

# Budget in Brief: Supplemental Budget 2018

The Governor recommends increased funding for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) totaling \$3.8 million in the current biennium and \$2.6 million in FY 2020-21. This funding advances the Governor’s goals of clean water and addressing urgent needs. This represents a 0.3% increase to our 2018-19 all-fund biennial budget.

## EXPENDITURE & REVENUE TOTALS

*dollars in thousands*

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
General Fund	2,560	2,000
Natural Resources Fund	319	638
Clean Water Legacy Fund	1,000	
<b>Expenditures (Subtotal)</b>	<b>3,879</b>	<b>2,638</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>3,818</b>	<b>2,638</b>

## PROPOSALS

### ***Emergency Funding for Wildlife Disease Response (Chronic Wasting Disease/CWD)***

Increases wildlife disease (primarily CWD) surveillance and response including response to escaped cervids. When detected, aggressive response is needed to eradicate the disease including reducing deer densities to minimize disease spread and testing as many deer as possible to determine if and where the disease has spread. Funding allows for continued sampling and deer control activities. We look to pursue longer-term solutions for FY2020-21. (\$1.56 million in FY19; General Fund)

### ***Forest Inventory***

Allows for an additional 100,000 acres of DNR-owned land to be inventoried annually, significantly improves our forest inventory data resolution (e.g., recording individual survey plot and tree species measurements) and reduces our inventory cycle to 15 years. With an improved forest inventory, we can more accurately assess current and ever-changing forest conditions, improve forest modeling of diverse management alternatives, and more

reliably predict resulting outcomes and forest conditions over time. (\$1 million annually; General Fund)

### ***Forests for the Future***

Provides strategic protection of up to 1,000 acres of priority private forest parcels using permanent working forest conservation easements and key fee-title acquisitions to protect water quality in our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater. This proposal is part of a long-term, partnership-driven effort that works with landowners, conservation partners, communities and outdoor enthusiasts to protect and maintain forests for multiple public benefits. (\$1 million in FY19; Clean Water Fund)

### ***Environmental Research for Mine Permitting***

Continues and enhances research on the environmental effects of mining. This funding replaces reduced industry match that has historically supported this program. It prevents significant reductions to ongoing research critical to management of mine wastes and the protection of water quality and needed for efficient and effective environmental review and permitting decisions. (\$319,000 annually; Natural Resources Fund)

### ***Land Sales and Easements***

Authorizes land sales in Chisago, Mahnomon, Rice, and St. Louis counties and grants specific no-fee easements to local units of government in Otter Tail and Sherburne counties. This is part of our ongoing Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM), which seeks to improve the DNR’s lands portfolio. (Revenues of \$61,000 in FY19; Natural Resource Fund)

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