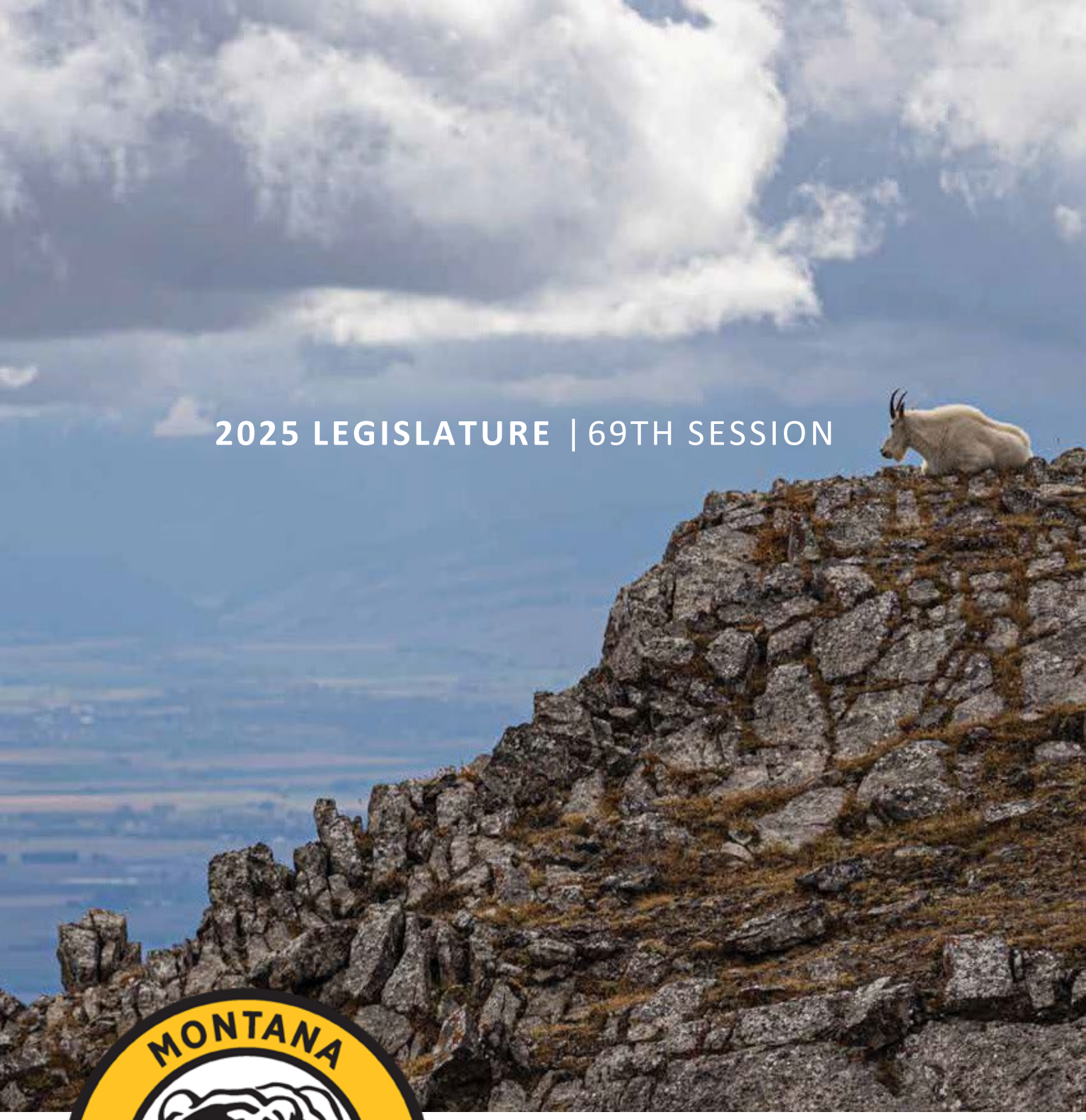

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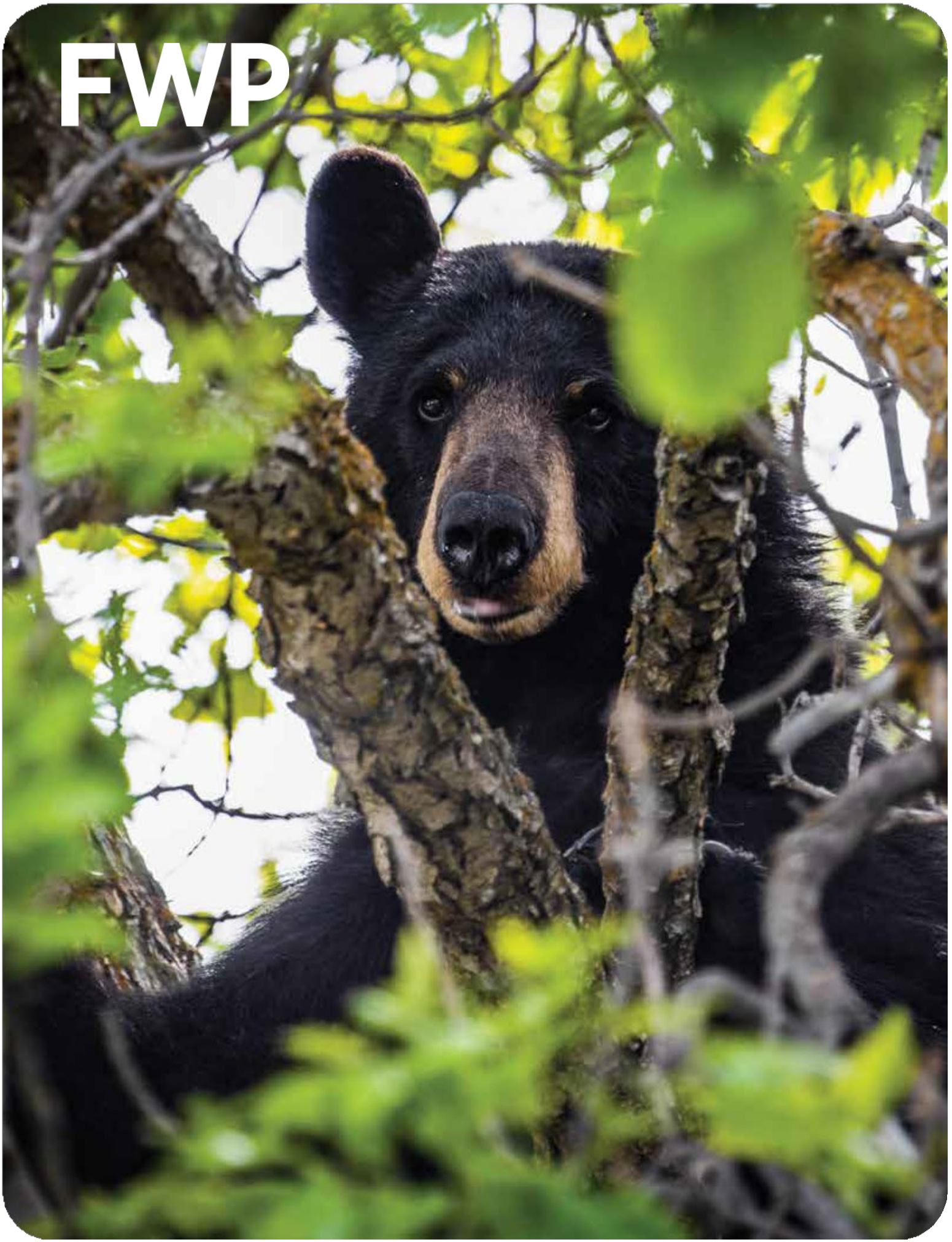
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FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The mission of Design and Construction is "to serve and assist all FWP divisions and the citizens of the state of Montana in the design and construction of quality facilities, repair and maintenance of existing facilities, and planning for their governmental, biological, and recreational facility needs."

HOW IT STARTED

FWP has a legal obligation to adhere to state procurement and construction laws and rules in the execution of the public trust.
State statute defines the distinction between construction projects and purchasing actions. Construction is processed through Title 18 Chapters 1and 2 and purchasing through Title 18 Chapters 4 – 8.
The mission of Design and Construction is to assist all FWP divisions in adhering to those statutes as they develop and maintain FWP facilities and programs. In 1971 Wes Woodgerd, Parks Division Administrator for the Montana Department of Fish and Game, invited Dick Mayer to his office in the Mitchell Building. He was developing a new bureau within his division to oversee design and development of state parks and the newly authorized Fishing Access Site Program. He asked Dick, a local landscape architect, to be the new bureau chief and to come up with a name for t he new bureau. As Mayer had worked for the Western Office of Design and Construction of the National Park Service, he felt that was a fitting name. Two construction project managers and a land surveyor were added to the staff, as was the Whitehall Sign Shop. The first office was located, in what is now the Helena Area Resource Office, on Custer Avenue in Helena. The Design and Construction Bureau would go on to be part of the Field Services Division, divided among the Parks and Fisheries divisions, reunited under the Director's Office, and now in its current ho me in the Operations and Financial Services Division.

