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State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS & LANDS

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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands to budget and expend \$6,700 of balance forward revenue to effectively manage and enforce the Mining and Reclamation Program effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2026. 100% Revolving Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:

03-035-035-351010-80710000 – Mining Permit Fees

Class-Account- RG	Class Description	FY26 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY26 Adjusted Authorized
003-407378-12	Revolving Funds	\$0	\$6,700	\$6,700
	Total Revenue	\$0	\$6,700	\$6,700
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$300	\$300
030-500311	Equipment General New	\$0	\$400	\$400
103-502664	Contract For Operational Serv	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$6,700	\$6,700

EXPLANATION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands, requests three new expenditure class codes to effectively manage and enforce New Hampshire RSA 12-E-Mining and Reclamation.

The Land Management Bureau is responsible for the collection of mining permit fees, newspaper publications and investigating noise complaints from mining abutters. Establishing requested classes will authorize the bureau to transfer and allocate funds from Revolving Fund to new classes which are necessary to manage this program .

The Bureau respectfully requests approval to allocate appropriations based on the following needs:

Class 020 – Current Expenses –The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Land Management Bureau is required to prepare, mail, and fund notifications to adjacent landowners, and issue public notices in local newspapers in an effort to support Chapter 12- E Mining and Reclamation Statute.

Class 030 – Equipment New Replacement – The Bureau often performs their own work at the mining sites when they receive noise level complaints from abutting property owners. Appropriations from this class will be used to purchase a decibel metering instrument, an air quality monitor, and wastewater devices to address public complaints per the Chapter 12-E Mining and Reclamation Statue.

Class 103 – Contracts for Operational Services – Appropriations needed to contract with specialized consultants for technical assistance to address public complaints along with costs of environmental remediation clean up per the Chapter 12-E Mining and Reclamation Statue. These individuals/organizations shall have a specialization in mining and be able to manage the legal aspects of mining operations as overseen by the DNCR.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner