Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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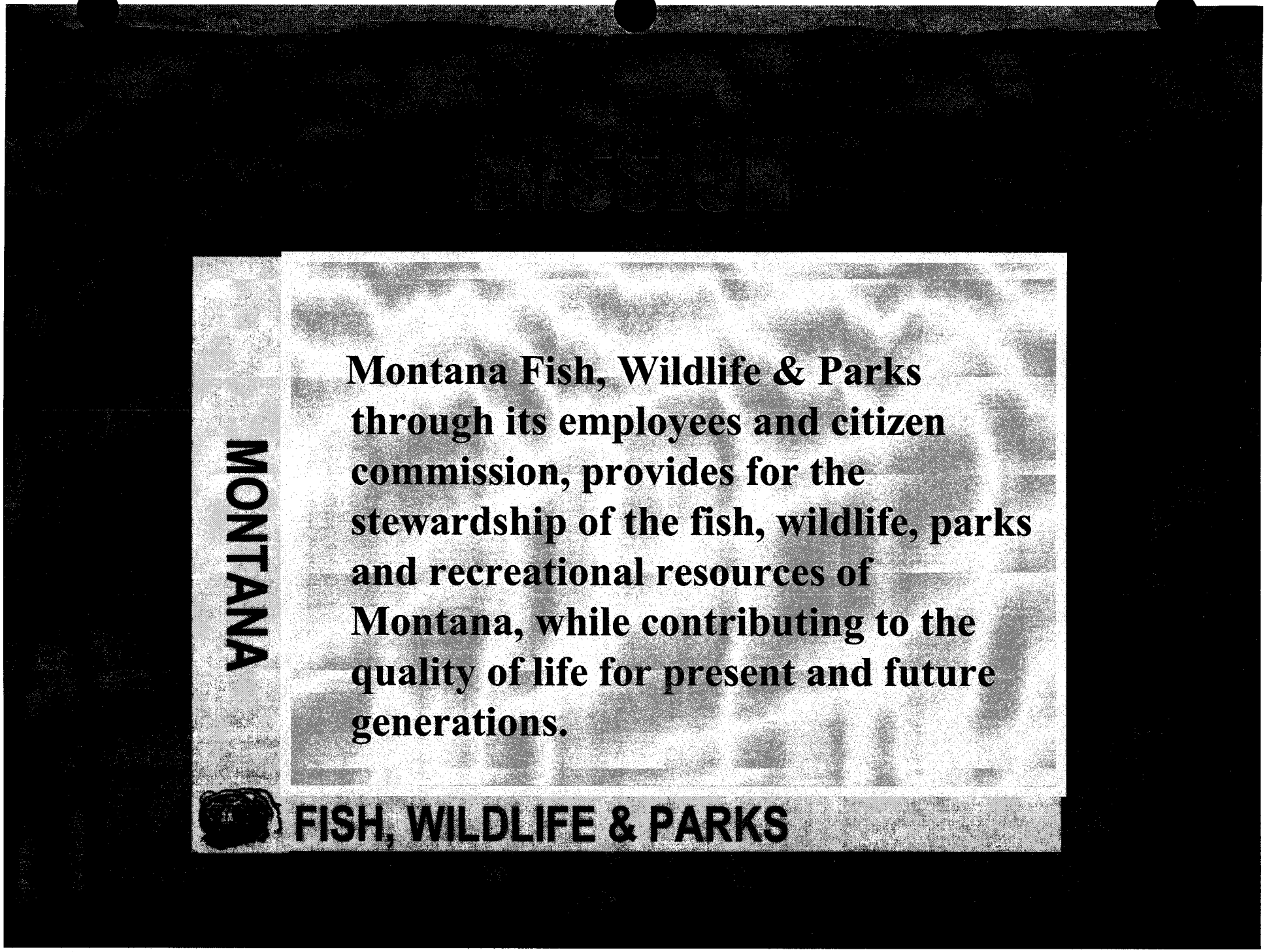
Department Overview 2009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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations.
FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

- Maintain and enhance resources
- Quality use opportunities
- Engage our public
- Clear priorities and accountability

