

**Program Budget Comparison**

The following table summarizes the total legislative budget for the program by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2012	Approp. Fiscal 2013	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 12-13	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	85.01	85.01	88.04	88.04	85.01	88.04	3.03	3.56%
Personal Services	4,420,026	4,259,683	4,907,824	4,916,251	8,679,709	9,824,075	1,144,366	13.18%
Operating Expenses	2,045,511	2,312,663	2,373,166	2,430,585	4,358,174	4,803,751	445,577	10.22%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	461,748	51,748	462,248	462,248	513,496	924,496	411,000	80.04%
Grants	437,605	445,318	437,605	437,605	882,923	875,210	(7,713)	(0.87%)
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$7,364,890</b>	<b>\$7,069,412</b>	<b>\$8,180,843</b>	<b>\$8,246,689</b>	<b>\$14,434,302</b>	<b>\$16,427,532</b>	<b>\$1,993,230</b>	<b>13.81%</b>
State Special	7,237,147	6,941,657	8,014,974	8,080,490	14,178,804	16,095,464	1,916,660	13.52%
Federal Special	127,743	127,755	165,869	166,199	255,498	332,068	76,570	29.97%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$7,364,890</b>	<b>\$7,069,412</b>	<b>\$8,180,843</b>	<b>\$8,246,689</b>	<b>\$14,434,302</b>	<b>\$16,427,532</b>	<b>\$1,993,230</b>	<b>13.81%</b>

**Program Description**

The Parks Division is responsible for conserving the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state, and for providing for their use and enjoyment. The program includes 54 parks, 13 affiliated lands such as rifle ranges and recreation sites managed by local and federal agencies, and 334 fishing access sites. Other programs administered by the division include motorized and non-motorized trail grants and local government recreation grants. The division also provides architectural and engineering services for construction and maintenance projects at state parks, state fishing access sites, and administrative facilities.

**Program Highlights**

<b>Parks Division Major Budget Highlights</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The legislatively approved budget increased primarily due to statewide present law adjustments and new proposals, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$400,000 one-time-only/restricted funding to purchase heavy equipment</li> <li>• \$164,000 for parks operations and maintenance, including 2.53 additional FTE</li> <li>• \$150,000 to continue funding the parks reservation system</li> <li>• A partially offsetting reduction in the snowmobile program to maintain the program at the previous biennium level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**Funding**

The following table shows program funding by source of authority for the 2015 biennium as adopted by the legislature.

Total Department Of Fish, Wildlife & Parks Funding by Source of Authority 2015 Biennium Budget - Parks Division							
Funds	HB 2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	MCA Reference	Statutory Category
State Special Total	\$16,095,464	\$0	\$1,725,223	\$17,820,687	96.4%		
02213 Off Highway Vehicle Gas Tax	\$230,000	\$0	\$0	\$230,000	1.2%		
02238 Off-hwy Vehicle Acct (coned)	\$1,120	\$0	\$0	\$1,120	0.0%		
02239 Off Hwy Vehicle Acct (parks)	\$44,123	\$0	\$0	\$44,123	0.2%		
02273 Motorboat Fees	\$106,089	\$0	\$0	\$106,089	0.6%		
02274 Fwp Accommodations Tax	\$0	\$0	\$1,725,223	\$1,725,223	9.3%	15-65-121	Direct
02328 Ohv Gas Tax - Con Ed	\$33,615	\$0	\$0	\$33,615	0.2%		
02330 Snowmobile Fuel Tax-con Ed	\$69,496	\$0	\$0	\$69,496	0.4%		
02331 Motorboat Certification-parks	\$38,059	\$0	\$0	\$38,059	0.2%		
02332 Snowmobile Registration-parks	\$439,668	\$0	\$0	\$439,668	2.4%		
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax	\$1,286,465	\$0	\$0	\$1,286,465	7.0%		
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	\$1,787,062	\$0	\$0	\$1,787,062	9.7%		
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	\$9,621,764	\$0	\$0	\$9,621,764	52.1%		
02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax	\$2,438,003	\$0	\$0	\$2,438,003	13.2%		
Federal Special Total	\$332,068	\$0	\$0	\$332,068	1.8%		
03097 Fedl Fish(w/b) Wildlife(p/r)	\$268,764	\$0	\$0	\$268,764	1.5%		
03403 Misc. Federal Funds	\$63,304	\$0	\$0	\$63,304	0.3%		
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$324,772	\$0	\$324,772	1.8%		
06068 Mfwp Visitor Services	\$0	\$324,772	\$0	\$324,772	1.8%		
Total All Funds	\$16,427,532	\$324,772	\$1,725,223	\$18,477,527	100.0%		
<b>Percent - Total All Sources</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>				

