year and \$8,424,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for the snowmobile grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p>						

David Dill Trail	Natural Resources Fund	Snowmobile		10		
		All Terrain Vehicle Account		10		
<p>\$20,000 the second year is from the natural resources fund to design and erect signs marking the David Dill trail designated in this act. Of this amount, \$10,000 is from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account and \$10,000 is from the all-terrain vehicle account. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						

All Terrain Vehicle and Off Highway Vehicle Grant-in-Aid Program	Natural Resources Fund	All Terrain Vehicle Account	1,210	1,210		
		Off Highway Motorcycle	150	150		
<p>\$1,360,000 the first year and \$1,360,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid program. Of this amount, \$1,210,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account; and \$150,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2005, 1SS, Ch 1</p>						

Grant for Prospectors Trail Connection	Natural Resources Fund	All Terrain Vehicle Account		900		
		Off Highway Motorcycle		50		
		Off Road Vehicle		50		
<p>\$1,000,000 the second year is from the natural resources fund for a grant to Lake County for construction, including bridges, of the Prospectors ATV Trail System linking the communities of Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass, and Tower; Bear Head Lake and Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Parks; the Taconite State Trail; and the Lake County Regional ATV Trail System. Of this amount, \$900,000 is from the all-terrain vehicle account, \$50,000 is from the off-highway motorcycle account, and \$50,000 is from the off-road vehicle account. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						

Grants for Local Parks and Trails	Natural Resources Fund	Local Trail Grants Lottery in-Lieu	1,005	1,005		
<p>\$1,005,000 the first year and \$1,005,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for park and trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for the purposes of the grants. This appropriation is from the revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (4). Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2001, Ch 2</p>						

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Off Road Vehicle Activities	Natural Resources Fund	Off Road Vehicle	968	968		

\$968,000 the first year and \$968,000 the second year are from the off-road vehicle account in the natural resources fund. Of this amount, \$568,000 each year is for parks and trails management for off-road vehicle purposes; \$325,000 each year is for the off-road vehicle grant in aid program; and \$75,000 each year is for a new full-time employee position or contract in northern Minnesota to work in conjunction with the Minnesota Four-Wheel Drive Association to address off-road vehicle touring routes and other issues related to off-road vehicle activities. Of this appropriation, the \$325,000 each year is onetime.

Originating Law: Laws 2011, 1SS, Ch 2

Note: Rider was not included in Laws 2013

Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance	Natural Resources Fund	Cross Country Ski	75	75		
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\$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year are from the cross-country ski account in the natural resources fund for grooming and maintaining cross-country ski trails in state parks, trails, and recreation areas.

Originating Law: Laws 2013, Ch 114

Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act Activities	Natural Resources Fund	State Land and Water Conservation	250	250		
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\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are from the state land and water conservation account (LAWCON) in the natural resources fund for priorities established by the commissioner for eligible state projects and administrative and planning activities consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

Originating Law: Laws 2007, Ch 30 as part of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations;

Appropriated as part of operating appropriations starting in Laws 2013, Ch 114

Grant for Reciprocity Agreement for Red River State Recreation Area	Natural Resources Fund	State Parks	61			
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\$61,000 from the natural resources fund the first year is for a grant to the city of East Grand Forks for payment under a reciprocity agreement for the Red River State Recreation Area.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

Strategic Park Acquisition	Natural Resources Fund	State Parks		1,150		
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\$2,300,000 the second year is from the state parks account in the natural resources fund. Of this amount, \$1,300,000 is onetime, of which \$1,150,000 is for strategic park acquisition.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Base Level Adjustment	Natural Resources Fund	State Parks				
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The base for parks and trails operations in the natural resources fund in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter is \$46,450,000.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: This adjustment reduces the base in the state parks account by \$500,000.

Enhancement of Public Water Access Facilities	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	1,075	1,075		
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\$1,075,000 the first year and \$1,075,000 the second year are from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for enhancing public water access facilities.

Originating Law: Laws 2009, Ch 37

Shell Rock River Trail	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	65			
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\$65,000 the first year is from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund to cooperate with local units of government in marking routes and designating river accesses and campsites under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.32. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Education	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	210			

\$210,000 the first year is from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for implementation of Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.532, established in this act. This is a onetime appropriation. The commissioner of natural resources shall seek federal and other nonstate funds to reimburse the department for the initial costs of producing and distributing carbon monoxide boat warning labels. All amounts collected under this paragraph shall be deposited into the water recreation account.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime; inconsistency in the law appropriated dollars in FY 2017 but rider language stated "in the first year." We interpreted the law to appropriate the dollars to FY 2016.

