



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2012-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET

Forest Campground Income

Budget-Neutral FY 2012 / FY 2013

(General Fund, Natural Resources Fund – Dedicated Receipts Account)

It is needed because

State forest campgrounds, trails, and day-use areas provide excellent, low-cost recreation opportunities within state forests. Currently, state forest campground fees generate approximately \$400,000 annually, of which approximately \$200,000 is deposited in the school trust fund for facilities located on school trust lands, while the remainder is deposited in the general fund. The department spends approximately \$370,000 to minimally maintain forest campground and day use areas, addressing safety issues, and providing routine maintenance.

Major program elements

This initiative provides that the revenue generated by state forest campground fees on non-trust lands be deposited in a dedicated account in the natural resources fund and be appropriated annually to the commissioner for maintenance of these campgrounds and day use areas.

Priority-setting

DNR analyzes the level of activity, type of facilities, number of visitors, and revenue generated in prioritizing funds for state forest campground operations. This initiative would assist in funding state forest campground maintenance throughout the system.

Project locations

Projects are located in state forests statewide.

Key measures and outcomes

Forty-seven state forest campgrounds with approximately 1,100 campsites and seven day use areas provide recreationists with opportunities to pursue a variety of unstructured outdoor activities and to camp in a state forest setting.

Financial Implications (if appropriate)

Approximately \$200,000 of annual state forest camping fees, currently being deposited in the general fund, would be deposited in an account in the natural resources fund for use in state forest recreation maintenance. General fund support for these accounts would be eliminated. An additional \$200,000 of state forest camping fees for facilities located on school trust lands would continue to be deposited in the school trust fund account.

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