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HATCHERY MAINTENANCE – STATEWIDE

This program will address the major maintenance, replacement, and repair of infrastructure as needed or that are scheduled for the 10 state fish hatcheries across the state. Due to age and condition of hatchery facilities, emergency repairs and updating infrastructure projects are needed each year. Some common types of emergency repairs include water line breaks, broken pumps, damaged concrete raceways, replacing intake screens and building maintenance.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 3; LRBP Book Page 118. **CD-39**

Fund	02409	$2,500,000
	Total Request:	$2,500,000

Proposed Projects

Project Description	Est. Cost
Project 1 Miles City Hatchery - Drain Lines	$ 500,000
Project 2 Big Springs Hatchery - Water Main Line	$ 500,000
Project 3 Washoe Park & Giant Springs Raceway covering	$ 800,000
Project 4 Isolations capability additions	$ 300,000
Project 5 Redband trout broodstock development	TBD
Project 6 Unplanned Emergencies	$ 400,000
Total	**$2,500,000**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2021	02409	EI331	$7,600,000.00	$2,843,458.28	$4,756,541.72	$21,073.36	$2,822,384.92	$38,441.29
2023	02409	EI333	$2,000,000.00	$1,947,430.00	$52,570.00	$671,190.68	$1,276,239.32	$170,350.00

Funding Source:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

FISH CONNECTIVITY

This request is for the construction, planning and design of mechanisms for fish passage and fish habitat improvement. Types of projects include: projects to block fish passage to conserve isolated native fish populations; projects to remove barriers to fish passage that fragment fish communities; large-scale stream restoration projects; screening projects to reduce entrainment of fish into water diversion structures; projects to enhance water quality and nutrient parameters; projects protecting riparian areas and improving river functions; and other projects to address habitat degradation that negatively impact fish populations. This request is for authority that will be used as projects are identified.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 19; LRBP Book Page 127. **CD-48**

Fund	02409	$1,335,000
	03408	$1,775,000
	02171	$300,000
	Total Request:	$3,410,000

Proposed Projects	Est. Cost
Big Coulee Fish Barrier Enhancement	$ 250,000.00
Wegner Creek Fish Barrier Enhancement	$ 250,000.00
SF Judith River Fish Barrier Enhancement	$ 250,000.00
CCAA Diversions - Big Hole and Centennial Valleys	$ 217,025.00
CCAA Fences - Big Hole and Centennial Valleys	$ 309,387.00
Concrete Barrier - Madison	$ 700,000.00
*Thompson Falls Dam - Settlement Agreement (SA)	TBD
Smith River Habitat	$ 300,000.00
Small projects and FWP Habitat design and assessment	$ 1,133,588.00
Total	**$ 3,410,000.00**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	03408	EI619	$620,274.55	$822,291.09	$444,248.91	$129,958.90	$662,437.88	$569,564.87
2021	02409	EI361	$200,000.00	$148,194.87	$51,805.13	$0.00	$148,194.87	$0.00
2021	03408	EI361	$1,025,000.00	$620,274.55	$57,871.45	$0.00	$620,274.55	$323,458.90
2023	02409	EI323	$548,454.00	$548,454.00	$0.00	$72,812.85	$442,796.71	$412,200.67
2023	03408	EI323	$1,278,992.00	$928,992.00	$0.00	$0.00	$897,889.50	$826,292.00
2023	03403	EI323	$350,000.00	$350,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$350,000.00	$0.00

Funding Source:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

02171 Smith River Corridor
Revenue sources include all fees collected as recreational and commercial user fees for floating and camping on the Smith River. A portion of the revenue is reserved in the Corridor Enhancement account to be used to pursue projects that serve to protect, enhance and restore fisheries habitat, streambank stabilization, erosion control, and recreational values within the corridor and tributaries per 23-2-409, MCA.

03408 State Wildlife Grants
Used to account for funds received from the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program. Funds must be used on projects involving species of special concern and their associated habitats.

08103 - Private Non-Budgeted Funds
Revenue sources are private funds received in the form of a donation, grant, or contract (until July 1, 2001, this revenue was recorded in fund 02363).

(Section 87-1-611, MCA)

FUTURE FISHERIES

This grant program provides funding for statewide fish habitat restoration projects. Applications for projects are submitted four times per biennium and decided upon by a citizen review panel. Each cycle the panel can decide how to appropriate the programs funds to the best projects for fish, not to exceed total funds available. Types of projects completed since 1995 include improved fish passage at road crossings and irrigation structures, improved spawning structures, improved stream flows, fish screens on irrigation structures, construction of barriers to conserve isolated native fish populations, among others. Any entity can apply for funding for projects that benefits wild fish habitat to include landowners, anglers, civic groups, conservation districts or governmental agencies.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 15; LRBP Book Page 124. **CD-45**

Fund 02022		$1,650,000
02149		$350,000
	Total Request:	$2,000,000

Proposed Projects

Project Grant Procedures

Any entity with a good project that benefits wild fish is eligible.

STEP ONE	Applications are received twice each year (winter & summer)
STEP TWO	Applications are given to the 14-member citizen review panel, which includes members of the House and the Senate.
STEP THREE	Eligible projects approved by the review panel are ranked by a committee which includes at least two Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks personnel with a fishery biology background and a citizen review panel representative.
STEP FOUR	Funding recommendations by the citizen review panel and ranked by the committee are submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for final approval.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2021	02149	EI301	$320,000.00	$189,263.70	$130,736.30	$53,686.65	$135,577.05	$0.00
2021	02022	EI301	$1,000,000.00	$440,569.23	$559,430.77	$417,207.77	$21,690.02	$0.00
2023	02149	EI303	$350,000.00	$350,000.00	$0.00	$5,668.50	$344,331.50	$205,621.71
2023	02022	EI303	$1,650,000.00	$1,561,797.49	$88,202.51	$99,552.50	$1,331,934.99	$283,504.60

Funding Sources:

02022 RIT – Native MT Fish Species Enhancement:
HB647 (99 Session) directed FWP to spend $500,000 per year from the RIT fund on Bull and Cutthroat Trout Enhancement Projects. HB533 ('13 Session) changed the name from Bull and Cutthroat Trout Enhancement.

(Sections 15-38-202, and 87-1-283, MCA)

02149 River Restoration Account
Revenue sources are:

- $0.50 from each Class A resident fishing license (full and half-priced),
- $1 from each Class B nonresident fishing license (full and half-priced),
- $0.50 from each Class AAA resident sportsman combination license (full and half-priced).

This revenue is used for projects that will improve rivers and their associated lands for the purpose of conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat.

(Sections 87-1-257 - 259, MCA)

COMMUNITY FISHING PONDS

Community Ponds Program provides funding to assist Montana communities with construction or improvement of public fishing ponds, with emphasis on urban fisheries for youth/family angling, education, and ADA accessibility. The program is funded by general license dollars and requires a 30% cost share, which leverages the available funding for increased benefits and program efficiency. Applications are solicited by February 1each year for consideration by a review committee.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 23; LRBP Book Page 129. **CD-50**

Fund 02409 $200,000

Total Request: $200,000

Proposed Projects
Project Description
Applications are solicited by February 1st each year for consideration by a review committee.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2021	02409	EI351	$200,000.00	$123,755.00	$76,245.00	$39,406.15	$84,348.85	$2,280.85
2023	02409	EI313	$200,000.00	$200,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$200,000.00	$185,000.00

Funding Source:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

DAM MAINTENANCE

This request will provide funding to address ongoing maintenance needs on eight dams owned and operated by FWP. This maintenance could include projects such as replacing concrete spillway structures, repairing gates, and/or overhauling mechanical equipment.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 1; LRBP Book Page 133. **CD-54**

Fund 02409 $90,000
Total Request: $90,000

Proposed Projects	Est. Cost
Misc Repairs and Maintenance - Statewide	$90,000.00
Total	**$ 90,000.00**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2015	02409	EI015	$50,000.00	$6,070.00	$43,930.00	$0.00	$6,070.00	$6,070.00
2021	02409	EI341	$60,000.00	$18,535.16	$41,464.84	$0.00	$18,535.16	$18,535.16

Funding Source:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

HABITAT MONTANA

This program secures important wildlife habitats through conservation easement, fee title acquisition, or long-term lease and provides funding for initial improvements. It is funded with a portion of the revenue from the deer and elk auction licenses as well as earmarked license fees. Critical wildlife habitat is identified, prioritized, and protected through the acquisition of an interest in land by easement, fee title, or lease. Projects are selected statewide according to the rules and guidelines outlined in the Habitat Montana Program. Integration of Montana's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) assists in the prioritization of projects. Our focus is priority lands critical to wildlife that are being subjected to degradation or loss on a continual basis. Protection and enhancement of important wildlife lands are essential if FWP is to meet the demands of the public and its statutory mandate.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 19, Line 19; LRBP Book Page 126. **CD-47**

