

**State of Alaska
FY2006 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

Forestry's contribution to the Department's mission is to manage wildland fires in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible, meeting statutory requirements to provide wildland fire protection to all state, municipal, and private lands. An important function of this component is to hire non-permanent employees and/or emergency firefighters (EFF) for fire management and hazard fuels reduction work, fire prevention, habitat restoration or improvement and other related activities in non-emergency circumstances under AS 41.15.030.

The goal of this component is to utilize trained village crews and individuals on non-emergency prescribed fire and hazard fuels reduction projects to meet the resource management objectives of various state, municipal and federal land management agencies in Alaska.

The strategy is to market trained and experienced village crews and individuals for hire for various projects to cooperating state, municipal and federal agencies. The strategy includes providing services that make hiring crews more desirable than other alternatives for short-term employment. The strategy is to keep village crews working together as a team so they will gain additional experience and be ready to fight wildland fires.

Core Services

This component enables the Division to hire trained and experienced village crews and individuals for use by state, municipal and federal land management agencies on pre-planned, non-emergency prescribed fire, hazard fuel reduction and other non-fire suppression projects. Cooperating land management agencies have identified numerous prescribed burning projects across the state. These planned projects have identified approximately 250 crew workdays that will require the use of trained firefighting crews. Prescribed fire projects require the use of highly trained and organized crews to conduct the burns in a safe and effective manner. Agencies utilizing the village crews and individuals will provide the funding to pay for the costs associated with their use. These projects have the potential to reduce the wildland fire threat to villages and communities in Alaska through the reduction of hazardous fuels and will improve wildlife habitat. These projects further provide experience and training to village crews and individuals that will increase their effectiveness for use when needed in fighting wildland fires.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$250,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

None

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No proposed changes assuming a continuation level budget.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

During FY04, progress on two major projects was accomplished utilizing EFF crews:

The Pioneer Peak fire crew worked on fuels mitigation projects in Municipality of Anchorage. The work consisted of improving natural and manmade fire breaks, reducing fuel loading, and removal of Spruce Beetle killed trees. The work involved reduced the potential for serious wildland fires and provided defensible space around homes and subdivision on the Anchorage and Eagle River Hillsides. The Pioneer Peak crew spent a total of twenty-eight four day work weeks. Federal funds were received through the Municipality of Anchorage as part of the National Fire Plan.

The Kenai Type 2 EFF crew worked for more than eight weeks to reduce hazardous fuel adjacent to public facilities to reduce the potential for serious wildland fires. The crew worked primarily on State-owned lands adjacent to residential areas, around school facilities, and in State campgrounds: Johnson Lake, Crooked Creek, Clam Gulch, Anchor Point, and Ninilchik. Wildfire hazard mitigation funds and the Kenai Peninsula Borough federal Spruce Beetle Task Force 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

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	298.1	250.0	250.0
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	298.1	250.0	250.0
Funding Sources:			
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	194.9	250.0	250.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	103.2	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	298.1	250.0	250.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	103.2	0.0	0.0
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	194.9	250.0	250.0
Restricted Total		298.1	250.0	250.0
Total Estimated Revenues		298.1	250.0	250.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	250.0	250.0
FY2006 Governor	0.0	0.0	250.0	250.0