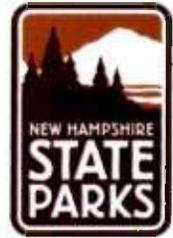




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August 22, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
*and*  
 His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and the Honorable Executive Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, II, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, requests authorization to establish a new accounting unit to support the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters repairs and maintenance programs by transferring \$40,000 between accounting units to establish appropriations, effective upon the approval of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds.**
2. Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, (DNCR) Division of Parks and Recreation to budget and expend \$16,778 in support of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Easement, effective upon the approval of Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds.**

Funds will be budgeted in the following accounts:

03-35-35-351510-34150000 – CLH Easement

Class-Account- RG	Class Description	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action #1	Requested Action #2	Revised FY25 Adjusted Authorized
005-403129-12	Private Local Funds	\$90,078	(\$40,000)	\$16,778	\$66,856
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$90,078</b>	<b>(\$40,000)</b>	<b>\$16,778</b>	<b>\$66,856</b>
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$16,278	\$16,278
022-500257	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$75,000	(\$40,000)	\$0	\$35,000
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$15,078	\$0	\$0	\$15,078
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$90,078</b>	<b>(\$40,000)</b>	<b>\$16,778</b>	<b>\$66,856</b>

**New Account: 03-35-35-351510-NEWXXXX – CLH Easement – Capital**

<b>Class-Account- RG</b>	<b>Class Description</b>	<b>FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized</b>	<b>Requested Action #1</b>	<b>Revised FY25 Adjusted Authorized</b>
005-403129-12	Private Local Funds	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

**EXPLANATION**

This request, upon approval, establishes a dedicated account for capital expenditures for the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract easement and provides for the necessary line items required to facilitate maintenance and repair operations on an ongoing basis throughout the region. The State of New Hampshire owns and operates, through the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, a conservation easement of 146,000 acres of commercial timberland and over 240 miles of gravel logging roads on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract. The Division of Parks and Recreation has management responsibility for the road system in addition to public use management. Use of the requested account and classes will ensure that our response to emergent needs, and our collaboration with stakeholders in the Great North Woods region, is as efficient and effective as possible.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested for Fiscal Year 2025:

**03-35-35-351510-34150000**

Class 020 – Current Expense: Budget \$16,278 to purchase culverts and gravel for road maintenance.

Class 022 – Rent-Leases: Decrease authorized budget to \$35,000 and transfer \$40,000 to new account “Connecticut Lakes Easement – Capital”.

Class 048 – Contractual Maint B&G: New line item. Budget \$500 to hire contractors to do road work.

**03-35-35-351510-NEWXXXX**

Class 020 – Current Expense: Budget \$40,000 to purchase materials for bridge redecking and culverts, as well as gravel to upgrade crossings.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer’s instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

**Justification:**

**1) Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?**

This transfer involves continuing programs and pertains to ongoing and one-time projects for repairs and maintenance.

**2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?**

This transfer is required to maintain existing program levels in a more efficient manner.

**3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.**

Section 5.F of the Grant of Conservation Easement for the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters requires a Road Management Agreement. The Fee Owner's contribution shall include an agreed upon base cost amount with an additional amount that reflects the usage by the Fee Owner and third parties allowed to use the Designated Roads with the Fee Owner's permission (Section 5.F.i.c.2).

**4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.**

Road Management Agreement proceeds from timber sales.

**5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?**

No.

**6) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?**

No.

**7) Are personnel services involved? If yes, answer the following:**

No.

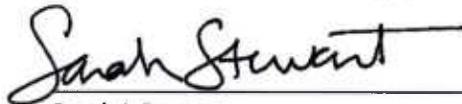
- a. Number of positions budgeted in each account.
- b. Number of positions filled in each account.
- c. Reason for vacant positions.
- d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts?
- e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request?

Respectfully submitted,



Brian J. Wilson  
Director

Concurred,



Sarah L Stewart  
Commissioner