Fund	02086	$50,000
	02114	$8,950,000
	02409	$3,000,000
	Total Request:	$12,000,000

Proposed Projects

	Project Description
STATEWIDE	Critical wildlife habitat is identified, prioritized, and protected through the acquisition of an interest in land by easement, fee title, or lease. Projects are selected statewide according to the rules and guidelines outlined in the Habitat Montana program. Integration of Montana's Comprehensive Wildlife Plan assists in the prioritization of projects. Our focus is priority lands critical to wildlife that are being subjected to degradation or loss on a continual basis. Protection and enhancement of important wildlife lands are essential if Fish, Wildlife and Parks is to meet the demands of the public and its statutory mandate.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02114	EI089	$8,000,000.00	$6,203,618.82	$1,796,381.18	$1,747,009.49	$3,693,142.60	$0.00
2021	02114	EI501	$6,000,000.00	$4,976,697.97	$1,023,302.03	$1,932,566.79	$1,300,493.91	$262.62
2021	02409	EI501	$3,400,000.00	$3,400,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,400,000.00	$3,400,000.00
2021	02559	EI501	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
2021	03097	EI501	$2,000,000.00	$41,403.95	$1,958,596.05	$0.00	$41,403.95	$41,403.95
2023	02114	EI503	$6,000,000.00	$6,000,000.00	$0.00	$26,677.20	$5,972,882.24	$2,052,989.80
2023	02409	EI503	$3,400,000.00	$3,400,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,400,000.00	$3,400,000.00
2023	02086	EI503	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
2023	02559	EI503	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
2023	03097	EI503	$2,350,000.00	$2,350,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,350,000.00	$2,350,000.00

Funding Sources:

02086 Mountain Sheep Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue source is the annual auction of one male mountain sheep license and is used for mountain sheep related research, management, and habitat improvement.

(Section 87-2-722, MCA)

02114 Wildlife Habitat Acquisition: Interest Bearing
This is also called the Habitat Montana Program, which receives the below-listed revenue from hunting license sales as outlined in Section 87-1-242, MCA. By statute, 80% of the below-listed revenue is for the acquisition, lease, or easement of wildlife habitat properties and is deposited into the fund 02114; the remaining 20% must be used for the development and maintenance of property used for wildlife habitat – 50% is deposited into fund 02469 and 50% in a non-expendable trust fund 09006. Interest from this trust fund is then transferred back into 02469.

The revenue sources are:

- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident big game combination,
- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident Elk Only combination (full and half-priced),
- a portion of the nonresident antelope,
- a portion of the nonresident moose,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain goat,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain sheep,
- a portion of the nonresident D-1 mountain lion,
- a portion of the nonresident black bear,
- a portion of the nonresident wild turkey,
- a portion of the resident Class AAA Sportsman combination (with or without bear and full and half-priced).a portion of the Class B-11 nonresident deer combination,
- 20% of any fee increase in the above licenses must be allocated for this program. The increase is the difference between the fee stated within the statute and the current price adjusted for CPI.

See description under Fund 09006 and Fund 02469. HB79 ('05 Session) made Habitat Montana Program permanent.

(Section 87-1-242, MCA)
See Sections 87-2-514, 87-2-522, and 87-2-525, MCA for half-priced items.

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

HABITAT MONTANA – ENHANCED 701 FUNDING

This request aligns with all the requirements of the traditional Habitat Montana Program. In addition to the traditional tools provided by the funding, this request will utilize the revenue from the marijuana tax to secure additional habitat conservation leases. The new conservation lease program established a goal of conserving up to 500,000 acres of prairie grassland and wetland/riparian habitat over the next five years through the establishment of 30-to-40-year leases with landowners. This funding would also be eligible to use for traditional Habitat Montana projects.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 19, Line 23; LRBP Book Page 134. **CD-55**

Fund	02114	$18,000,000
Total Request:		$18,000,000

Proposed Projects	
	Project Description
STATEWIDE	Critical wildlife habitat is identified, prioritized, and protected through the acquisition of an interest in land by easement, fee title, or lease. Projects are selected statewide according to the rules and guidelines outlined in the Habitat Montana program. Integration of Montana's Comprehensive Wildlife Plan assists in the prioritization of projects. Our focus is priority lands critical to wildlife that are being subjected to degradation or loss on a continual basis. Protection and enhancement of important wildlife lands are essential if Fish, Wildlife and Parks is to meet the demands of the public and its statutory mandate. This enhanced program would primarily focus on habit conservation leases.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02114	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02114 Wildlife Habitat Acquisition: Interest Bearing
This is also called the Habitat Montana Program, which receives revenue from hunting license sales as outlined in Section 87-1-242, MCA. By statute, 80% of the below-listed revenue is for the acquisition, lease, or easement of wildlife habitat properties and is deposited into the fund 02114; the remaining 20% must be used for the development and maintenance of property used for wildlife habitat - 50% is deposited into fund 02469 and 50% in a non-expendable trust fund 09006. Interest from this trust fund is then transferred back into 02469.

This fund also receives tax revenue from the sale of marijuana. This enhanced program will utilize that revenue for this request.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

This program provides funding to enhance, repair, or create habitat on wildlife management areas. These projects include, but are not limited to, riparian restoration, tree planting and restoration, culvert replacements, and trail restoration or relocation. This funding is instrumental in ensuring appropriate habitat for all wildlife.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 13; LRBP Book Page 123. **CD-44**

Fund	02469	$680,000
Total Request:		$680,000

Proposed Projects	Est. Cost
Spotted Dog - Aspen Restoration	$ 200,000.00
Statewide Habitat Improvements	$ 480,000.00
Total	**$ 680,000.00**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2023	02469	EI523	$291,375.00	$141,331.56	$150,043.44	$55,989.00	$85,342.56	$1,934.00
2023	03097	EI523	$594,125.00	$594,125.00	$0.00	$4,500.00	$589,625.00	$390,375.00
2023	03403	EI523	$375,000.00	$375,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$375,000.00	$375,000.00

Funding Sources:

02469 Wildlife Hab. Trust Interest-O&M: Interest Bearing

This is also called the Habitat Montana Program, which receives the below-listed revenue from hunting license sales as outlined in Section 87-1-242, MCA. By statute, 80% of the below-listed revenue is for the acquisition, lease, or easement of wildlife habitat properties and is deposited into the fund 02114; the remaining 20% must be used for the development and maintenance of property used for wildlife habitat – 50% is deposited into fund 02469 and 50% in a non-expendable trust fund 09006. Interest from this trust fund is then transferred back into 02469.

The revenue sources are:

- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident big game combination,
- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident Elk Only combination (full and half-priced),
- a portion of the nonresident antelope,
- a portion of the nonresident moose,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain goat,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain sheep,
- a portion of the nonresident D-1 mountain lion,
- a portion of the nonresident black bear,
- a portion of the nonresident wild turkey,
- a portion of the resident Class AAA Sportsman combination (with or without bear and full and half-priced) and a portion of the Class B-11 nonresident deer combination,

- 20% of any fee increase in the above licenses must be allocated for this program. The increase is the difference between the fee stated within the statute and the current price adjusted for CPI.

See description under Fund 09006 and Fund 02469. HB79 (‘05 Session) made Habitat Montana Program permanent.

(Section 87-1-242, MCA)
See Sections 87-2-514, 87-2-522, and 87-2-525, MCA for half-priced items.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS MAINTENANCE

This program provides funding to maintain wildlife management areas and lands in which FWP has an interest in accordance with state requirements and the Good Neighbor Policy (23-1-126, MCA), public use needs, public safety, and the implementation of management direction. Major maintenance includes weed control, fence repair, road maintenance, signing, building maintenance, water control, building a structure for storage, structure maintenance, vegetation and grazing management, and other projects that are not needed on an annual basis or require vegetation contracted services to complete.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 13; LRBP Book Page 120. **CD-41**

Fund	02409	$1,222,500
	02469	$2,157,500
	Total Request:	$3,380,000

Proposed Projects	Est. Cost
Statewide Weed Control	$2,445,000.00
Statewide Maintenance Projects	$ 935,000.00
Total	**$ 3,380,000.00**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2023	02409	EI533	$587,500.00	$583,650.23	$3,849.77	$43,076.00	$540,574.23	$300,874.00
2023	02469	EI533	$261,125.00	$261,125.00	$0.00	$5,375.00	$255,750.00	$928.00
2023	03097	EI533	$1,795,875.00	$1,795,875.00	$0.00	$89,753.00	$1,706,122.00	$948,372.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
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(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

02469 Wildlife Hab. Trust Interest-O&M: Interest Bearing
This is also called the Habitat Montana Program, which receives the below-listed revenue from hunting license sales as outlined in Section 87-1-242, MCA. By statute, 80% of the below-listed revenue is for the acquisition, lease, or easement of wildlife habitat properties and is deposited into the fund 02114; the remaining 20% must be used for the development and maintenance of property used for wildlife habitat – 50% is deposited into fund 02469 and 50% in a non-expendable trust fund 09006. Interest from this trust fund is then transferred back into 02469.

