

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Natural Resources Non-Emergency Hazard Mitigation Projects Component Budget Summary

Component: Non-Emergency Hazard Mitigation Projects

Contribution to Department's Mission

Reduce the risk of loss of life and property due to wildland fires

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$460,500

Personnel:

Full time	0
Part time	5
Total	5

Key Component Challenges

Fuels mitigation projects, funded with federal earmarks directly to Boroughs or Municipalities, have provided excellent opportunities for wild land fire crews to be located in key positions to respond to urban-interface fires while performing much needed fuels reduction projects. This training and experience in both resources and fire is excellent, but more importantly it keeps crews employed and together between fire mobilizations since they are not hired as seasonal employees, but are hired as temporary Emergency Fire Fighters

The challenge is that federal funding to support these crews has been decreased significantly this year, making it problematic as to whether the crews will be sustained. These are either currently Type 1 Hotshot Crews or very experienced Type II crews that provide a first line of defense against fires such as the Piper Fire that occurred within the Municipality of Anchorage's Campbell Creek Greenbelt this last summer. Funding for these crews may require participation at the State, Borough or Municipal levels to be successful.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

No proposed changes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

During FY08, progress on three major projects was accomplished utilizing nonpermanent field crews:

The Pioneer Peak Crew worked on hazard fuels mitigation projects in the Municipality of Anchorage. The work consisted of shaded fuel breaks, reducing fuel loading, thinning and limbing and overall stand health improvement. The work involved reduced the potential for serious wild land fires on the Anchorage Hillside, in Bird Valley and in the Eagle River drainage. The Bird Valley and Eagle River sites were located on State Park Lands and were completed as part on an interagency effort to reduce the potential of fire spread from a fire started on State lands. Two Anchorage locations were done in conjunction with the Anchorage fire department on Municipality of Anchorage lands. The Anchorage sites were adjacent to urban development's and conducted as part of the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan. Federal funds were received through the Municipality of Anchorage as part of the National Fire Plan.

The Gannett Glacier hand crew worked on ten fuels projects for a total of 48 days throughout the Mat-Su Borough. The fuels reduction work was completed around high value public buildings and facilities. These sites included four schools. In all over 1,800 piles of slash were piled and burned, significantly reducing the fuel loading around these facilities. Fuels reduction was also completed around the City of Huston Camp Ground. The fuels reduction

completed at this site was not only completed to reduce the fuel loading but as an example of proper defensible space, and Firewise practices.

The Denali type 2 fire crew, which is hired by Chugachmiut Corporation with support from the Division and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, worked for approximately six weeks to mitigate hazardous fuel adjacent to public facilities to reduce the potential for serious wild land fires. The crew worked primarily on borough owned lands around public school facilities, within city parks of both Kenai and Soldotna, and in State campgrounds: Kasilof River, Crooked Creek, and Clam Gulch. The Kenai Peninsula Borough federal Spruce Beetle Task Force and BIA Hazard Fuel Reduction funding was used to accomplish the hazard fuels reduction projects.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statute 41.15.030

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Non-Emergency Hazard Mitigation Projects Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	349.9	457.7	460.5
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	349.9	457.7	460.5
Funding Sources:			
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	349.9	457.7	460.5
Funding Totals	349.9	457.7	460.5

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	349.9	457.7	460.5
Restricted Total		349.9	457.7	460.5
Total Estimated Revenues		349.9	457.7	460.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	457.7	457.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.8
FY2010 Governor	0.0	0.0	460.5	460.5

**Non-Emergency Hazard Mitigation Projects
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	0	0	Annual Salaries	79,764
Part-time	5	5	COLA	3,217
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	52,179
			<i>Less 3.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(4,055)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	329,395
Totals	5	5	Total Personal Services	460,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Wildland Fire/Resourc Tech III	0	0	0	4	4
Wildland Fire/Resource Tech IV	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	5	5