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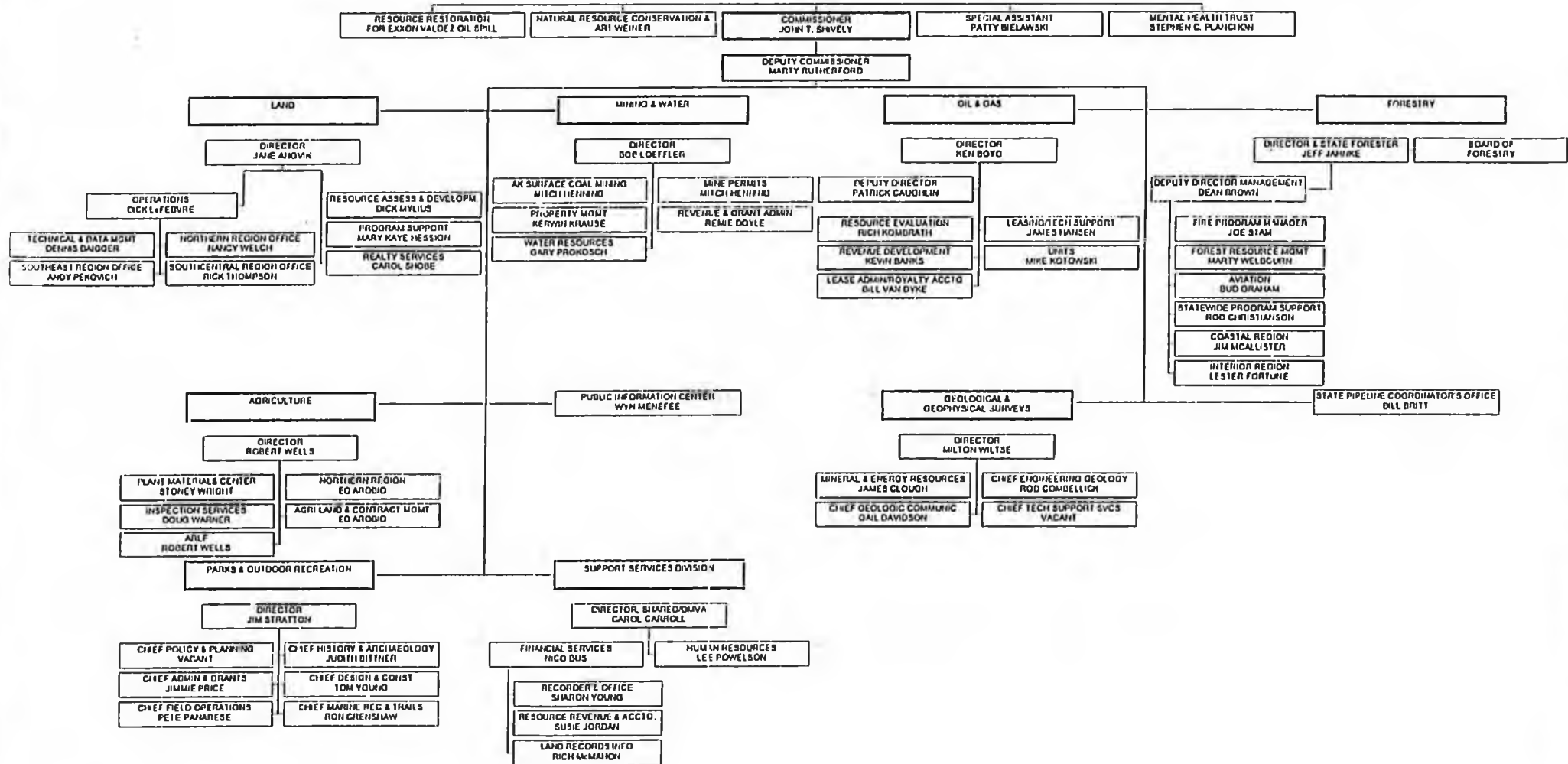
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Mission

Develop, conserve, and enhance natural resources for present and future Alaskans.

Major Goals and Strategies

1 Encourage resource development that creates Alaska jobs and ensures economic growth in all regions of the state

- Offer more than 7 million acres of state land for oil and gas leasing in 2 area-wide lease sales and begin Best Interest Finding for Exploration License applications in Copper River basin.
- Increase revenues generated from Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands from \$3.0 million to \$3.5 million in a manner consistent with trust management principles.
- Produce the geological surveys and mapping materials needed to sustain Alaska's mineral industry investments.
Increase farm production by 2% (\$1 million).
- Identify new areas capable of hosting major oil and gas discoveries.
- Generate \$1.4 million from the sale of up to 60 million board feet of timber with emphasis on value added products.
- Process, adjudicate and enter into Land Administration System 15,000 new mining claims, 20 new leases and 5,000 new prospecting sites.
- Complete 10 site-specific land use plans to facilitate land use classification for development projects, participate in 2 highway corridor plans, 20 trail plans, and Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska 10 initiatives.
- Convey land to 8 municipalities.
- Process 500 applications for material sales, shore fishery, upland and tideland leases, lease renewals, rights-of-way, and interagency land management assignments.
- Maintain the value of the Alaskan mineral industry at more than \$1 billion despite falling commodity prices; increase Alaska's market share of world exploration dollars; and increase mining employment to more than 4,000 well-paying Alaskan jobs.