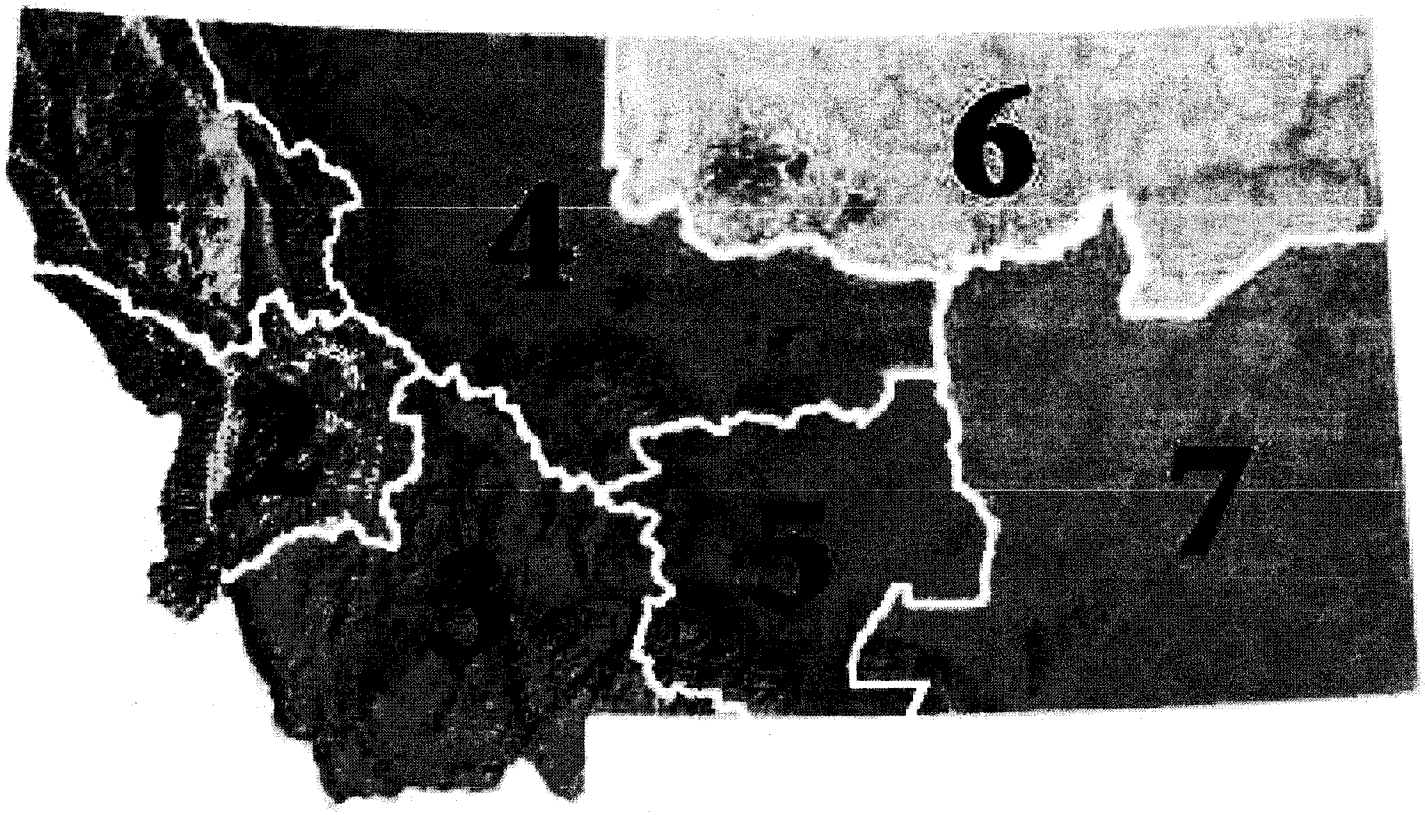
Recreation

Important to Montana's citizens

- 1.59 million fishing & hunting licenses sold
  - Highest/capita hunting participation in U.S.
  - 3rd highest/capita fishing participation in U.S.
- 1.9 million parks visitors

