

Agency Change Package Detail

Department: 57060 - NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Version: 2019F0657060

Program: 21

Type: NP

Status: Included

Number: 2101

Group: None

Description: DNRC-DIRECTORS OFFICE 10% Reduction

Request Expenditures

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 61098 | UNALLOCATED PERSONAL SERVICES | (\$291,655) | (\$281,804) | (\$573,459) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$291,655) | (\$281,804) | (\$573,459) |
| 63098 | UNALLOCATED EQUIPMENT | (\$62,554) | (\$62,554) | (\$125,108) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$62,554) | (\$62,554) | (\$125,108) |
| 69098 | UNALLOCATED DEBT SERVICE | (\$16,216) | (\$16,216) | (\$32,432) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$16,216) | (\$16,216) | (\$32,432) |
| Total Request Expenditures | | (\$370,425) | (\$360,574) | (\$730,999) |

Request Funding

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 01100 | General Fund | (\$370,425) | (\$360,574) | (\$730,999) |
| | Fund Type Subtotal | (\$370,425) | (\$360,574) | (\$730,999) |
| Total Request Funding | | (\$370,425) | (\$360,574) | (\$730,999) |

Description and Justification

Director's Office reductions include:

- Reduce equipment purchases and leases budget by \$78,770.
- Accept voluntary reductions offered by staff of approximately \$26,000.
- Charge personnel services to fire orgs where appropriate of approximately \$6,000.
- Hold position open indefinitely \$50,000.
- Operations will be reduced in the Flathead Basin Commission.
- Reduction of staff hours will make up the remainder.

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Program: 23

Type: NP

Status: Included

Number: 2301

Group: None

Description: DNRC-CARDD 10% Reduction

Request Expenditures

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 62098 | UNALLOCATED OPERATING EXPENSE | (\$39,275) | (\$39,943) | (\$79,218) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$39,275) | (\$39,943) | (\$79,218) |
| 66098 | UNALLOCATED GRANTS | (\$133,000) | (\$133,000) | (\$266,000) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$133,000) | (\$133,000) | (\$266,000) |
| Total Request Expenditures | | (\$172,275) | (\$172,943) | (\$345,218) |

Request Funding

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 01100 | General Fund | (\$172,275) | (\$172,943) | (\$345,218) |
| | Fund Type Subtotal | (\$172,275) | (\$172,943) | (\$345,218) |
| Total Request Funding | | (\$172,275) | (\$172,943) | (\$345,218) |

Description and Justification

The DNRC Conservation & Resource Development Division (CARDD) reductions will be taken in Conservation Districts support through the Sheridan Groundwater study, 310 permitting and Montana Salinity Control program. The Sage Grouse program will see a reduction in operations. Travel will be reduced. There will be no equipment replacement in the program.

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Program: 24

Type: NP

Status: Included

Number: 2401

Group: None

Description: DNRC-WRD 10% Reduction

Request Expenditures

| | | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 61098 | UNALLOCATED PERSONAL SERVICES | | (\$88,000) | (\$88,000) | (\$176,000) |
| | First Level Subtotal | | (\$88,000) | (\$88,000) | (\$176,000) |
| 62098 | UNALLOCATED OPERATING EXPENSE | | (\$668,162) | (\$675,481) | (\$1,343,643) |
| | First Level Subtotal | | (\$668,162) | (\$675,481) | (\$1,343,643) |
| 63098 | UNALLOCATED EQUIPMENT | | (\$132,749) | (\$132,749) | (\$265,498) |
| | First Level Subtotal | | (\$132,749) | (\$132,749) | (\$265,498) |
| 68098 | UNALLOCATED TRANSFERS | | (\$18,125) | (\$18,125) | (\$36,250) |
| | First Level Subtotal | | (\$18,125) | (\$18,125) | (\$36,250) |
| Total Request Expenditures | | | (\$907,036) | (\$914,355) | (\$1,821,391) |

Request Funding

| | | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 01100 | General Fund | 0 | (\$907,036) | (\$914,355) | (\$1,821,391) |
| | Fund Type Subtotal | | (\$907,036) | (\$914,355) | (\$1,821,391) |
| Total Request Funding | | | (\$907,036) | (\$914,355) | (\$1,821,391) |

Description and Justification

The reductions in the Water Resources Division (WRD) to operating and personal services will greatly affect our ability to serve the public. This budget does not include funding state cost share to 7 of 43 USGS stream gages which, along with reduced funds for water measurement field work, will impact water users, state agencies, water commissioners and recreationists. It will reduce WRD's ability to make informed water right decisions. Decreases in personal services and operating will result in travel and training restrictions and an inability to update or replace equipment. Staff will not have the tools necessary to adequately and effectively serve the public and do their job. Responsiveness to public inquiries and requests will be impacted. Field work will be restricted and, while maintaining state owned dams and canals in a safe and efficient manner is always a priority for the division, these reductions will have an impact on our ability to provide services and will delay a number of rehabilitation, repair and maintenance efforts.

