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H. F. No. 3649

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
03/05/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; extending appropriation for grants to address emerald
1.3 ash borer; appropriating money; amending Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
1.4 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 4,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Forest Management 50,668,000 50,603,000

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, 2020, 2021. Rows include General, Natural Resources, and Game and Fish.

1.14 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
1.15 the second year are for prevention,
1.16 presuppression, and suppression costs of
1.17 emergency firefighting and other costs
1.18 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.19 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
1.20 presuppression and suppression costs during
1.21 the biennium is appropriated from the general
1.22 fund. By January 15 of each year, the
1.23 commissioner of natural resources must submit

2.1 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
2.2 members of the house and senate committees
2.3 and divisions having jurisdiction over
2.4 environment and natural resources finance that
2.5 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
2.6 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
2.7 year. These appropriations may not be
2.8 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
2.9 expenditures made to the commissioner from
2.10 any source other than federal mobilizations
2.11 must be deposited into the general fund.

2.12 (b) \$13,869,000 the first year and \$14,136,000
2.13 the second year are from the forest
2.14 management investment account in the natural
2.15 resources fund for only the purposes specified
2.16 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
2.17 subdivision 2.

2.18 (c) \$1,398,000 the first year and \$1,417,000
2.19 the second year are from the heritage
2.20 enhancement account in the game and fish
2.21 fund to advance ecological classification
2.22 systems (ECS) scientific management tools
2.23 for forest and invasive species management.

2.24 (d) \$836,000 the first year and \$847,000 the
2.25 second year are for the Forest Resources
2.26 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
2.27 Resources Act.

2.28 (e) \$1,131,000 the first year and \$1,131,000
2.29 the second year are for the Next Generation
2.30 Core Forestry data system. For fiscal year
2.31 2022 and later, the distribution for this
2.32 appropriation is \$868,000 from the general
2.33 fund and \$275,000 from the forest
2.34 management investment account in the natural
2.35 resources fund.

3.1 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
3.2 second year are from the forest management
3.3 investment account in the natural resources
3.4 fund for forest road maintenance on state
3.5 forest roads.

3.6 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
3.7 second year are for forest road maintenance
3.8 on county forest roads.

3.9 (h) \$700,000 the first year is for grants to local
3.10 units of government to develop community
3.11 ash management plans; to identify and convert
3.12 ash stands to more diverse, climate-adapted
3.13 species; and to replace removed ash trees. This
3.14 is a onetime appropriation and is available
3.15 until June 30, 2021.

3.16 (i) Grants awarded under paragraph (h) may
3.17 cover up to 75 percent of eligible costs and
3.18 may not exceed \$500,000. Matching grants
3.19 provided through the appropriation are
3.20 available to cities, counties, regional
3.21 authorities, joint powers boards, towns, and
3.22 parks and recreation boards in cities of the
3.23 first class. The commissioner, in consultation
3.24 with the commissioner of agriculture, must
3.25 establish appropriate criteria for determining
3.26 funding priorities between submitted requests
3.27 and to determine activities and expenses that
3.28 qualify to meet local match requirements.

3.29 Money appropriated for grants under
3.30 paragraph (h) may be used to pay reasonable
3.31 costs incurred by the commissioner of natural
3.32 resources to administer paragraph (h).

3.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; CONVERTING ASH FORESTS ON STATE LANDS.**

4.2 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the forest management investment
4.3 account in the natural resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources to identify
4.4 and convert ash forests on state lands to climate-adapted species.