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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS**

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November 16, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and the Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds from the Management and Protection Fund account in the amount of \$56,000 for the purpose of funding increased cost to purchase planned vehicle replacements and cover unanticipated increased vehicle fuel costs in response to overall increased energy costs effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income).

Funds are to be budgeted in fiscal year 2023 as follows:

03-035-035-351010-35050000, Management and Protection Fund

| Class-Account-<br>RG | Description                   | FY23<br>Current<br>Adjusted<br>Authorized | Requested Action | Revised FY23<br>Adjusted<br>Authorized |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| 004-408189-68        | Intra Agency Transfers        | \$17,451                                  | \$0              | \$17,451                               |
| 009-403596-22        | Agency Income                 | \$1,693,378                               | \$56,000         | \$1,749,378                            |
| 00D-488523-69        | Fed Rev Xfers Fr Oth Agencies | \$140,303                                 | \$0              | \$140,303                              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> |                               | <b>\$1,851,132</b>                        | <b>\$56,000</b>  | <b>\$1,907,132</b>                     |
| 010-500100           | Personal Services Perm Class  | \$434,697                                 | \$0              | \$434,697                              |
| 020-500200           | Current Expenses              | \$60,052                                  | \$0              | \$60,052                               |
| 022-500257           | Rents-Leases Other Than State | \$44,500                                  | \$0              | \$44,500                               |
| 027-582703           | Transfers to DoIT             | \$215,847                                 | \$0              | \$215,847                              |
| 029-500290           | Intra-Agency Transfers        | \$394,641                                 | \$0              | \$394,641                              |
| 030-500311           | Equipment New Replacement     | \$181,255                                 | \$33,000         | \$214,255                              |
| 039-500190           | Telecommunications            | \$20,000                                  | \$0              | \$20,000                               |
| 042-500620           | Additional Fringe Benefits    | \$31,821                                  | \$0              | \$31,821                               |
| 047-500240           | Own Forces Maint Build-Grn    | \$41,889                                  | \$0              | \$41,889                               |
| 048-500226           | Contractual Maint Build-Grn   | \$10,070                                  | \$0              | \$10,070                               |
| 049-584923           | Transfers to Other Agencies   | \$39,000                                  | \$0              | \$39,000                               |
| 050-500109           | Personal Service Temp Appoi   | \$14,000                                  | \$0              | \$14,000                               |
| 060-500602           | Benefits                      | \$258,209                                 | \$0              | \$258,209                              |
| 066-500543           | Employee Training             | \$2,000                                   | \$0              | \$2,000                                |
| 070-500705           | In State Travel Reimbursement | \$23,000                                  | \$23,000         | \$46,000                               |
| 073-500583           | Grants Non-Federal            | \$1                                       | \$0              | \$1                                    |

|            |                           |                    |                 |                    |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 080-500713 | Out of State Travel Reimb | \$2,000            | \$0             | \$2,000            |
| 103-502644 | Contracts for Op Services | \$78,150           | \$0             | \$78,150           |
|            | <b>Total Expenses</b>     | <b>\$1,851,132</b> | <b>\$56,000</b> | <b>\$1,907,132</b> |

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests & Lands is requesting authorization to budget and expend funds to cover increased vehicle and fuel costs. State contract prices for replacement vehicles have increased significantly since the current budget was developed in 2020. To maintain our fleet, including emergency response vehicles, these funds are needed to cover the increased costs to purchase replacement vehicles under the current state contract. Additionally, vehicle fuel and maintenance costs have increased substantially since the development of the FY23 budget. These funds are needed to continue the operation of our fleet, including emergency response vehicles, wildland fire engines, and Forest Ranger law enforcement vehicles.

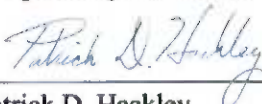
**The following appropriation authorities are being requested:**

**Class 030 – Equipment New Replacement** – for the increased cost to purchase vehicles.


**Class 070 – In State Travel Reimbursement** – for covering the increased cost for vehicle fuel.

In the event that Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Director

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 Sarah L. Stewart  
 Commissioner