

2025 Legislature - Operating Budget
Appropriation Summary - Governor Structure

Numbers and Language
Agencies: DNR

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Natural Resources							
Admin. and Support Services	32,630.6	33,328.8	33,328.8	33,847.7	42,008.2	8,679.4 26.0 %	8,160.5 24.1 %
Oil and Gas	22,760.6	23,308.2	23,308.2	23,776.5	23,776.5	468.3 2.0 %	0.0
Fire, Land, and Water Resources	88,446.2	88,524.4	88,524.4	89,901.6	94,356.0	5,831.6 6.6 %	4,454.4 5.0 %
Parks and Outdoor Recreation	21,387.7	21,061.7	21,061.7	21,144.3	21,446.3	384.6 1.8 %	302.0 1.4 %
Agriculture	7,161.0	7,176.2	7,176.2	7,266.0	7,266.0	89.8 1.3 %	0.0
Agency Unallocated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agency Total	172,386.1	173,399.3	173,399.3	175,936.1	188,853.0	15,453.7 8.9 %	12,916.9 7.3 %
Statewide Total	172,386.1	173,399.3	173,399.3	175,936.1	188,853.0	15,453.7 8.9 %	12,916.9 7.3 %
Funding Summary							
Unrestricted General (UGF)	66,885.0	67,488.9	67,488.9	68,315.8	70,470.2	2,981.3 4.4 %	2,154.4 3.2 %
Designated General (DGF)	48,679.2	48,428.7	48,428.7	49,265.0	49,567.0	1,138.3 2.4 %	302.0 0.6 %
Other State Funds (Other)	41,521.2	42,180.3	42,180.3	42,953.2	53,413.7	11,233.4 26.6 %	10,460.5 24.4 %
Federal Receipts (Fed)	15,300.7	15,301.4	15,301.4	15,402.1	15,402.1	100.7 0.7 %	0.0

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1	Administration & Support Services / State Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Add Receipt Authority to State Facilities Maintenance and Operations to Track Maintenance and Operations Expenditures	\$7,881.0 I/A Rcpts (Other) Inc	<p>In FY25, the legislature added intent language in the Governor's Office that read:</p> <p>"It is the intent of the legislature that the budget prepared under AS 37.07.020(e) for the succeeding fiscal year adhere to AS 37.07.020(e) and present separately for each agency the annual facility operations, annual maintenance, and periodic repair or replacement of components of public buildings and facilities."</p> <p>In FY25, the legislature renamed the existing "Facilities" allocation in Administration and Support Services appropriation to "State Facilities Maintenance and Operations."</p> <p>In FY26, the Governor's Budget proposes adding \$7,881.0 in Interagency Receipt authority to the State Facilities Maintenance and Operations allocation to track transfers of funding in support of maintenance and operating activities.</p>
2	Oil & Gas / Oil & Gas	Add Commercial Analyst for AKLNG Project	n/a	<p>This Commercial Analyst position was added in FY25 Management Plan using funding the Department has linked to FY25 Increments of \$385.0 General Fund Program Receipts (GFPR). At the time, \$200.0 of the GFPR funding was added for the purpose of increasing efficiency in Easement Inspection Workloads to the personal services line, and the rest of the new GFPR was in the services line.</p> <p>Fiscal Analyst Comment: Funding was not requested or appropriated specifically for the purposes of addressing this position, or AKLNG related activity.</p>
3	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Mining, Land & Water	Big Game Guide Concession Area Implementation, SB 189 (Ch. 15 SLA 24)	\$342.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions Inc	<p>The Guide Concession Permit Program (HB 396) was rolled into SB 189 as one of the final actions of the 2024 legislative session. The operating budget did not include fiscal note funding for the legislation. Fiscal Notes for HB 396 were published for the Department of Natural Resources to manage the program, and for the Department of Fish and Game to support DNR's management, as well as the Board of Game process in considering proposed guide concession areas.</p> <p>This funding enables DNR to add two permanent full-time positions, one Natural Resource Manager and one Natural Resource Specialist, in Anchorage or</p>