2 "Doing It Right": Ensure resource development planning, management, and new project approvals are based on sound science and protection of public health, air and water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat

- Evaluate areas subject to major hazards like floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and landslides to help predict likelihood and severity of future major events.
- Conduct over 3,000 produce inspections, field inspections for seed certification and disease control, and issue certificates for export products.
- Through the Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board coordinate programs to obtain \$7.3 million federal funding for agriculture related conservation and erosion control in Alaska.
- Supervise the safety inspection of approximately 22 dams and test emergency action plans for 5 high-risk dams.
- Implement recommendations from the Spruce Bark Beetle Strategy Task Force with other landowners on the Kenai.
- Maintain inventory of historic and archaeological sites for use by developers, land managers and planners.

3 Ensure resource sustainability and multiple use, including recreational enjoyment of the resource base

- Maintain park access for 4 million visits at 121 state park units.
- Successfully manage 500-600 wildfires.
- Provide an expanded agriculture base by preparing 24 land disposal parcels and 17 lease opportunities on grassland areas.
- Review and issue 740 permits for commercial activities on parklands.
- Reforest 1,000 of forestland, survey 500 acres for regeneration, and review private land for compliance

under the Forest Resources and Practices Act reforestation requirements.

- Process 500 permit applications, which include land use permits for commercial guides, access to mining claims and logging areas, cross-country travel, trapping cabin permits, and tideland permits.
- Respond to all native allotment and ANCSA conveyance decisions by the federal government to reserve access to state land.
- Begin a recreational boating safety program through the new Office of Boating Safety.
- Provide management oversight to 2.6 million acres of legislatively designated public use, recreation areas, trails, and 15 special use areas; and provide co-management oversight of 5.4 million acres of legislatively designated game refuges, critical habitat areas, sanctuaries, and wildlife ranges.

4 Streamline natural resource leasing, sales, and permitting processes

- Complete automation of graphic land records for 200 townships so land ownership and resource information can be combined for analysis.
- Enhance the Recorder's Office operations to better meet the workload and user demand.
- Integrate appropriate modern location and communication technology, such as GPS and Internet communications, into the mining location staking, maintenance, and permit process.

KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Offer 7 million acres of state land for oil and gas leasing in 2 area-wide leases
- Complete geophysical/geological mineral inventory surveys of 1,000 square miles of Alaska lands
- Administer and facilitate the issuance of 15,000 mining claim permits
- Maintain and operate 121 state park units
- Maintain the state's land database through the notation of 10,000 state resource transactions affecting 12,000 townships and make the information available to the public
- Generate \$14 million from sale of forest products and offer approximately 60 million board feet of timber

Major Changes and Key Issues

Performance review

DNR will continue to identify the organization's desired outcomes, which will support the administration's goals.

Electronic commerce

Initiate secure electronic commerce with the Oil & Gas and Mining industries via standard reporting and electronic transactions. Deliver scanned images of status plats and surveys to the public via the Internet. Accept electronic payments for Mining, Parks, and Recorder's Offices.

Budget Summary	FY1998 Actual	FY1999 Authorized	FY2000 Governor
Designated/Statutory Program Receipts	\$2,931.7	\$3,554.0	\$4,040.7
General Funds	\$59,655.3	\$39,588.5	\$40,288.5
Federal Funds	\$12,380.4	\$10,693.7	\$11,429.3
Other Funds - Interagency receipts, etc.	\$11,714.8	\$10,632.0	\$11,522.1
TOTAL BUDGET	\$86,682.2	\$64,468.2	\$67,280.6
Positions - Full-time	555	556	578
Positions - Part-time and Seasonal	240	247	243
KEY PROGRAM AREAS (All Fund Sources)			
Oil and Gas Development	\$4,402.1	\$4,414.6	\$4,589.6
Resource Development & Administration	\$35,774.9	\$37,408.6	\$38,635.1
Parks & Recreation Management	\$8,020.0	\$7,327.3	\$8,036.9
Recorder's Office	\$2,272.3	\$2,314.3	\$2,614.3
Historic Preservation	\$1,163.0	\$1,256.4	\$1,256.4
Agriculture	\$2,969.8	\$3,252.3	\$3,653.6