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FINANCIAL-COMPLIANCE

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011

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REPORT SUMMARY

The department spent over \$116 million and \$112 million in fiscal years 2011 and 2010 respectively. The main sources of funding are licenses, permits, and federal awards. The department does not receive General Fund appropriations. Our audit report contains recommendations to the department regarding internal controls and compliance with state and federal laws. Recommendations relate to land acquisitions, reporting theft, monitoring changes in state law that affect the department, Big Horn Sheep auction proceeds, and untimely deposits.

Context

The department controls 320 fishing access sites and 54 state parks, issues hunting and fishing licenses, and oversees fish and wildlife preservation programs, enforcement activities, land acquisitions, and community education programs. The five-member Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission sets fish and wildlife regulations, approves property acquisitions, and approves certain rules and activities of the department as provided by statute. Commission members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. There are seven regional offices throughout the state. The department's headquarters is in Helena.

Results

Recommendations in the report relate to land acquisitions, reporting theft, monitoring changes in state law that affect the department, Big Horn Sheep auction proceeds, and untimely deposits. The department implemented the four recommendations contained in our prior audit report.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	5
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	0
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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