The revenue sources are:

- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident big game combination,
- a portion of the Class B-10 nonresident Elk Only combination (full and half-priced),
- a portion of the nonresident antelope,
- a portion of the nonresident moose,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain goat,
- a portion of the nonresident mountain sheep,
- a portion of the nonresident D-1 mountain lion,
- a portion of the nonresident black bear,
- a portion of the nonresident wild turkey,
- a portion of the resident Class AAA Sportsman combination (with or without bear and full and half-priced) and a portion of the Class B-11 nonresident deer combination,
- 20% of any fee increase in the above licenses must be allocated for this program. The increase is the difference between the fee stated within the statute and the current price adjusted for CPI.

See description under Fund 09006 and Fund 02469. HB79 (`05 Session) made Habitat Montana Program permanent.

(Section 87-1-242, MCA)
See Sections 87-2-514, 87-2-522, and 87-2-525, MCA for half-priced items.

UPLAND GAME BIRD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

This program is directed at enhancement of habitats for upland game birds within Montana. This program provides private landowners and public land management agencies with funding to restore, establish, protect, or enhance habitat across the state. All projects are required to allow reasonable amounts of free public hunting as a prerequisite of participation in this program. The program has resulted in improved habitat conditions for upland birds and public access to several hundred thousand acres within the state. Each year there is an increased demand for upland bird hunting opportunities and access by the public and this program continues to help meet those needs. The Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Citizen's Advisory Council provides oversight to the program, including monitoring revenue, expenditures, work plans, accomplishments, and compliance with statutes, rules, and the program's strategic plan. The 12-person council meets twice annually during the spring and fall and includes two legislators. Agreements through this program are often multiyear and can extend up to 25 years.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 27; LRBP Book Page 132. **CD-53**

Fund	02113	$2,000,000
Total Request:		$2,000,000

	Project Description
Statewide	Projects vary and include food plots, shelterbelts, nesting cover, security cover, management leases, etc. These agreements extend across multiple years and this request allows the program to add additional funding necessary to meet current agreement obligations and grant out additional funds.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2017	02113	EI097	$950,000.00	$152,049.10	$797,950.90	$48,693.33	$103,355.77	$0.00
2019	02113	EI099	$760,000.00	$574,324.11	$185,675.89	$0.00	$574,324.11	$24,315.01
2021	02113	EI511	$600,000.00	$579,834.86	$20,165.14	$0.00	$579,834.86	$7,740.84
2023	02113	EI513	$2,508,000.00	$2,498,405.60	$9,594.40	$8,333.30	$2,485,072.32	$903,805.17

There are currently 178 active projects that run between 2-15 years, with an overall average of 7 years. Average expenditures since FY2017 have been approximately $575,000 per year. We are just starting up the field season for 2025 and anticipate approximately 100 new contracts that will likely obligate over $1 million. The agency is requesting this authority to meet the requirements of all current contracts while allowing for additional contracts for the enhancement program.

Funding Sources:

02113 Upland Game Bird Enhancement: Interest Bearing
The Upland Game Bird Program receives its revenue from a portion of the below-listed license sales. Funds are used for cost share to enhance habitat for upland game birds on private and public lands.

Revenue sources are:

- $2 from each Class A-1 resident upland game bird license (full or half-priced),

- $23 from each Class B-1 nonresident upland game bird license (full or half-priced, except as noted below):
    - $7 from each discounted nonresident youth upland game bird license,
- $10 from each Class B-2 nonresident 3-day upland game bird license,
- $2 from each Class AAA resident sportsman combination license (with and without bear) including full and half-priced,
- $23 from each nonresident Class B-10 big game combination license and Elk Only combination license.

(Sections 87-1-246 - 251, 87-2-514, 87-2-801, 87-2-803, 87-2-805, MCA)

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This program provides funding to manage forestry projects on WMAs and FASes in accordance with statutory requirements. Revenues from forest management activities including the sale of logs, pulp, and other forest products are deposited in a forest management account for use on forest management projects to address fire mitigation, pine beetle infestation, and wildlife habitat enhancement. Funds are used for work specifically associated with such forest management projects as logging, forest thinning and clearing, slash disposal, road building and repairs, weed control, overseeing forest projects, forest inventory and development of prescriptions, environmental and public review processes, and forest planning. Forest management is a priority for the agency, involving over 140,000 acres of forested lands.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 9; LRBP Book Page 138. **CD-59**

Fund	02409	$250,000
Total Request:		$250,000

Proposed Projects

Project Description
STATEWIDE Forestry work at wildlife management areas and fishing access sites

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02084	EI819	$400,000.00	$307,262.70	$92,737.30	$25,514.30	$276,722.17	$0.00
2021	02084	EI371	$65,000.00	$9,202.41	$55,797.59	$0.00	$9,202.41	$77.41
2023	02084	EI553	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$100,000.00	$59,730.00
2023	03097	EI553	$100,000.00	$300,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$300,000.00	$224,192.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK WATER SYSTEM

This request will provide funding to respond to a DEQ finding from 2023 that determined the spring box water supply for the upper facilities was being influenced by ground water. The agency has secured a study by a private engineering firm that provided options to ensure that there was an improved potable water source. Once funding is secured, FWP can evaluate each option further to choose the most cost-effective and best practice solution.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 21; LRBP Book Page 128. **CD-49**

Fund	02411	$692,500
	03406	$692,500
	Total Request:	$1,385,000

Project Description

Provide an engineered solution to improve a potable water source triggered by a DEQ inspection at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02411	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2025	03406	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue:
Revenue sources are nonresident day-use park entry fees, camping fees, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and other miscellaneous fees used to support the general operations of the state park system.

Additional revenue sources are:

- $9 Light Vehicle Registration fee which residents may opt out and not pay fee if they do not plan to use state parks, FAS, or Virginia City/Nevada City
  - $6.74 to state parks to replace resident day-use fees (02411),
  - $0.50 to fishing access site (02558),
  - $1.37 for the trails and recreation facilities grant program, and
  - $0.39 to Dept of Commerce for Virginia City/Nevada City.

- 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated for: (Section 15-1-122(3c), MCA
  - 11.1% is for the enforcement of OHV regulations (02115 Enf),
  - 19.1% is to administer and enforce boat laws (02413 Enf),
  - 4.8% is to for pump out equipment and other boat facilities (02331 Parks),

- 16.7% is for an OHV recreational use program (02239 Parks),
- 48.3% is for the parks account 02411.

(Sections 23-1-105, 61-3-321(19)(a), and 15-1-122, MCA)

Beginning in FY22, HB701 ('21 Session) reserves a portion of the Marijuana Sales Tax Revenue for this fund (4% of revenue after an initial deduction of operating revenue for DOR and the first $6 million allocated to the HEART Program).

See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

03406 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):
Used to account for funds received from the federal government for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

STATE PARKS MAJOR MAINTENANCE

This program provides funding for major repairs, maintenance, minor improvements, and upgrades at state parks. This funding will address infrastructure maintenance needs including the rehabilitation of existing facilities and land, major repairs, and maintenance, and other needs significant to Montana's public, visitor services and employee and public health and safety.

This funding allows the agency to continue to address the backlog of maintenance issues at state parks as well as invest in infrastructure that is necessary to the safety and recreating public of the state.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 9; LRBP Book Page 121. **CD-42**

Fund	02411	$3,722,335
	02412	$777,665
	Total Request:	$4,500,000

Proposed Projects

	Project Description	Est. Cost
Project 1 -	Big Arm State Park - Replace septic system	$ 500,000
Project 2 -	Lone Pine State Park - Replace septic system	$ 200,000
Project 3 -	Milltown State Park - Repair or replace fence and trail system	$ 200,000
Project 4 -	Wayfarer's State Park - Repair or replace sewage lift	$ 375,000
Project 5 -	Pictograph State Park - Misc road repairs	$ 225,000
Project 6 -	Lake Elmo State Park - Repairs to parking area, boat ramp, irrigation system and gates	$ 350,000
Project 7 -	Tongue River State Park - Bank stabilization and boat launch	$ 200,000
Project 8 -	Statewide Major Maintenance for State Parks	$ 2,450,000
Total		**$ 4,500,000**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02411	EI279	$2,000,000.00	$246,948.37	$1,753,067.83	$84,117.44	$165,444.59	$64,988.18
2021	02274	EI611	$1,100,000.00	$270,691.83	$829,308.17	$29,893.93	$240,797.90	$16,138.66
2021	02411	EI611	$350,000.00	$153,273.76	$196,726.24	$24,695.60	$128,578.16	$10,378.64
2021	02412	EI611	$1,050,000.00	$818,606.36	$231,393.64	$64,211.74	$754,114.62	$617,606.36
2023	02411	EI623	$1,991,225.00	$1,821,677.22	$169,547.78	$188,237.66	$1,585,919.38	$248,318.24
2023	03406	EI623	$150,000.00	$150,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$150,000.00	$150,000.00

Funding Sources:

02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue:
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Additional revenue sources are:

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- $0.39 to Dept of Commerce for Virginia City/Nevada City.