The largest revenue source is the \$6.00 registration fee per vehicle charged in lieu of resident day use fees at state park sites, followed by motorboat fuel taxes, parks coal tax trust earnings, snowmobile fuel taxes, snowmobile registration fees, and off-highway vehicle registration fees. Federal funding sources include Wallop-Breaux, National Recreational Trails, the Land and Water Conservation fund, and miscellaneous federal revenues. These federal funding sources require a match of 20% to 50%. The department receives 6.5% of the accommodation tax collections for the maintenance of state parks. However, since the money is appropriated through statute, it is not included in HB 2.

**Budget Summary by Category**

The following summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00%	7,364,890	7,364,890	14,729,780	89.67%
Statewide PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00%	321,309	337,388	658,697	4.01%
Other PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00%	130,974	130,777	261,751	1.59%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00%	363,670	413,634	777,304	4.73%
<b>Budget Summary by Category</b>								
	----- <b>General Fund</b> -----				----- <b>Total Funds</b> -----			
Budget Item	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$8,180,843</b>	<b>\$8,246,689</b>	<b>\$16,427,532</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The “Present Law Adjustments” table shows the changes to the base budget adopted by the legislature.

Present Law Adjustments	Fiscal 2014				Fiscal 2015					
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					526,944					535,961
Vacancy Savings					(197,884)					(198,241)
Inflation/Deflation					(7,751)					(332)
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$314,853</b>	<b>\$6,456</b>	<b>\$321,309</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$330,566</b>	<b>\$6,822</b>	<b>\$337,388</b>
DP 50 - Initial Motion to FY 2012 Base	0.00	0	(314,853)	(6,456)	(321,309)	0.00	0	(330,566)	(6,822)	(337,388)
DP 51 - Adjustment for Statewide Personal Services	0.00	0	322,422	6,638	329,060	0.00	0	330,891	6,829	337,720
DP 52 - Adjustment for Statewide Operations	0.00	0	(7,569)	(182)	(7,751)	0.00	0	(325)	(7)	(332)
DP 602 - Parks Operations & Maintenance Staff	2.53	0	135,768	0	135,768	2.53	0	135,571	0	135,571
DP 603 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Program Staff	0.00	0	85,143	0	85,143	0.00	0	85,143	0	85,143
DP 604 - Program Base Operations	0.00	0	115,063	0	115,063	0.00	0	115,063	0	115,063
DP 605 - Snowmobile Program RST/BIEN	0.00	0	(205,000)	0	(205,000)	0.00	0	(205,000)	0	(205,000)
<b>Total Other Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,974</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,974</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,777</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,777</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$445,827</b>	<b>\$6,456</b>	<b>\$452,283</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$461,343</b>	<b>\$6,822</b>	<b>\$468,165</b>

DP 50 - Initial Motion to FY 2012 Base - The legislature adopted a motion to establish the starting point for budget deliberations as the FY 2012 base. This adjustment removes statewide present law adjustments for personal services, vacancy savings, fixed costs, and inflation/deflation.

DP 51 - Adjustment for Statewide Personal Services - This adjustment funds statewide personal services and vacancy savings.

DP 52 - Adjustment for Statewide Operations - This adjustment establishes the fixed cost and inflation/deflation rates as approved by the General Government subcommittee.

DP 602 - Parks Operations & Maintenance Staff - The legislature approved funding from the parks miscellaneous and motorboat fuel tax accounts for state park operations and maintenance. The adjustment provides funding for a cumulative 2.53 FTE on an ongoing basis, including park manager and maintenance field positions and associated operations authorized in the 2011 biennium on a modified basis.