State Park and Trail Operations	Natural Resources Fund	State Parks Lottery in-Lieu	5,740	5,740		
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\$5,740,000 the first year and \$5,740,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for state trail, park, and recreation area operations. This appropriation is from the revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (2).

Originating Law: Laws 2001, 1SS, Ch 2

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Total			71,527	71,823	67,531	67,531
General Fund Total	General Fund		350	0	0	0
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	61,102	61,684	57,452	57,452
		Heritage Enhancement	8,167	8,227	8,167	8,167
Natural Resources Total	Natural Resources Fund	Snowmobile	293	295	295	295
		All Terrain Vehicle	120	122	122	122
		Off Highway Motorcycle	10	10	10	10
		Off Road Vehicle	33	33	33	33
		Water Recreation	1,452	1,452	1,452	1,452

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Response to Avian Influenza Virus	General Fund	350
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\$350,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 to the commissioner of natural resources for sampling wild animals to detect and monitor the avian influenza virus. This appropriation may also be used to conduct serology sampling, in consultation with the Board of Animal Health and the University of Minnesota Pomeroy Chair in Avian Health, from birds within a control zone and outside of a control zone. This appropriation is available the day following final enactment until June 30, 2017.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

Improvement, Enhancement, and Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement	8,167	8,167
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\$8,167,000 the first year and \$8,167,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund only for activities specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (1). Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five percent of this appropriation may be used for expanding hunter and angler recruitment and retention.

Originating Law: Laws 2001, 1SS, Ch 2

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Grants for Shooting Sports Facilities	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	1,000	1,000		

\$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are from the game and fish fund for shooting sports facility grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including grants for archery facilities. Up to \$100,000 each year is available for shooting sports facilities on state lands. Grants must be matched with a nonstate match, which may include in-kind contributions. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

Fish Virus Surveillance	Game and Fish Fund	Operations				50
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\$50,000 the second year is from the game and fish fund for fish virus surveillance, including fish testing in high-risk waters used for bait production, to ensure the availability of safe bait. This is a onetime appropriation.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

Outreach to Southeast Asian Community	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement				60
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\$60,000 the second year is from the heritage enhancement account for the department's Southeast Asian unit to conduct outreach efforts to the Southeast Asian community in Minnesota, including outreach efforts to refugees from Burma, to encourage participation in outdoor education opportunities and activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime; Originally appropriated to the Operations Support Division but moved to the Fish and Wildlife Division

Base Level Adjustment	Game and Fish Fund					
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The game and fish base for fish and wildlife management in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter is \$65,619,000.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: This adjustment reduces the base in the game and fish fund by \$4,182,000 (including \$1,000,000 for the one-time shooting grants).

Prior Appropriation Riders

Gray Wolf Management

\$120,000 the first year and \$120,000 the second year from the game and fish fund are for gray wolf management.

Originating Law: Laws 2009, Ch 37

Note: Incorporated into base in Laws 2013

ENFORCEMENT

Total						40,014	38,377	38,377	38,377
General Fund Total	General Fund					4,257	4,140	4,140	4,140
Game and Fish Fund Total	Game and Fish Fund	Operations				23,832	22,113	22,113	22,113
		Heritage Enhancement				1,537	1,580	1,580	1,580
		Peace Officer Training				135	135	135	135
Natural Resources Total	Natural Resources Fund	State Parks				71	71	71	71
		State Parks Lottery in-Lieu				71	71	71	71
		Water Recreation				4,439	4,519	4,519	4,519
		All Terrain Vehicle				3,059	3,101	3,101	3,101
		Invasive Species				360	360	360	360
		Off Highway Motorcycle				127	128	128	128
		Snowmobile				1,775	1,805	1,805	1,805
		Off Road Vehicle				251	254	254	254
Remediation Fund Total	Remediation Fund					100	100	100	100