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(Sections 23-1-105, 61-3-321(19)(a), and 15-1-122, MCA)

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See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax:
Revenue source is 0.9% of the state gasoline distributor's license tax and is used for the creation, improvement, and maintenance of state parks where motorboats are allowed.

(Section 60-3-201(a)(4), MCA)

FISHING ACCESS SITE MAJOR MAINTENANCE

FWP manages a network of FASes throughout Montana, which provide important recreational opportunities for fishing, boating, camping, and water access. Over time, many of these sites have suffered wear and tear from weather conditions, increased visitor use, and deferred maintenance schedules. Critical infrastructure, such as boat ramps, parking lots, campsites, roads, fire rings, and picnic tables, requires regular upkeep to maintain safety and usability. Without adequate maintenance, these sites could pose safety hazards and detract from visitors' outdoor experiences.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 1; LRBP Book Page 117. **CD-38**

Fund	02409	$1,490,000
	03097	$100,000
Total Request:		$1,590,000

Proposed Projects		
	Project Description	**Est. Cost**
Project 1 -	Indian Fort FAS - Bank stabilization	$ 210,000
Project 2 -	Statewide Major Maintenance for Fishing Access Sites	$ 1,380,000
Total		**$ 1,590,000**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02273	EI319	$90,000.00	$15,062.54	$74,937.46	$0.00	$15,062.54	$0.00
2019	02409	EI319	$1,700,000.00	$545,734.28	$1,154,265.72	$52,192.55	$493,541.73	$0.00
2021	02273	EI321	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
2021	02409	EI321	$2,000,000.00	$1,337,195.85	$662,804.15	$207,731.51	$1,177,464.34	$15,993.36
2023	02409	EI633	$1,081,225.00	$1,024,428.80	$56,796.20	$37,174.00	$987,254.80	$92,548.79
2023	03097	EI633	$120,750.00	$120,750.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120,750.00	$120,750.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

03097 Federal Fish (D/J) Wildlife (P/R)
Funding is from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grants and is used to support areas of various fish (DJ) and wildlife (PR) management related projects. PR funds are from manufacturers' federal excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. DJ monies are from federal excise taxes on fishing gear. Beginning in FY06, Section 6 grants are recorded in Fund 03129.

(Sections 87-1-601, Assent Language: DJ 87-1-701, and PR 87-1-708, MCA)

BANNACK STATE PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION

This project will provide funds for continued historic preservation efforts on the structures and infrastructure within the state park, such as siding and roofing repairs and replacements, on compromised buildings to maintain their structural integrity. This is an ongoing and continuous effort that FWP must manage to maintain historic and educational opportunities offered by Bannack's history for generations to come. Other prioritized building deficiencies will be addressed as funds allow.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 7; LRBP Book Page 137. **CD-58**

Fund	02411	$250,000
Total Request:		$250,000

Project Description
This project will provide funds for continued historic preservation efforts on the structures and infrastructure within the state park, such as siding and roofing repairs and replacements, on compromised buildings to maintain their structural integrity.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02411	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue:
Revenue sources are nonresident day-use park entry fees, camping fees, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and other miscellaneous fees used to support the general operations of the state park system.

Additional revenue sources are:

- $9 Light Vehicle Registration fee which residents may opt out and not pay fee if they do not plan to use state parks, FAS, or Virginia City/Nevada City.
  - $6.74 to state parks to replace resident day-use fees (02411),
  - $0.50 to fishing access site (02558),
  - $1.37 for the trails and recreation facilities grant program, and
  - $0.39 to Dept of Commerce for Virginia City/Nevada City.

- 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated for: (Section 15-1-122(3c), MCA
  - 11.1% is for the enforcement of OHV regulations (02115 Enf),
  - 19.1% is to administer and enforce boat laws (02413 Enf),
  - 4.8% is to for pump out equipment and other boat facilities (02331 Parks),
  - 16.7% is for an OHV recreational use program (02239 Parks),
  - 48.3% is for the parks account 02411.

(Sections 23-1-105, 61-3-321(19)(a), and 15-1-122, MCA)

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See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

STATE PARKS NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Noxious weeds may be on the land or in the water. These so-called invasive species are a continuous threat to the quality of wildlife habitat, the state's fisheries, Montana's native plant species, and to the aesthetic and recreational value of private and public lands. This project will provide funding for contracted services from both county weed programs and independent contractors to help control noxious weeds on State Park lands.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 11; LRBP Book Page 122. **CD-43**

Fund	02411	$163,000
	02412	$87,000
	Total Request:	$250,000

	Project Description
Statewide	Noxious weed control on all state parks. Approximately 43,000 acres across 59 sites.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02411	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2025	02412	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue:
Revenue sources are nonresident day-use park entry fees, camping fees, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and other miscellaneous fees used to support the general operations of the state park system.

Additional revenue sources are:

- $9 Light Vehicle Registration fee which residents may opt out and not pay fee if they do not plan to use state parks, FAS, or Virginia City/Nevada City.
  - $6.74 to state parks to replace resident day-use fees (02411),
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- 48.3% is for the parks account 02411.

(Sections 23-1-105, 61-3-321(19)(a), and 15-1-122, MCA)

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See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax:
Revenue source is 0.9% of the state gasoline distributor's license tax and is used for the creation, improvement, and maintenance of state parks where motorboats are allowed.

(Section 60-3-201(a)(4), MCA)

FISHING ACCESS SITE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

Noxious weeds may be on the land or in the water. These so-called invasive species are a continuous threat to the quality of wildlife habitat, the state's fisheries, Montana's native plant species, and to the aesthetic and recreational value of private and public lands. This project will provide funding for contracted services from both county weed programs and independent contractors to help control noxious weeds fishing access sites.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 119. **CD-40**

Fund	02409	$250,000
Total Request:		$250,000

	Project Description
Statewide	Noxious weed control on fishing access sites.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

FISHING ACCESS SITE ACQUISITION

This program provides funding to enable the department to acquire interest in lands for angler and other recreational access to public waterways. The funds are used primarily for leases and fee title acquisition of small parcels of land on Montana's rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 19, Line 21; LRBP Book Page 130. **CD-51**

Fund	02415	$500,000
Total Request:		$500,000

Statewide	**Project Description** Funds used to acquire interest in land for anglers, to include but not limited to leases and fee title acquisitions.

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02415	EI519	$260,000.00	$1,553.28	$258,446.72	$0.00	$1,553.28	$1,553.28
2021	02415	EI311	$30,000.00	$7,062.31	$22,937.69	$0.00	$7,062.31	$7,062.31

Funding Sources:

02415 Fishing Access Site Acquisition: Interest Bearing
Starting in FY08, 75% (instead of 50%) of the revenue is used for operation, development, and maintenance of sites acquired under this law. The other 25% (used to be 50%) is for the acquisition of FAS. (Acquisition activity recorded in Fund 02415).

Revenue sources are:

- $1.00 of each Class A resident fishing license (full and half-priced),10% of each Class A-8 resident 2-day fishing license,
- $1.00 of each Class B-4 nonresident 2-day license,
- $3.50 of each Class B-5 nonresident 10-day license, and
- $5.00 of each Class B nonresident season fishing license (full and half-priced).

PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION SITE DEVELOPMENT & UPGRADES

This program provides funding for development and upgrades on state parks and fishing access sites. It includes upgrades to campgrounds, parking areas, boat ramps, stream banks, facilities, and general infrastructure. It also provides funding for development of newly acquired and current sites that need additional development. Without investment in new infrastructure, many properties may struggle to accommodate future growth in recreational use. Some sites are at risk of becoming unsafe or losing their appeal, which would negatively impact the visitor experience and limit public access to Montana's natural resources.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 25; LRBP Book Page 131. **CD-52**

Fund	02409	$1,900,000
	02411	$400,000
	03097	$300,000
	03406	$210,000
	Total Request:	$2,810,000

Proposed Projects		
	Project Description	**Est. Cost**
Project 1 -	Two Bridges Site Development	$ 250,000
Project 2 -	Snowden Bridge FAS Boat Ramp	$ 400,000
Project 3 -	Newlan Creek FAS Site Development	$ 600,000
Project 4 -	Judith Landing Site Planning	$ 424,000
Project 5 -	Statewide electronic gate project	$ 321,000
Project 6 -	Statewide shelter replacement project	$ 325,000
Project 7 -	Region 5 FAS flood damage projects	$ 490,000
Total		**$ 2,810,000**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2025	02411	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2025	03097	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2025	03406	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
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(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue:
Revenue sources are nonresident day-use park entry fees, camping fees, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and other miscellaneous fees used to support the general operations of the state park system.
Additional revenue sources are:

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See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

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(Sections 87-1-601, MCA; Assent Language: DJ 87-1-701, MCA; PR 87-1-708, MCA)

03406 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):
Used to account for funds received from the federal government for the LWCF Program.

