

**Department of Natural Resources
FY23 Mid-Year Status Report**

Item #	Approp / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Comment	LFD Questions	Agency Comments
1	Administration & Support Services / Facilities	Increased Geological Material Center Occupancy Costs Due to State Pipeline Coordinator Moving Out	\$125.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	This increment covers the costs of vacant space in the Geological Materials Center previously used by the State Pipeline Coordinator. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has been unable to find a new tenant for the space.	Has a new tenant agreed to lease the space? If so, please provide the date that the lease begins.	A portion of the Geologic Material Center space was leased in October 2022. The lease cost has increased in FY2023 and we are waiting on the final billing from the Department of Transportation.
2	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development	Expand Inspection and Administration Capacity for Timber Sales	\$460.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions	This increment increases DOF's capacity for inspections in accordance with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act, with the goal of growing Alaska's timber sales. The increment adds 4 positions: 1. Full-time Forester 2 located in Ketchikan; 2. Full-time Forester 3 located in Haines; 3. Full-time Forester 5 in an undetermined location; and 4. Part-time Equipment Operator located in Fairbanks. In addition, a Forester 2 located in Palmer is reclassified from a part-time to permanent full-time position.	Have these positions been filled? If so, please provide hire dates. Are any timber sales planned or projected that would not have occurred without this increment?	None of the positions have been filled yet, however, they are in the online position description system and are in the process of recruitment. As soon as these positions are filled, the division anticipates seeing significantly more commercial and personal use (firewood) timber sales as early as Spring 2023. These positions will successfully resume the work and service provided before the positions were cut in 2016. Brief updates on the position detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 109895 (10#326) Forester 2 – moved from Ketchikan to Haines. • 109894 (10#325) Forester 3 – moved from Haines to Fairbanks. The successful applicant has been offered the position. This position will focus on Forest Resources & Practices Act (FRPA) compliance and education, as well as developing new timber sales. • 109899 (10-#324) Forester 5 – reclassified to a Forester 3 – located in Glennallen. This position will also work on timber sales in Tok. Glennallen has proven to be a more viable location to hire permanent positions, than Tok. • 109896 (10#328) Equipment Operator Journey 2 – Located in Fairbanks. A job offer has been made.
3	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Fire Suppression Preparedness	Increase Protection of Alaska from Wildland Fire	\$3,300.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 24 PFT Positions 6 PPT Positions	This increment provides more predictable funding to current staff. It also extends health care benefits for permanent seasonal firefighters through the period they are on seasonal leave yet still being paid for accrued overtime. The following new positions are created: 7 PFT & 12 PPT Wildland Fire and Resource Technicians; 2 PFT Administrative Assistants; 2 PFT Foresters; 1 PFT Procurement Specialist; 5 PPT Office Assistants; and 1 PPT GIS Analyst. In addition, 12 existing permanent part-time positions are reclassified to permanent full-time.	Have these positions been filled? If so, please provide hire dates.	All but two positions are fully established in the online position description system but are vacant. The two Permanent Full-Time Foresters are currently with the Division of Personnel for final approval as of January. In total, five positions are filled. These positions were filled between October 2022 through January 2023. The remaining positions are in different phases of active recruitment and interviews. Additional detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 109884 (10#313) Wildland Fire and Resource Technician 5 – Palmer – Filled 11/16/22 • 109877 (10#319) Wildland Fire and Resource Technician 4 – Palmer – Filled on 1/26/23 • 109868 (10#353) Wildland Fire and Resource Technician 4 – Palmer – Filled 11/16/22 • 109861 (10#339) Administrative Officer 1 – Fairbanks – Filled 12/5/22 • 109859 (10#343) Office Assistant 2 – Palmer – Filled 10/31/22

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4	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Fire Suppression Preparedness	Reinstate Wildland Firefighter Academy	\$1,000.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>This increment reinstates funding for the McGrath Wildland Fire Academy, which was discontinued in the FY16 budget.</p> <p>The Governor proposed a \$500.0 increment covering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week-long basic academies anticipating 50 to 60 students; 2. A long-term non-permanent employee program; 3. Advanced Academy -- classes required to qualify as a Wildland Fire and Resource Technician 2; and 4. Training Officer wages for three months to administer the Academy program. <p>The legislature added \$500.0 beyond the Governor's request.</p>	<p>Please provide information on the number of students and trainings anticipated in FY23.</p> <p>Please provide detail on how the \$500.0 added beyond the Governor's request is being spent.</p>	<p>A total of seven trainings are planned for FY2023 with a goal of having a total of 216 students. Certain trainings will be held virtually, while the rest of the trainings will be in person at McGrath, Tok, Fairbanks, and in Palmer.</p> <p>The additional \$500.0 funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Specialist 1 - has been recruited for and is awaiting approval to hire. This position is key to the successful development and implementation of the Alaska Wildfire Academy program. • Outreach Program - To aide in recruitment of classes and hiring into the Fire Program. • Crew funding for long-term non-permanent positions (LTNP) - 45 LTNPs are to receive trainings such as Emergency Medical Technician and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. • Two additional academies.
5	Agriculture / Agricultural Development	Amended Sponsor Future Farmers of America	\$180.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	<p>\$112.0 of the increment is to make the current FFA State Director for Alaska a State employee under a new PCN, as a permanent full time Program Coordinator 1, located in Palmer. FFA will move into Division of Agriculture space, and \$6.0 of the increment will go to lease costs. \$4.0 of the increment will pay for administrative support from the Division. The remaining \$58.0 will go towards FFA programs broadly.</p>	<p>Does the distribution of expenditures still match what's described here?</p> <p>Please provide detail on how \$58.0 of broad FFA support is being expended.</p>	<p>Recruitment is currently underway for the Program Coordinator position. We originally allocated \$10.0 for Travel, but after further review of the role of this position, we are projecting \$32.0 in Travel due to leadership development training, outreach and education, and district conferences being of a primary focus of this program. \$32.0 is anticipated for services and \$10.0 is anticipated for commodities for memberships and supplies that are needed for their job.</p>

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6	Parks & Outdoor Recreation / Parks Management & Access	Expand Maintenance and Operation Capacity for Statewide Parks	\$1,045.1 VehRntlTax (DGF)	<p>The increment funds the following changes to facility sanitation and maintenance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$55.0 for Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area; 2. \$200.0 distributed statewide to account for increased costs; 3. \$150.0 to expand budgeted months for existing Alaska Conservation Corps positions; and 4. \$90.0 towards emergency facility repairs. <p>The increment also funds the following law enforcement priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$86.0 to reclass five part-time Park Rangers to permanent full-time; 2. \$114.0 to reclass an existing PCN to a Program Coordinator position; 3. \$150.1 for training and certifications; and 4. \$200.0 for replacing aging equipment. 	<p>Please detail any areas where actual or planned expenditures differ from what's described here.</p> <p>Has the agency been successful in recruiting these positions, and if so, when did/will these positions be filled?</p>	<p>The increase in funding was effectively utilized to open the Matanuska Lake State Recreation Area for the summer of 2022. The funds were distributed throughout the state to cover increased service costs, emergency repairs, and the expansion of the Alaska Conservation Corps seasons. Additionally, the Law Enforcement Program successfully hired a new position in August to manage the program and made all Park Rangers year-round. The funding also helped replace some of the aging law enforcement equipment and increase opportunities for training and certification within the division. All funds were utilized as planned to result in improved cleanliness and safety within Parks facilities.</p>