Important to Montana's Economy

- Hunters and anglers spent over ½ billion dollars in 2008
- Wildlife watchers spent $391 million in 2008
- Park visitors spent nearly $229 million in 2008
- 13,000 jobs created
  $270,000,000 in salaries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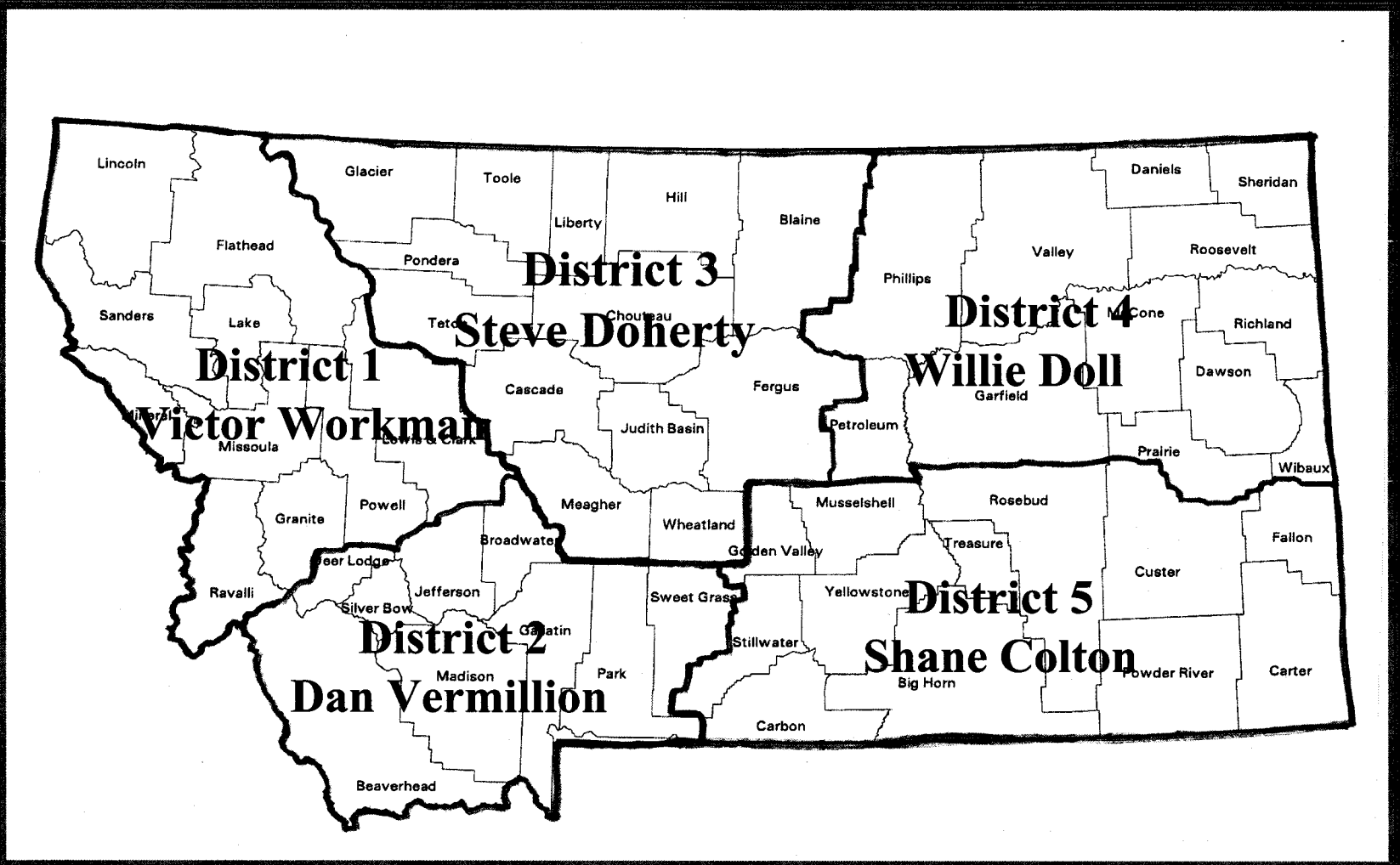
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Dan Vermillion
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Steve Doherty
District 4
Willie Doll
District 5
Shane Colton
Lincoln
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Hill
Blaine
Daniels
Sheridan
Flathead
Pondera
Valley
Roosevelt
Phillips
Sanders
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McCone
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Cascade