STATEWIDE ADMIN FACILITIES MAJOR MAINTENANCE

This program addresses ongoing maintenance and repair at administrative sites to protect them from deterioration.

Many FWP facilities statewide need either planned repairs and maintenance or emergency and/or unforeseen situations that arise during the biennium. This project will provide the necessary funding for those planned and unplanned repair and maintenance issues that arise at administrative facilities statewide during the biennium and will prevent costly replacement and avoid safety issues that may put the public and employees at risk. The expenditure of funds authorized through this project vary considerably and fall under an array of expenditure codes that may include land acquisitions, planned maintenance and repairs, and unexpected or emergency repairs, maintenance, or replacement.

This program addresses the ongoing repairs, maintenance, and upgrades necessary to protect the condition of FWP administrative sites and buildings statewide. FWP staff conduct biennial facility condition assessments at each of the FWP owned administrative facilities in an effort to identify maintenance needs before they escalate. Planned maintenance-type projects include sewer and potable water systems upgrades, building and site security, American with Disability Act (ADA) improvements, public displays and lobby upgrades, lab facility issues, health and human safety issues, energy efficiency improvements (lighting, HVAC systems, insulation, doors, windows), storage building construction, building additions, and any unforeseen items that may arise.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 16, Line 27; LRBP Book Page 112. **CD-33**

Fund	02409	$2,800,000
Total Request:		$2,800,000

Proposed Projects		
	Project Description	**Est. Cost**
Project 1 -	Region 2 - Headquarters Exhibit	$ 285,000
Project 2 -	Region 4 - Lobby and Exhibit Updates	$ 707,000
Project 3 -	Region 8 - Lobby and Entrance Upgrades	$ 750,000
Project 4 -	Statewide Administrative site maintenance	$ 1,058,000
Total		**$ 2,800,000**

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	02409	ET15	$1,950,000.00	$1,189,558.91	$760,441.09	$33,049.05	$1,156,509.86	$21,878.10
2021	02409	EI901	$1,262,150.00	$996,455.03	$265,694.97	$80,117.70	$916,337.33	$85,250.16
2021	02410	EI901	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$0.00	$107,251.97	$392,748.03	$392,748.03
2021	03097	EI901	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$500,000.00	$500,000.00
2023	02409	EI903	$1,931,500.00	$1,931,500.00	$0.00	$48,689.20	$1,882,810.80	$1,346,500.00
2023	02411	EI903	$60,000.00	$60,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60,000.00	$60,000.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing

Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

CENTRAL SERVICES SITE UPGRADES

Replace existing buildings at the Custer Avenue Facility and Helena Area Resource Office with new, more efficient buildings. Buildings would consolidate office, public information and retail, maintenance shop and warehouse facilities. Phase one will be started in the spring of 2025, which will tear down current office space and replace it with the fleet building. These next two phases will allow the rebuild of the Helena Area Office, allow all staff off campus in Helena to relocate, and create a public meeting space for FWP.

This project will be completed in three phases.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 9, Lines 15-18; LRBP Book Page 113; Page 114. **CD-34 & CD-35**

Fund	02409	$30,030,000
Total Request:		$30,030,000

Proposed Projects		
	Project Description	**Est. Cost**
Phase 2	Replace existing buildings being demolished in spring of 2025	$ 13,350,000
Phase 3	Complete office space allowing FWP employees to move out of leased space	$ 16,680,000

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	Appropriation	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2023	02409	AI400	$10,343,330.00	$0.00	$90,897.25	$312,121.25	$9,940,311.50	$0.00

Corresponding base operations and maintenance funding can be found in HB5, Page 14, Lines 13-16.

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

PEMBERTON LANE IMPROVEMENTS REGION 5

This project will develop the newly acquired Pemberton Lane property to alleviate space constraints and improve operational efficiency at the Region 5 Headquarters. The property will be secured with an 8-foot chain-link fence and a double-swing gate to control access, and a gravel parking area will be created to store large, infrequently used equipment. City required street lighting and sidewalks will be installed to ensure the site complies with local regulations and enhances safety. By relocating large equipment to this new site, the project will reduce congestion at the main headquarters, streamline operations, and provide additional space for public education events, ensuring that FWP's Region 5 operations are more efficient and secure.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 3; LRBP Book Page 135. **CD-56**

Fund	02409	$255,000
Total Request:		$255,000

Proposed Projects

Region	Project Description	
5	Develop newly acquired property near headquarters building	$ 255,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

COONEY STATE PARK STORAGE BUILDING REGION 5

This project will provide an unheated, 3,000 square-foot storage building to shelter all FWP vehicles for multiple divisions. Electrical service will be supplied to provide lighting and access to power for maintenance work. Additional storage area will be incorporated in the building for supplies and materials currently in the existing heated building allowing the current building on site to be used for Parks and Outdoor Recreation needs.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 9, Line 19; LRBP Book Page 115. **CD-36**

Fund 02409	$220,000
Total Request:	$220,000

Proposed Projects

Region	Project Description	Est. Cost
5	Construct new storage building at Cooney State Park	$ 220,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Corresponding base operations and maintenance funding can be found in HB5, Page 14, Line 17.

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

DEADMAN'S BASIN FAS STORAGE BUILDING
REGION 5

This project will provide a new 3,200-square-foot storage building to store supplies and materials on-site, allow for vehicles to be moved inside, and create a larger, secured, fenced yard. Electrical service will be supplied to provide lighting and access to power for maintenance work. By centralizing equipment and supply storage at Deadman's Basin, the operational efficiency of regional staff will be improved by reducing travel time, assets will be protected from weather, and maintenance costs will be reduced.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 9, Line 21; LRBP Book Page 116. **CD-37**

Fund 02409	$340,000
Total Request:	$340,000

Proposed Projects

Region	Project Description	Est. Cost
5	Construct new storage building at Cooney State Parks	$ 340,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Corresponding base operations and maintenance funding can be found in HB5, Page 14, Line 19.

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

TONGUE & YELLOWSTONE CANAL & MUGGLI BYPASS CHANNEL

This project will replace 27-year-old louvers and shunt restoring proper water delivery by preventing entrainment of woody debris and fish into the canal, engineered to function for the next 40-60 years. The lack of upstream passage by large fish species (paddlefish, pallid sturgeon, and shovelnose sturgeon) has been attributed to the Muggli Bypass channel slope being too steep, excessive water velocities, significant turbulence around the rock chevrons throughout the channel, and attraction flow challenges. Multiple alterations to the bypass are being considered, including increasing the length 3-4 times to reduce the channel slope and water velocities. FWP will assist T&Y with an approximately. 10-acre land purchase for the channel extension and a private road access easement to the new channel. If successful, this would open an additional 165 river miles of the Tongue River to potential upstream spawning migration.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 11; LRBP Book Page 139. **CD-60**

Fund 02409	$1,430,000
Total Request:	$1,430,000

Proposed Projects

Region	Project Description	Est. Cost
7	Infrastructure improvements for bypass channel	$ 1,430,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

FWP CONTRACT PROGRAMS

PALA ACCESS AGREEMENTS

FWP Public Access Land Agreements (PALA) Program (87-1-295, MCA) seeks to open or improve free public access to isolated or under accessible parcels of state or federal land for all recreation types with a focus on hunting and fishing. FWP received a base appropriation for this same amount last biennium, but most contracts span multiple years, and an annual appropriation restricts the agency's ability to effectively manage the program. Approval of this request will keep the PALA Program in HB 5 and mirror other agency programs such as Upland Game Bird.

This program currently has roughly 69 agreements extending over multiple years and providing access to more than 445,000 acres. This request adds the authority necessary to increase the number of agreements without concern of being unable to meet payment obligations over the lifetime of the multi-year contracts.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 17; LRBP Book Page 125. **CD-46**

Fund	02409	$400,000
	02391	$750,000
	02459	$850,000
	Total Request:	$2,000,000

Proposed Projects		
Region	**Project Description**	
Statewide	Appropriation will be used to fund multiple year contracts that are both existing and new	$ 2,000,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2023	02409	EI653	$1,000,000.00	$633,980.00	$366,020.00	$88,182.75	$545,797.25	$197,915.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c,) MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

02391 Public Access Land Agreements (PALA):
This revenue comes from the purchase of a second preference point for nonresident Class B-10 and B-11 combo licenses, effective March 1, 2022. Of the $100 preference point fee:

- 25% goes to public access land agreements (this fund, 02391).

(Section 87-2-115(9), MCA.)

02459 Hunter Access Acquisitions: Interest Bearing

This revenue is used to acquire public hunting access to inaccessible public land. Adult nonresident family members of residents who meet qualifications pursuant to 87-2-526(3), MCA, are eligible to purchase these licenses. This is also known as the Coming Home to Hunt program.

Revenue sources are:

- half-priced fee from each Coming Home to Hunt nonresident Class B-10 big game combination license,
- half-priced fee from each Coming Home to Hunt nonresident Class B-11 deer combination license.