- o Pictograph Cave State Park - 1.00 FTE for a full-time manager
- o Region 1, the NW district park manager - 0.50 FTE that is combined with FTE for Thompson Chain Lakes and other recreational trails FTE for 1.0 FTE park manager
- o Travelers Rest - 0.25 FTE to account for a full time park manager at the park. The funding for this FTE replaces monies initially received from federal ARRA stimulus funding for this position in the 2011 biennium
- o Maintenance - 0.78 FTE to be used near Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, and Great Falls

DP 603 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Program Staff - The legislature approved state special revenue for authority for administering grants and providing administrative support for the recreational trails program and the land and water conservation fund.

DP 604 - Program Base Operations - The legislature approved an adjustment to the base from state special revenue to fund planned projects and ongoing operations at budgeted prior year levels. This adjustment also provides funding for recreational trails, snowmobile, and off-highway vehicle programs.

DP 605 - Snowmobile Program RST/BIEN - The legislature approved a reduction in snowmobile fuel tax funding for the snowmobile groomer program. The program purchases groomers for local snowmobile clubs to maintain trails during the winter season. Most of the biennial appropriation was spent in the base year of the 2013 biennium, and this reduction restores funding to the anticipated biennial level in the 2015 biennium. The revenue is dedicated funding from the snowmobile fuel tax.

**New Proposals**

New Proposals											
		-----Fiscal 2014-----					-----Fiscal 2015-----				
Program	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
DP 606 - Parks Boat Safety											
06	0.50	0	0	31,670	31,670	0.50	0	0	31,634	31,634	
DP 607 - Parks Reservation System RST/OTO											
06	0.00	0	50,000	0	50,000	0.00	0	100,000	0	100,000	
DP 608 - Parks Equipment OTO											
06	0.00	0	200,000	0	200,000	0.00	0	200,000	0	200,000	
DP 609 - Parks O&M RST											
06	0.00	0	82,000	0	82,000	0.00	0	82,000	0	82,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$332,000</b>	<b>\$31,670</b>	<b>\$363,670</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$382,000</b>	<b>\$31,634</b>	<b>\$413,634</b>	

DP 606 - Parks Boat Safety - The legislature approved federal special revenue authority and 0.50 FTE for the promotion of boating safety, education, assistance, and maintenance activities in the Parks Division. This position will be combined with 1.50 FTE already in the base, creating 2.00 FTE.

DP 607 - Parks Reservation System RST/OTO - The legislature approved funding from the parks miscellaneous account to fund the Parks reservation system. The current memorandum of understanding with Idaho State Parks that provides a campsite reservation system for Montana will expire on December 31, 2013. In the event this contract is not renewed, this funding will be used to pay the operating costs of a replacement reservation system.

DP 608 - Parks Equipment OTO - The legislature approved state special revenue, primarily from the parks miscellaneous account, to purchase heavy equipment to maintain and repair infrastructure at parks statewide.

DP 609 - Parks O&M RST - The legislature approved funding from the coal tax trust and parks miscellaneous accounts for increasing operating costs statewide. The cost of garbage collection, electricity, latrine pumping, supplies, materials, and repairs and maintenance has increased significantly. Parks with high camping volumes and visitors require additional operations funding to pay for critical services such as park maintenance and safety improvements to ensure visitor enjoyment.

**Proprietary Program Description**

**Enterprise Funds**

*Proprietary Program Description*

In FY 2012, this fund accounted for \$185,769 of earned revenue, \$153,716 of expenditures, and a fund balance in the amount of \$346,914.

This program is funded with an enterprise type proprietary fund. As such, the legislature does not appropriate funds or approve rates for the program. Instead, the legislature reviews the report for the enterprise fund and identifies any concerns with the financial position of the fund.

Revenues

Revenues are generated by the sales of interpretive and educational merchandise at park visitor centers and regional offices.

Expenses

The expenses associated with the enterprise fund include office supplies, merchandising materials, and the purchase of inventory to replenish stock. As the program develops, the 60-day working capital requirement would provide sufficient cash to fund on-going operations of the program. The cash balances are highest in the winter after the parks season ends and lowest in the spring when stock is purchased to replenish inventory.

Proprietary Rate Explanation

To ensure sufficient revenues are collected to replenish inventory.