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Judith Basin
Petroleum
Missoula
Prairie
Wibaux
Granite
Powell
Meagher
Wheatland
Musselshell
Rosebud
Broadwater
Treasure
Fallon
Ravalli
Jefferson
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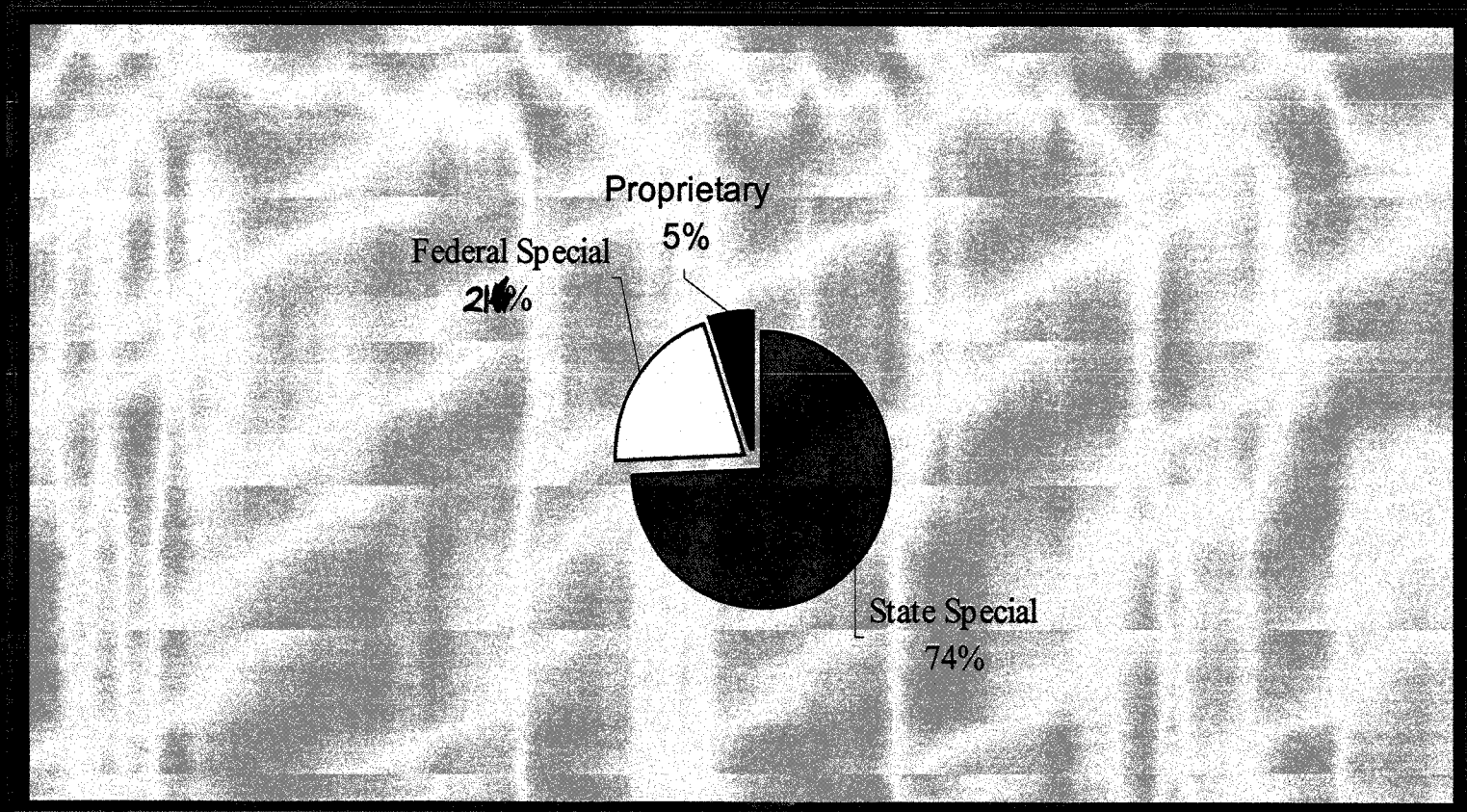
Beaverhead

2008 Fiscal Year



- Fund existing programs & current staff at appropriate levels
- Sustain General License & Parks fund balances to 2013
- Improve maintenance at Parks & FAS's
- Improve access for hunters and anglers
- Address funding challenges of the Fort Peck Hatchery
- Identify brucellosis responsibilities and appropriate funding

- HB 2 operations
- HB 5 capital (LRB Subcommittee)
- HB 2 Highlights
  - Block Management
  - Parks & FAS O&M needs
  - Invasive Species
  - Energy Development