

**Department of Natural Resources
FY24 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Various	(SB 48) CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM ON STATE LAND Fiscal Note	\$493.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions	Have these positions been filled, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>Two of the three positions have been filled: The Carbon Offset Manager for the Office of Project Management & Permitting was filled in September 2023. The Natural Resource Specialist 3 for the Division of Mining, Land & Water was filled November 2023.</p> <p>The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection has selected a candidate for the Forester 1/2/3 Flex position and anticipate filling the position by March 2024.</p>				
2	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development	(SB 87) LUMBER GRADING PROGRAM Fiscal Note	\$221.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Please provide details on the RSA with the University, including the total cost.
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The FY24 RSA was established and totals \$206.0. The scope of the RSA includes the University of Fairbanks (UAF) hiring a Forest Products Specialist faculty position that will finalize the program lumber visual grading standards and handbook. UAF has filled this position in December 2023.</p> <p>The scope also includes developing a training course on visual lumber grading for the Alaska Local Use Lumber Grading program and developing at least three regional partnerships with vocational training centers to implement the training program.</p>				
3	Parks & Outdoor Recreation / Parks Management & Access	Increased Maintenance and Operational Costs for Chena River, Big Lake North, Big Lake South, and Rocky Lake	\$272.4 GF/Prgm (DGF)	Has the Department entered into any new contracts with concessionaires? Does the Department intend to continue managing the sites internally?
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) has not received interest from outside businesses in managing these facilities. DPOR has received positive comments from local user groups, neighborhoods, and legislators on the DPOR-led management of these high-use park units. DPOR will continue to operate these facilities in perpetuity.</p>				