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
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Enforcement to Prevent Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species	General Fund		1,718	1,718		
<p>\$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000 the second year are from the general fund for enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2013, Ch 114</p>						
Aviation Services	General Fund		200			
	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	1,900			
<p>\$200,000 the first year is from the general fund and \$1,900,000 the first year is from the game and fish fund are for aviation services. This appropriation is onetime.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						
Improvement, Enhancement, and Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Game and Fish Fund	Heritage Enhancement	1,537	1,580		
<p>\$1,537,000 the first year and \$1,580,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (1).</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2001, Ch 2</p>						
Aviation Services	Game and Fish Fund	Operations	670			
<p>\$670,000 the first year is from the game and fish fund for aviation services. This is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189</p> <p>Note: Onetime</p>						
Snowmobile Enforcement Activities	Natural Resources Fund	Snowmobile	315	315		
<p>\$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for grants to local law enforcement agencies for snowmobile enforcement activities. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 1997, Ch 216</p>						
Grants for Local Enforcement of Off-Highway Vehicle Use	Natural Resources Fund	All Terrain Vehicle	498	498		
		Off Highway Motorcycle	11	11		
		Off Road Vehicle	1	1		
<p>\$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to county law enforcement agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement and public education activities based on off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this amount, \$498,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account; \$11,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account; and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road vehicle account. The county enforcement agencies may use money received under this appropriation to make grants to other local enforcement agencies within the county that have a high concentration of off-highway vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for administration of these grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: Laws 2005, 1SS, Ch 1</p>						
Grants for Boat and Water Safety	Natural Resources Fund	Water Recreation	1,082	1,082		
<p>\$1,082,000 the first year and \$1,082,000 the second year are from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for grants to counties for boat and water safety. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.</p> <p>Originating Law: At least Laws 1995, Ch 220</p>						

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Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Grants for Monitoring All Terrain Vehicle Trails and Safety Education	Natural Resources Fund	All Terrain Vehicle	250	250		

\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are from the all-terrain vehicle account for grants to qualifying organizations to assist in safety and environmental education and monitoring trails on public lands under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under this paragraph must be issued through a formal agreement with the organization. By December 15 each year, an organization receiving a grant under this paragraph shall report to the commissioner with details on expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for administration of these grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

Originating Law: Laws 2007, Ch 57

Prior Appropriation Riders

Conservation Officer Academy

\$240,000 the first year and \$143,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for a conservation officer academy.

Originating Law: Laws 2011, Ch 2

Note: Incorporated into base in Laws 2013

Conservation Officer Pre-employment Education Program

\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for the conservation officer pre-employment education program. Of this amount, \$30,000 each year is from the water recreation account, \$13,000 each year is from the snowmobile account, and \$20,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund; and \$187,000 each year is from the game and fish fund, of which \$17,000 each year is from the heritage enhancement account.

Originating Law: Laws 2013, Ch 114

Note: Incorporated into base in Laws 2015

OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Total			2,469	4,321	320	320
General Fund Total	General Fund		2,149	4,001	0	0
Natural Resources Fund Total	Natural Resources Fund	Zoo Grants Lottery in-Lieu	320	320	320	320

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Legal Support Costs	General Fund	300	450
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\$300,000 the first year and \$450,000 the second year are for legal costs related to water management. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2018.

Originating Law: Laws 2015, 1SS, Ch 4

Note: Onetime

PolyMet Legal Costs	General Fund	1,599	2,801
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\$1,599,000 the first year and \$2,801,000 the second year are for legal costs related to the NorthMet mining project. Of this amount, up to \$1,289,000 the second year may be transferred to other agencies for legal costs associated with the NorthMet mining project. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

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dollars in thousands

Purpose	Fund Name	Account Name	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Grant for New Dormitory at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	General Fund			750		

\$750,000 the second year is for a grant to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center to construct a new dormitory, renovate an old dormitory, construct a maintenance building, and construct a small classroom building with parking. The grant is not available until the commissioner of management and budget determines that an amount sufficient to complete the project is available from nonstate sources. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.

Originating Law: Laws 2016, Ch 189

Note: Onetime

Grants to Como Park Zoo and Duluth Zoo	Natural Resources Fund	Zoo Grants Lottery in-Lieu	320	320		
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\$320,000 the first year and \$320,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to be divided equally between the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the Duluth Zoo. This appropriation is from the revenue deposited to the fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (5).

Originating Law: Laws 2003, Ch 128
