

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FY19 - Increment Status Report**

**Legislative Additions**

Item #	Appropriation/ Allocation	Description	Amount/ Fund Source	FY19 CC Book Comment	GF Dec?	LFD Notes/Questions	Agency Comments
1	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources/ Forest Management & Development	Restore Forester in Haines	\$102.0 UGF	In the FY18 budget, the legislature approved a one-time increment to support a part-time forester position in the Haines State Forest, which allowed the Forestry office in Haines to remain open. The Governor's budget requested that the funding continue and be added to the base budget. This position maintains 46 miles of roads in the Haines State Forest and facilitates timber sales.		Was the department able to hire for this position?	When the funding for the Haines Forester was originally eliminated in the budget the division was able to keep the position and cover it with a combination of funds, including federal.  When the funding was restored in FY2018 (with a position) it was used to fund the existing Forester II, and there was no need to fill the new position. The 102.0 increment covers 8 months of the Forester II and is augmented with federal funds. In addition to the normal business in the Haines State Forest, work includes timber sale preparation, sale administration, road maintenance and repair, forest practices oversight on private, municipal and trust timber sales per the state's Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA) and jurisdictional agency duties during fire season, including training of local VFD personnel. The position is able to work year-round due to significant federal project work in the Tongass.
2	Agriculture/ Agricultural Development	Agricultural Veterinarian	Total: \$176.8 \$40.7 Fed \$61.1 UGF \$75.0 ARLF	The legislature approved two increases to the livestock program. The first is an increment of \$101.8 (\$61.1 UGF, \$40.7 Fed) for a Development Specialist position. The second is an increment of \$75.0 of Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund receipts to support a State Veterinarian position that was created by reclassifying a vacant Natural Resource Manager position. According to the department, the new State Veterinarian program in the Division of Agriculture will lead the livestock outreach and education while maintaining animal healthstandards.		Has the new position been hired? What was the date of hire?	No, the position has not yet been filled.