



# Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



## 2008 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET General Fund Reduction

**Governor's Recommendation: \$2,939,000 in 2009 and \$2,914,000 in 2010**

### It is needed because

Based on the February forecast, the State anticipates a \$935 million deficit for the state's general fund for the current biennium and a \$1.086 billion structural shortfall for the following biennium. More recent economic news reinforces these budget projections.

### Major project elements

This proposal achieves a four-percent reduction from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) general fund appropriations for FY 2009 in the amount of \$2.939 million in 2009 and \$2.914 million in 2010.

Reductions will be made in the following manner:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Lands & Minerals	\$225,000	\$225,000
Waters	\$150,000	\$150,000
Parks & Recreation	\$450,000	\$450,000
Trails & Waterways	\$250,000	\$275,000
Fish & Wildlife	\$802,000	\$793,000
Ecological Services	\$802,000	\$771,000
Enforcement	\$160,000	\$150,000
Regional Operations	\$100,000	\$100,000

The implications of these reductions are as follows:

Lands & Minerals – Research grants from the Iron Ore Co-op Agreement and the Minerals Diversification appropriations will be reduced.

Waters – Mississippi Headwaters and Leech Lake grants will be reduced resulting in less review of zoning decisions, fewer ring dikes will be installed, reduced Red River coordination, and salary savings will be realized through hiring delays for the Clean Water initiative.

Regional Operations – A planner position will be eliminated and other positions will be shared across the regions.

Trails & Waterways – Maintenance work on state bicycle trails will be reduced. In addition, there will be a onetime reduction in maintenance and rehabilitation of ski, hike and horseback trails in state forests.

Parks & Recreation - Development/Real estate position costs will be shifted and moved to an internal billing model, more capital bonding dollars will be used to fund archeology work, supply and expense budgets will be reduced by 3%, and internships will be reduced by one.

Fish & Wildlife – Efficiencies will be gained through restructuring, the 'Let's Go Fishing' grant will be eliminated, a new model for funding and operating the MN Shooting Sports and Education Center will be developed, the Prairie Wetland initiative will be reduced by \$200,000 each year, and mail room costs will be moved to an internal billing model.

Ecological Resources – Efficiencies will be gained through restructuring; fish contaminant analysis will be reduced at 50 sites; and increases for invasive aquatic plant control, invasive species enforcement, and watercraft inspection hours will not be as large as originally planned. In 2009, biological monitoring to support TMDL plans will be reduced. In 2010, the number of educational workshops offered through the Project Wild program will be reduced.

Enforcement – The division will eliminate the advanced hunter education and law enforcement recruiter programs.

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