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3	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Mining, Land & Water	Big Game Guide Concession Area Implementation, SB 189 (Ch. 15 SLA 24)	\$342.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions Inc	(continued) Fairbanks. These positions support the creation of a program that will adopt regulations, develop selection criteria and guiding qualifications, evaluate applications, and issue permits for big game hunting guides to have exclusive rights to specific geographic areas. This request is \$28.6 larger than the FY26 Fiscal Note amount to include salary adjustments for the positions.
4	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Mining, Land & Water	Add Two Natural Resource Specialist Positions to Address Increased Broadband Easement Applications (FY26-27)	\$306.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions IncT	The Federal Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act provided \$65 billion for broadband infrastructure development across the nation, including \$32.2 billion in matching grants to states and subgrantees expanding broadband access to unserved or underserved areas. The Department reports that easement permitting activity has already increased since the passage of the act. This temporary funding will add two full-time Natural Resource Specialist positions in Anchorage or Fairbanks to keep pace with the increase in easement applications for the next two years. Fiscal Analyst Comment: This request adds two permanent full-time positions with temporary funding. The Department has indicated that they are requested as permanent positions to aid in their recruitment. If the positions are not removed or the funding is not extended at the end of the two-year appropriation, these positions may create a funding gap.
5	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development	Add UGF to Replace Expiring CIP and Federal Funds that Support 4 Foresters, 5 GIS Analysts, and 3 Equipment Operators	\$437.6 Gen Fund (UGF) Inc	This provides permanent funding for positions that rely on temporary capital and federal funds. \$217.7 to change funding sources for four Forester positions from Federal to UGF. These positions are located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Home, and Palmer, and are already 50 percent funded by UGF. This federal funding is from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is anticipated to end in FY26 or FY27. \$219.9 to change funding sources for five GIS Analysts, two Equipment Operator Journey 2 positions, and one Equipment Operator Foreman 1 from Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Receipts to UGF. These positions are all located in Fairbanks except one GIS Analyst 1 who is in Palmer. The

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6	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development	Add One Forester, One Engineer/Architect, and One Accounting Tech to Support Development of New Lands for Timber Sales	\$420.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions Inc	<p>This additional funding adds three positions associated with expanding access to new state lands to encourage timber development projects.</p> <p>\$144.9 to add a Forester in Haines to increase timber sale capacity in Southeast Alaska. There is currently a long term non-permanent Forester position doing this work in Haines.</p> <p>\$173.5 to add an Engineer/Architect in Anchorage to plan infrastructure development projects that expand access to state forests.</p> <p>\$102.0 to add an Accounting Tech in Anchorage to provide administrative support of forest development projects</p> <p>These additional positions follow an FY25 approved Increment of \$900.0 UGF to support personal services with a reliable and permanent fund source, allowing the department to use less predictable revenues from Timber Sale Receipts on infrastructure projects, thereby also expanding the available resources for timber development opportunities.</p>

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7	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development	Add Authority for Anticipated Denali Commission Grant to Perform Forest Management Activities on Private Lands	\$800.0 Stat Desig (Other) Inc	<p>The Department does not currently perform forest management activities such as reforestation, fire mitigation, and health treatments on any private lands. If awarded this grant, the Department expects to initiate new forest management activity with the intention of helping to prevent large-scale disturbances like forest fires and spruce beetle outbreaks.</p> <p>Fiscal Analyst Comment: This could be changed to a temporary Increment instead of being added to the base. The Department has indicated that a temporary Increment could satisfy their needs.</p>
8	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Various	Reduce Federal Receipt Authority Due to Increased Use of Capital Budget Grants	(\$2,200.0) Fed Rcpts (Fed) Dec	<p>The Department has Federal receipt authority that is no longer needed due to grants being structured against the capital budget, instead of the operating budget.</p> <p>The Forest Management & Development allocation would be reduced by \$1,247.8, and the Fire Suppression Preparedness allocation would be reduced by \$952.2.</p>
9	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Geological & Geophysical Surveys	Increase Federal Receipt Authority for Natural Disaster Hazard Assessment Studies	\$2,200.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed) Inc	<p>This Increment will use grant opportunities from the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct studies assessing environmental characteristics that result in hazardous natural disasters, such as landslides or floods. The agency anticipates funding to support research in remote areas of Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska, with the potential to identify and better understand what environmental conditions could put Alaskan residents at risk from natural disasters.</p>
10	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Geological & Geophysical Surveys	Add Two Positions to Create Response and Prevention Team for Natural Disaster Emergency Responses and Public Outreach	\$648.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions Inc	<p>This funding will establish a team dedicated to Natural Disaster Emergency Response and Prevention to respond to State Emergency Center requests for assistance. Two full time positions would be created for the team: one Geologist 2 in Fairbanks and one Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst 2 in Anchorage. \$301.2 would be added for travel, services, and supplies including Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) capable drones, satellite links to weather stations, and maintenance on older equipment.</p> <p>The State does not currently have any positions or resources dedicated for this purpose, which has previously hindered response times and the ability to</p>