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Program: 35

Type: NP

Status: Included

Number: 350101

Group: None

Description: DNRC-FD 10% Reduction

Request Expenditures

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 61098 | UNALLOCATED PERSONAL SERVICES | (\$197,638) | (\$201,881) | (\$399,519) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$197,638) | (\$201,881) | (\$399,519) |
| 62098 | UNALLOCATED OPERATING EXPENSE | (\$197,640) | (\$201,882) | (\$399,522) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$197,640) | (\$201,882) | (\$399,522) |
| 63098 | UNALLOCATED EQUIPMENT | (\$461,589) | (\$461,589) | (\$923,178) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$461,589) | (\$461,589) | (\$923,178) |
| 66098 | UNALLOCATED GRANTS | (\$66,402) | (\$66,402) | (\$132,804) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$66,402) | (\$66,402) | (\$132,804) |
| 68098 | UNALLOCATED TRANSFERS | (\$300,000) | (\$300,000) | (\$600,000) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$300,000) | (\$300,000) | (\$600,000) |
| 69098 | UNALLOCATED DEBT SERVICE | (\$24,937) | (\$24,937) | (\$49,874) |
| | First Level Subtotal | (\$24,937) | (\$24,937) | (\$49,874) |
| Total Request Expenditures | | (\$1,248,206) | (\$1,256,691) | (\$2,504,897) |

Request Funding

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 01100 | General Fund | (\$1,248,206) | (\$1,256,691) | (\$2,504,897) |
| | Fund Type Subtotal | (\$1,248,206) | (\$1,256,691) | (\$2,504,897) |
| Total Request Funding | | (\$1,248,206) | (\$1,256,691) | (\$2,504,897) |

Description and Justification

Potential impacts of proposed General Fund reductions to DNRC Forestry Division include:

- Reduce by seven (7) the number of wildland fire engines that were to be built and distributed to cooperating local government fire departments in the state/county cooperative fire program. Due to this reduction, average fleet age will increase, resulting in both an increase in costly repairs as well as some older vehicles being taken out of service. This reduction would decrease resources for cooperating county fire departments across Montana, slow the response time to wildland fire emergencies, and potentially diminish the department's ability to control wildland fires at initial attack, thereby raising the cost of fire suppression to Montana taxpayers.

- Eliminate the planned replacement of two (2) radio repeaters which will lead to increased costs to repair existing system components that are currently obsolete. This could result in firefighters being put in jeopardy as existing radio system components become unreliable.

- Reduction to the annual transfer of funds to the Air Operations (Air Ops) program for its fixed costs will require Air Ops to earn substantially more revenue by increasing flight rates, thereby increasing costs of fire suppression to Montana taxpayers. An alternative is to reduce costs in the program by grounding aircraft until such time that revenue is sufficient to cover deferred maintenance. This would remove vital resources needed for wildland fire initial attack, leading to increased overall costs of fire suppression as small fires are able to grow larger.

- Eliminate the planned purchase of five (5) fire program vehicles and two (2) forestry program vehicles, keep existing vehicles longer, resulting in higher repair costs, vehicle mileage exceeding 100,000 miles, and potentially unreliable vehicles being used by state personnel during fire season and for year-round travel.
- Reduce training opportunities in fire suppression and fire management for both local government and DNRC personnel. Reduce maintenance and upgrades to safety equipment used by fire suppression personnel. Reductions to training and safety equipment are likely to have negative impacts on both firefighter and public safety and diminish the department's ability to control fires at initial attack.
- Hold vacant positions open for longer periods of time in order to reduce expenses for personnel salary/benefits across the division, in addition to the Vacancy Savings and other legislative reductions already in place in current year budgets. Potential negative impacts of long-term vacant positions include delays in response and delivery of services to the public and an overall reduction in the department's ability to operate efficiently and effectively.
- Reduce grants to communities and partners in the Urban & Community Forestry and Forest Stewardship programs.
- Reduce / eliminate year-round coordination with interagency firefighting partners and participation in statewide fire prevention and community protection organizations, potentially decreasing the effectiveness of partner relationships and cooperative efforts in both fire suppression and fire prevention. The 2017 fire season has highlighted the value of partner agreements and relationships; both of which enabled DNRC to bring valuable resources from Canada, other states, and the Montana Army National Guard. These resources substantially increased the state's initial attack capacity, filled critical gaps, and proved their worth time and again.

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Program: 35

Type: NP

Status: Included

Number: 350102

Group: None

Description: DNRC-TLMD 10% Reduction

Request Expenditures

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 62098 UNALLOCATED OPERATING EXPENSE | | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |
| First Level Subtotal | | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |
| Total Request Expenditures | | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |

Request Funding

| | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Biennium Total</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 01100 General Fund | 0 | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |
| Fund Type Subtotal | | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |
| Total Request Funding | | (\$15,736) | (\$15,741) | (\$31,477) |

Description and Justification

The Trust Lands Management Division (TLMD) has minimal general fund authority. Due to this, a reduction would need to come from the general fund authority for the management of the Montna State University-Morrill Trust. 77-1-109(2)(c), MCA, prohibits taking deductions from the interest or income generated from the Morrill Trust Lands. The 2017 Legislature approve the restoration of funding for land management activities on Morrill trust lands.

The program would scale back operation and projects for the trust, including timber sales, pre-commerical thinning, weed spraying, agriculture and grazing lease evaluations, etc. Reductions in project management and stewardship have the potential to reduce the trust revenue to the MSU-Morrill Trust.