FWP CONTRACT PROGRAMS

IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Decreasing flows and increasing water temperatures are directly responsible for the declines of many trout populations across western Montana. The proposed funding would provide support for Water Program and Fisheries staff to work with water users across the state on improving the efficiency of irrigation practices, upgrading irrigation infrastructure and/or leasing of water. FWP staff have identified many opportunities to work with partners to enhance water use in ways that allow Montana's producers to meet their operational needs while improving instream flows for trout and other aquatic organisms. However, such projects are often prohibitively costly with the existing funding mechanisms that are available to FWP and its partners. The proposed funding would support one or more large projects each biennium that would provide substantial benefits to irrigators and aquatic resources.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 17, Line 17; LRBP Book Page 125. **CD-46**

Fund	02409	$225,000
Total Request:		$225,000

Proposed Projects

Project Description	Est. Cost
STATEWIDE Develop contracts for irrigation infrstructure to benefit instream flow for fish	$225,000

Status of Existing Appropriation Authority

SESSION	FUND	Appropriation	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	New	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing
Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY SHOOTING RANGE GRANTS

FWP administers a grant program to develop and enhance shooting ranges across the state. The program has been in place since 1989 and uses funds generated from the sale of state hunting licenses. The Montana Shooting Range Grant Program provides partial funding to shooting clubs, private organizations, local governments, and school districts to establish or improve shooting ranges throughout Montana. This program was previously administered through base funding, however, due to the length of agreements, it has become cumbersome to fund out of annual appropriations.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

Fund 02409	$800,000
Total Request:	$800,000

Proposed Projects	
Project Description	**Est. Cost**
STATEWIDE Grant program to provide funding to communities to develop or improve shooting ranges	$ 800,000

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2025	02409	NEW	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02409 General License Account: Interest Bearing

Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), revenues collected pursuant to 87-2-511(c), MCA (HB607), permit sales, subscription sales, FAS camping fees, overhead reimbursements, commercial use fees, restitution, donations, and other miscellaneous revenue. This revenue is used to support the various programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

(Section 87-1-601, MCA)

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANTS – TRADITIONAL

The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program provides funds to qualified applicants statewide, including local community clubs and federal agencies that manage OHV recreation. The intent of the grant is to promote safety, ethics and education, resource maintenance, protection, and improvement on lands effected by OHV use.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

Fund	02057	$15,000
	02213	$150,000
	02239	$235,000
	Total Request:	$400,000

Proposed Projects

Grant Procedures

Grants are available to local clubs, organizations, and public entities that manage motorized recreational opportunities.

STEP ONE Applications are received annually

STEP TWO Applications are scored and ranked prior and then sent to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee for review

STEP THREE OHVAC reviews the application and provides recommendations on grant approval or denial

STEP FOUR Successful applicants are notified and final grant listings are compiled and published

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Balance
2021	02213	EI211	$330,000.00	$35,267.31	$294,732.69	$3,311.89	$31,955.42	$189.59
2021	02239	EI211	$90,000.00	$5,968.50	$84,031.50	$5,968.50	$0.00	$0.00
2023	02057	EI202	$12,000.00	$12,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$12,000.00	$0.00
2023	02213	EI202	$148,000.00	$122,920.25	$25,079.75	$17,675.65	$105,244.60	$0.00
2023	02239	EI202	$240,000.00	$240,000.00	$0.00	$30,676.32	$209,323.68	$0.00

Funding Sources:

02057 OHV Noxious Weeds – Parks:
Statute (23-2-814 (5), MCA) allocates the $35 nonresident OHV decal fee to:

- $2.50 for nonresident OHV decal for enforcement (02115 Enf),
- $27.50 for Trail Maintenance (02239 Parks),
- $1.00 for Noxious Weed Efforts (02057 Parks),
- $2.00 for Agent Commissions (02409 Admin), and
- $2.00 for Search and Rescue (02543 Admin)

(Sections 15-1-122(3c), 23-2-814(5), 23-2-112(2b), MCA)

02213 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fuel Tax - Parks:
Revenue source is:

- 1/8 of 1% of the state gasoline distributor's license tax.

Revenue may only be used to develop and maintain facilities open to the public at no admission cost, to repair areas that are damaged by off-highway vehicles, and to promote off-highway vehicle safety.

- 10% must be used to promote OHV safety (02328 Parks);
- Up to 10% may be used to repair areas that are damaged by OHV's (02213 Parks).

(Sections 60-3-201 (1c) and (6), MCA)

02239 Off-Highway Vehicle Decal- Parks: Interest Bearing
This fund receives revenue from three sources. The first revenue source is a portion of the motor vehicle revenue (revenue from vehicle registration taxes from general fund) allocated to FWP as outlined in Section 15-1-122(2cIV), MCA). The second revenue source is a portion of the nonresident OHV temporary use permit sales allocated as outlined in Section 23-2-814(5i). The third revenue source is a portion of the resident summer motorized recreation trail pass sales - created in HB355 during the 2019 legislative session - allocated as outlined in Section 23-2-112(2c). The below list shows all funds received from these revenue sources, and the portions allocated to this fund (02239) are in bold.

Revenue sources are:

0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated for (Section 15-1-122(3c), MCA):

- 11.1% is for the enforcement of OHV regulations (02115 Enf),
- 19.1% is to administer and enforce boat laws (02413 Enf),
- 4.8% is to for pump out equipment and other boat facilities (02331 Parks),
- 16.7% is for an OHV recreational use program (02239 Parks),
- 48.3% is for the parks account 02411.

Statute (23-2-814 (5), MCA) allocates the $35 nonresident OHV decal fee to:

- $2.50 for nonresident OHV decal for enforcement (02115 Enf),
- $27.50 for Trail Maintenance (02239 Parks),
- $1.00 for Noxious Weed Efforts (02057 Parks),
- $2.00 for Agent Commissions (02409 Admin), and
- $2.00 for Search and Rescue (02543 Admin).

Statute (23-2-111) allocates the $20 resident summer motorized recreation trail pass to:

- $17 for (02239 Parks),
- $2 remitted to vendor (02409),
- $1.00 granted for Noxious Weeds (02057 Parks).

(Sections 15-1-122(2c), 23-2-111, 23-2-814(5), MCA)

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

SUMMER MOTORIZED TRAIL PASS GRANTS

The new Summer Motorized Trail Pass (SMTP) Program provides grant funding to OHV clubs and organizations for resource maintenance, protection, signage, and the improvement of federally designated motorized trails and riding areas in Montana.

Montana State Parks administers the OHV Grant Program with funds appropriated by the State Legislature and is assisted in grant allocation by the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee (OHVAC). The OHVAC is comprised of citizens throughout Montana who have a vested interest in managing OHV opportunities as a valuable resource. Both user groups and land management agencies are represented on the OHVAC. This diverse group influences the equitable distribution of grant funding to valuable projects throughout the state.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

Fund	02239	$600,000
Total Request:		$600,000

Proposed Projects

Grant Procedures

Grants are available to local clubs, organizations, and public entities that manage motorized recreational opportunities.

STEP ONE Applications are received annually

STEP TWO Applications are scored and ranked prior and then sent to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee for review

STEP THREE OHVAC reviews the application and provides recommendations on grant approval or denial

STEP FOUR Successful applicants are notified and final grant listings are compiled and published

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2023	02239	EI204	$600,000.00	$479,500.00	$120,500.00	$150,000.00	$454,560.11	$1,416.00

Funding Sources:

02239 Off-Highway Vehicle Decal- Parks: Interest Bearing

This fund receives revenue from three sources. The first revenue source is a portion of the motor vehicle revenue (revenue from vehicle registration taxes from general fund) allocated to FWP as outlined in Section 15-1-122(2cIV), MCA). The second revenue source is a portion of the nonresident OHV temporary use permit sales allocated as outlined in Section 23-2-814(5i). The third revenue source is a portion of the resident summer motorized recreation trail pass sales - created in HB355 during the 2019 legislative session - allocated as outlined in Section 23-2-112(2c). The below list shows all funds received from these revenue sources, and the portions allocated to this fund (02239) are in bold.

Revenue sources are:

0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated for (Section 15-1-122(3c), MCA):

- 11.1% is for the enforcement of OHV regulations (02115 Enf),
- 19.1% is to administer and enforce boat laws (02413 Enf),

- 4.8% is to for pump out equipment and other boat facilities (02331 Parks),
- 16.7% is for an OHV recreational use program (02239 Parks),
- 48.3% is for the parks account 02411.

Statute (23-2-814 (5), MCA) allocates the $35 nonresident OHV decal fee to:

- $2.50 for nonresident OHV decal for enforcement (02115 Enf),
- $27.50 for Trail Maintenance (02239 Parks),
- $1.00 for Noxious Weed Efforts (02057 Parks),
- $2.00 for Agent Commissions (02409 Admin), and
- $2.00 for Search and Rescue (02543 Admin).