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11	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Fire Suppression Preparedness	Improve Maintenance of Fire Fighting Fleet with Revenues from Regional Sharing of Firefighting Resources	\$1,500.0 Stat Desig (Other) Inc	DNR provides firefighting assistance and resources to members of the Northwest Compact Agreement and the Federal Fire Cooperators when possible, and receives assistance in return. Members reimburse each other based on per-day rates, which prior to 2021 had been limited to crews, overhead, dispatchers, and aircrafts. In 2021 the members started also exchanging fire engines, which increased revenues as well as maintenance costs. The Department collects reimbursement for their efforts as Statutory Designated Program (SDPR) Receipts, which are tied to a specific purpose and do not lapse into the general fund. This request to add SDPR authority would allow the agency to use these funds to address ongoing fleet maintenance. In FY2024 the agency received a capital appropriation of \$1,200.0 SDPR for maintenance that the Department states is fully encumbered. This request adds ongoing maintenance activity with this fund source to the base budget.
12	Agriculture / Agricultural Development	Create New Department of Agriculture	n/a	On December 20th, 2024, the Governor announced an Executive Order (EO) to create a new Department of Agriculture from the existing Division of Agriculture in the Department of Natural Resources. According to the Governor's website, "The EO will be introduced under the Governor's constitutional authority in Article 3, Section 23, to reorganize the executive branch. Unless rejected by a majority lawmakers, the Department of Agriculture will be official on July 1, 2025." The Governor's December budget release does not include any changes or funding relating to this forthcoming EO.

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Item	Capital Project Title/ Category	Amount/Fund Source	Comment
1	Firefighting Aircraft	\$2,500.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>DNR owns two aircraft used to coordinate wildland fire responses, a Turbo Commander N840AK and a Turbo Commander N905AK. According to the Department the N840AK is at the end of its operational life and is decreasing in operational efficiency while increasing in upkeep. It will require significant ongoing costs to remain operational.</p> <p>This funding would purchase a used Turbo Commander 1000 series, similar to the existing N905AK, eliminating the need for new training prior to use and allowing the agency to potentially harvest useful parts from the retired N840AK. Current annual maintenance for each plane average \$436.5, and the operating costs for the new plane would use the existing budget for the retired plane.</p>
2	Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program	Total: \$3,700.0 \$2,900.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$800.0 GF/Prgm (DGF)	<p>This request is part of a 50/50 federal match grant program to develop and upkeep public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that the State has participated in since the 1970s. The Department typically matches a portion of the grant and offers subgrants to municipalities and boroughs who can also provide match for the remaining federal portion. In Alaska, this program usually assists projects such as ski areas, ADA compliant trails, parks, rifle ranges, sports fields, and skate parks.</p> <p>In FY26, the amount of federal funding available increased from \$2,600.0 to \$2,900.0, but the Governor is requesting half the amount of matching funds that were appropriated in FY25.</p> <p>Fiscal Analyst Comment: Historically this program has used general fund match instead of general fund program receipts as a fund source to match federal funds.</p>
3	National Recreational Trails Federal Grant Program	Total: \$2,750.0 \$2,500.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$250.0 GF/Match (UGF)	<p>This request is part of a 10:1 federal match grant program to develop and improve trails that the State has participated in since 2014. Funding is split proportionally between motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails.</p> <p>In FY26 the federal and match amounts increase by 66% over FY25 due to additional federal</p>

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3			(Continued) funding becoming available, requiring additional state match.
4	Department of Natural Resources Ongoing Capital Programs	Total: \$17,330.0 \$16,330.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$500.0 State Land (DGF) \$500.0 Stat Desig (Other)	The following programs are regular capital requests with no substantial changes. \$12,000.0 Fed Rcpts - Cooperative Forestry and Fire Programs \$4,330.0 Fed Rcpts - Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Federal Program \$500.0 State Land - Land Sales New Subdivision Development \$500.0 Stat Desig - Industry Projects Application Review (Dam Safety)