

**Highlights of Significant Budget Changes
(FY05 to FY17)**

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1	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES									
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57	FY12	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Litigation Support to Defend Permitting Process on State Lands	500.0			500.0	The agency has been facing a significant increase in legal challenges to its permitting and land planning procedures. At the time, three lawsuits have been filed to halt permitting of the Pebble Mine. Responding to this litigation was consuming significant staff time in the agency and in the Department of Law. Law requested an RSA for reimbursement of legal services rendered; \$300.0 of this increment is used for the RSA. The remaining \$200.0 is used to supplant "project revenue" that cannot be charged when staff are responding to the litigation. Funding was also requested and appropriated for legal defense as a FY11 supplemental in the amount of \$328.2.
58	FY12	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Public Land Stewardship including Mine Permitting, Compliance and Assessment	802.0			802.0	During the five years prior to FY12, the state received eight million acres of entitlement land from the federal government (with another five million outstanding). In addition, increased activity on state land as a result of mineral exploration, alternative energy projects, telecommunication projects, and public use have stretched the Division's resources. This increment funded five existing vacant positions and allows the agency to address a significant land use permit application backlog (2,376 at the end of FY10), along with increasing the management presence for public and private use of state lands. The Department requested a FY12 base increment, but was authorized the funding as a one-time increment.
59	FY12- FY13	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Improve Efficiency of Land and Water Use Application Process	1,421.1			1,421.1	In order to sufficiently address a serious land and water permit back-log, the Governor requested an amendment to his original budget. This increment will fund five additional existing vacant positions and six new positions. Coupled with other actions discussed in items 1 and 5, the intent is to streamline the permitting process and eliminate the backlog of applications. This amendment was requested as a FY12 base increment, but was authorized as one-time funding. In FY13, the funding was added to the base.
60	FY13	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Oversight of Federal Land Transfers including Native Allotments, ANCSA Conveyances, and Survey Reviews	671.0			671.0	This base budget increment (previously one-time funding) will: --maintain funding for four existing positions; --allow the agency to continue adjudication of 1906 Native Allotment reconveyances (that were halted during Federal Bureau of Land Management budget cuts); --continue the review of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) conveyances; and --continue work on state entitlement land selections (five million acres are still owed from the federal government).
61	FY13	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Public Land Stewardship including Mine Permitting, Compliance and Assessment	802.0			802.0	During the past five years, the State has received eight million acres of entitlement land from the federal government (with another five million acres outstanding). In addition, increased activity on state land—mineral exploration, alternative energy projects, telecommunication projects, and public use—has created significant demand for division resources. Continuation funding for five existing positions was requested and approved to maintain an increased management presence and to continue work on mine compliance, large mine permitting, and compliance inspections.
62	FY13	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Maintain Staffing for Permitting Initiative	950.0			950.0	This increment request was approved in order to maintain the current level of effort on the permits backlog initiative. Positions have historically been held vacant in order to absorb personal services cost increases. As positions have been filled to address the permitting backlog initiative, funding was no longer available to absorb other costs.
63	FY14	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Navigable and Public Waters Research and Assertion of State's Access Rights	350.0			350.0	In order to continue the Navigability and Recordable Disclaimers of Interest program, an increment of \$350.0 was requested to replace lapsed federal authorization. The federal grant funding is no longer available, but the program is still essential to defend state ownership of the submerged land under the navigable waters the state received at statehood. The legislature authorized this increased funding.

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64	FY14	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Regulation Packages and Amendments to Support Permit Efficiency and Reform	125.0			125.0	Regulation packages and amendments to existing regulations in support of DNR's permitting efficiency and reform initiatives are greatly increasing the workload in the division. Current staff historically managed the regulation workload in addition to managing the appeals on state land and water resource use decisions. This funding will be used to contract for ongoing support in developing regulation packages and amendments, to ensure that both the regulation and appeals workload is adequately covered.
65	FY16	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Partial Elimination of the Public Access Assertion and Defense Unity (PAAD)	(936.1)			(936.1)	The governor first proposed a \$1,547.8 decrement to eliminate PAAD, then offered subsequent amendments to restore \$525.7 permanently and \$86.0 as an OTI. The combined effect is a reduction of \$936.1 UGF and the elimination of 4 PFT positions. \$255.0 of the decrement was for an RSA with the Department of Law, and another portion is a reduction to RSAs with the Office of History and Archaeology.
66	FY16	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Elimination of Iditarod Trail Oversight and Management	(100.9)	(137.0)		(237.9)	DNR will no longer manage the Iditarod Trail. Previously, the department provided year-round trail access, secured easements for the trail route, and resolved disputes over trail access. \$100.9 of the funding was UGF and the remaining \$137.0 was CIP Receipts.
67	FY17	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Mining, Land & Water		Net zero fund change from UGF to GF/Program Receipts	0.0			0.0	The Governor requested replacement of \$2,335.2 UGF with program receipts generated by the Division of Mining Land and Water. The legislature increased the fund source change to \$5 million. This switch does not save the state money, as unused program receipts go to the general fund. However, it does make the division's budget more closely reflect its revenue generation.
68	FY12	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Forest Management & Development		Forest Management and Best Practices	400.0			400.0	This increment was added to fund additional contracts for maintenance of forest access roads, reforestation and forest thinning along with personal services for expanded review and administration of timber activities. \$600.0 UGF was also approved in the Capital Budget for development of new forest access roads.
69	FY16	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Forest Management & Development		Eliminate Coordination of Agency Input to Forest Service Tongass Planning and Timber Sale Projects	(111.0)	(16.1)		(127.1)	State coordination of agency input to Forest Service Tongass planning and timber sale projects would be reduced or eliminated. Despite significant efforts on behalf of the state to encourage more timber sales in the Tongass, there has been a continuous decrease in the amount of federal timber sold by the Forest Service. Reduce UGF by \$111.0 and CIP Receipts by \$16.1.
70	FY16- FY17	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Forest Management & Development		Reduce Timber Sale Program and Forest Management, eliminate HS Natural Resources Intern Program	(1,047.7)			(1,047.7)	Forest management that is unrelated to fire suppression will be reduced. Timber sales other than high-volume sales in southern Southeast Alaska will be also be reduced. The High School Natural Resources Intern Program will be eliminated. In FY17, the legislature additionally changed one position from UGF to the Timber Sale Receipts Fund (DGF).
71	FY16- FY17	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Forest Management & Development		Reduce Funding by \$126.1	(126.1)			(126.1)	In the FY16 management plan, the allocation was reduced by \$59.6 UGF through the use of furloughs and reductions to timber sale activities. In FY17, the allocation was reduced by a further \$66.5 by reducing forest road maintenance and eliminating one position.
72	FY06	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Geological & Geophysical Surveys		Geologic Data for Frontier Hydrocarbon Basins	300.0			300.0	This program provided for creation of a publicly available database for frontier basins that includes geologic mapping, surface, subsurface, and other pertinent geologic and hydrocarbon information. This information is necessary to help attract companies to bid on lease sales and engage in exploration licensing. The program involves conducting field work to prepare geologic maps and acquire new geologic data with modern analyses that are vital to industry and the state's best interests. Funding will provide for the addition of one senior-level geologist position, one student intern, field work, sample analyses, and data synthesis.
73	FY08	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources	Geological & Geophysical Surveys		Funding source change to continue resource assessment at existing levels	605.8	(605.8)		0.0	This action replaced uncollectible Inter-agency and CIP Receipts with UGF to continue the DGGs at then present levels.