Statute (23-2-111) allocates the $20 resident summer motorized recreation trail pass to:

- $17 for (02239 Parks),
- $2 remitted to vendor (02409),
- $1.00 granted for Noxious Weeds (02057 Parks).

(Sections 15-1-122(2c), 23-2-111, 23-2-814(5), MCA)

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

TRAILS STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

The Trail Stewardship Grant Program (TSP) was established following the 2019 Legislative Session when SB24 was passed into law. The grants are used statewide for creating new trails and paths, rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and paths and construction and maintenance of trailside and trailhead facilities. To date, the program has awarded approximately $5.6 million to 140 trail projects across the state focused on these activities.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

FUND 02724 $4,000,000
Total Request: $4,000,000

Proposed Projects

Grant Procedures

Grants are available to local clubs, organizations, and public entities that manage motorized recreational opportunities.
STEP ONE Applications are received annually
STEP TWO Applications are scored and ranked prior and then sent to the State Trails Advisory Committee for review
STEP THREE STAC reviews the application and provides recommendations on grant approval or denial
STEP FOUR Successful applicants are notified and final grant listings are compiled and published

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2021	02724	EI231	$2,500,000.00	$1,365,078.08	$1,134,921.92	$396,714.84	$742,220.55	$4,871.81
2023	02724	EI233	$4,000,000.00	$3,952,938.83	$47,061.17	$343,824.79	$3,725,377.79	$2,043,577.54

Funding Sources:

02724 Trails and Rec Facilities: Interest Bearing
Funds are used for a trails and recreational facilities grant program. The revenue source is the $9 Light Vehicle Registration fee which residents may opt out and not pay the fee if they do not plan to use state parks, FAS, or Virginia City/Nevada City.

- $6.74 to state parks to replace resident day-use fees (02411),
- $0.50 to fishing access site (02558),
- $1.37 for the trails and recreation facilities grant program, and
- $0.39 to Dept of Commerce for Virginia City/Nevada City.

(Sections 23-2-108-113, 61-3-321 (19), MCA); (SB24 '19 Session)

Beginning in FY22, HB701 ('21 Session) reserves a portion of the Marijuana Sales Tax Revenue for this fund (4% of revenue after an initial deduction of operating revenue for DOR and the first $6 million allocated to the HEART Program).

See Section 16-12-111, MCA.

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM – RTP

This program provides federal grant funding to a variety of motorized, nonmotorized, and diversified trail projects statewide each grant cycle. Projects include trail maintenance, new trail construction, signage, and related infrastructure improvements.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

FUND 03098 $3,400,000
Total Request: $3,400,000

Proposed Projects

Grant Procedures

Grants are available to local clubs, organizations, and public entities that manage motorized recreational opportunities.
STEP ONE Applications are received annually
STEP TWO Applications are scored and ranked prior and then sent to the State Trails Advisory Committee for review
STEP THREE STAC reviews the application and provides recommendations on grant approval or denial
STEP FOUR Successful applicants are notified and final grant listings are compiled and published

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2021	03098	EI241	$3,000,000.00	$1,160,984.43	$1,839,015.57	$476,183.68	$595,323.75	$25,409.54
2023	03098	EI243	$3,000,000.00	$2,888,329.22	$111,670.78	$299,316.60	$2,558,252.62	$1,187,651.43

Funding Sources:

03098 State Parks Federal Revenue:
Funding is primarily from the Federal Department of Transportation and is used to develop and maintain various recreational trails within the state.

(Sections 23-1-102 and 23-1-103, MCA)

FWP GRANT PROGRAMS

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND RECREATION GRANTS – LWCF

This program provides federal grant funding for new and the upgrade or improvements to outdoor recreational facilities statewide. Eligible grant applicants include local communities, school districts, and similar entities that provide public outdoor recreation opportunities.

Request can be found in HB5, Page 18, Line 5; LRBP Book Page 136. **CD-57**

Fund	03406	$4,500,000
	Total Request:	$4,500,000

Proposed Projects

Grant Procedures

Grant opportunities are available to local communities and other public entities statewide who provide public outdoor recreation. Applications are solicited, then scored and ranked. The award process requires close coordination with the federal agency that administers the program.

SESSION	FUND	SUB CLASS	Starting Budget	FY25 Budget	PY Expenses	FY25 Expenses	Current Balance	Unallocated Balance
2019	03406	EI259	$1,500,000.00	$592,219.17	$907,780.83	$96,254.52	$495,964.65	$0.00
2021	03406	EI251	$3,000,000.00	$1,398,288.88	$1,601,711.12	$511,213.59	$887,075.29	$0.00
2023	03406	EI253	$3,000,000.00	$2,999,264.28	$735.72	$80,588.28	$2,918,676.00	$1,176,445.38

Funding Sources:

03406 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):
Used to account for funds received from the federal government for the LWCF program. Includes both the grant program for cities and counties and the portion spent by FWP.

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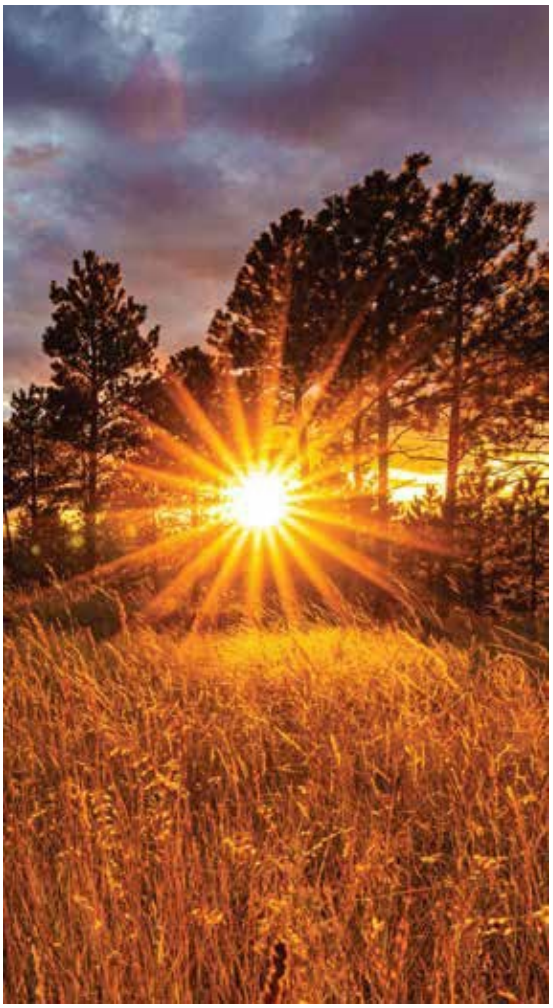

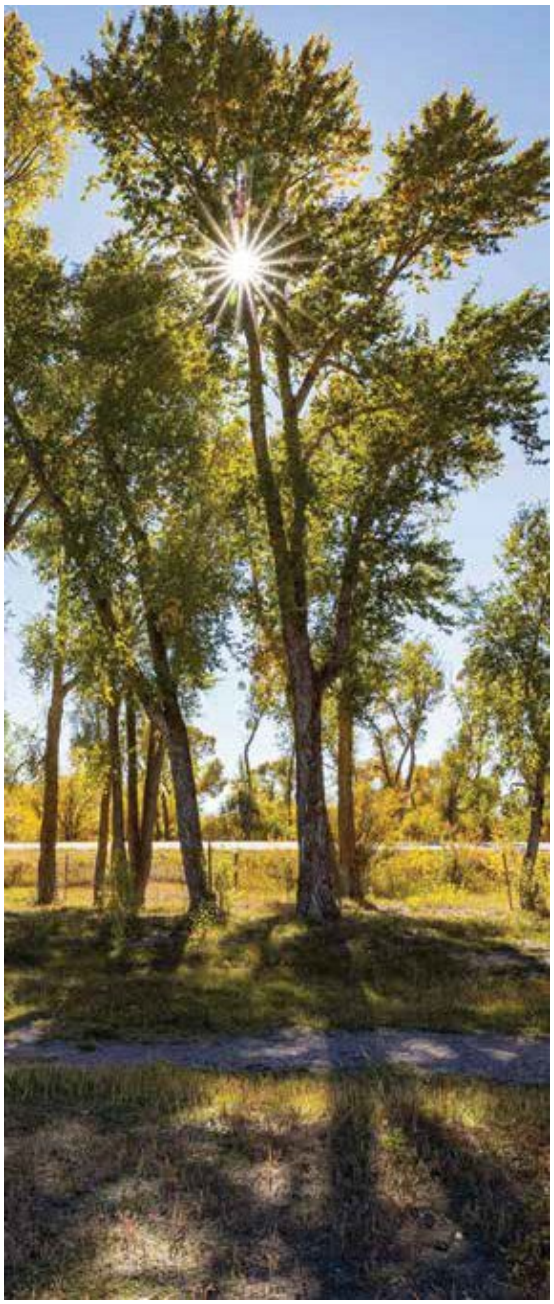

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