

**Status of FWP LRBP Appropriations  
Legislative Finance Committee Working Group Report  
Updated for November 2008 Meeting**

**Capital Projects Definition:** A capital project is defined to include acquisition of land and buildings or improvements and additions to these, construction and initial equipment, reconstruction, significant demolition, major alteration of any capital asset, and major maintenance projects. Major maintenance means building maintenance or repair projects that are not needed on an annual or biennial basis or are not the function of the permanent maintenance staff of the agency.

**LAND ACQUISITIONS**

**Access Montana**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Provides funding to acquire lands for future public access to Montana’s cultural, historic, and recreational lands statewide.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2007	05059	E1183	\$10,000,000	\$9,908,140	\$8,543,942
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$9,908,140</b>	<b>\$8,543,942</b>

**Explanation:**

Numerous potential projects are being examined and evaluated statewide. Several potential land projects have received FWP Commission approval to proceed and are in various stages of negotiation. It is anticipated that Montana will benefit from several new Park and FAS acquisitions from this funding source. A land acquisition closed in mid-October using another \$2m of Access Montana funds.

**Bighorn Sheep Program**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This authority is for the protection of mountain sheep habitat through the acquisition of land interest by easement, fee title, or lease.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1997	02086	E167	\$193,192	\$47,950	\$0
1999	02086	E197	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$0
2001	02086	E1121	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
2003	02086	E1141	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
2007	02086	E1180	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$968,192</b>	<b>\$822,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

Three big horn sheep habitat acquisition projects were completed: a 17-acre inholding in the Woods Ranch WMA in Lincoln County, the 52-acre Hodges acquisition in Sanders County, and a portion of the 280-acre Jamison acquisition in Deer Lodge County.

**Brush Lake Acquisition**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Funding for the fee title acquisition and the development of Brush Lake in eastern Montana.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2003	02411	E1144	\$97,731	\$96,693	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$97,731</b>	<b>\$96,693</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

The acquisition of Brush Lake State Park was completed in 2006. The original project involved both land acquisition and initial site development. The original land acquisition was for the land on the north half of the lake. This appropriation has been retained on the books due to the hope that an additional acquisition would be possible on the south half of the lake. After several good-faith attempts, it does not appear that that the second acquisition will be possible. **FWP will request the remaining balance of \$96,693 be reverted at FYE08.**

**Fishing Access Site Acquisition**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This program provides funding to enable the department to acquire interest in lands for angler access to public waterways. The funds are used primarily for fee title acquisition of small parcels of land on Montana’s rivers and streams.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2003	03097	E1134	\$100,000	\$100,000	Reverted
2005	03097	E1151	\$100,000	\$100,000	Reverted
2005	02409	E1151	\$77,115	\$0	\$0
2007	02409	E1171	\$320,000	\$233,322	\$134,821
2007	02415	E1171	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
2007	03097	E1171	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$837,115</b>	<b>\$673,322</b>	<b>\$374,821</b>

**Explanation:**

The first two line items total \$200,000 in Federal Wallop-Breaux (W-B) authority with no actual funding behind it. **FWP will request the authority be reverted at FYE08.**

The remaining appropriations are General License, Fishing Access License Acquisition, and Federal W-B. These funds will be utilized for site acquisitions statewide. There are numerous potential projects on going, under review, or currently in-work.

**Habitat Montana\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This program protects and enhances important wildlife lands by acquisition of land interests through fee title, easement, or lease.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	02114	E1118	\$928,911	\$0	\$0
2003	02114	E1137	\$6,900,000	\$6,146,257	\$558,464
2005	02114	E1158	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000
2007	02114	E1176	\$6,180,000	\$6,180,000	\$6,180,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$19,308,911</b>	<b>\$17,626,257</b>	<b>\$12,038,464</b>

**Explanation:**

FWP has completed 6 habitat conservation projects (4 acquisitions and 2 conservation easements) so far during the biennium using approximately \$13 million of Habitat Montana funds (including a \$6m acquisition that closed mid-October). Two projects (1 easement and 1 acquisition) should be completed in November 2008 using an additional \$4 million of Habitat Montana funds. Two more projects (1 easement and 1 acquisition) using \$2 million of Habitat Montana are in process and should be completed by June 2009.

**Migratory Bird Stamp Program**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This funding is for the protection and enhancement of wetland habitat through the construction of earthworks or other structures and by acquisition of land interest through easement, fee title, or lease.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	02085	E1119	\$78,840	\$54,756	\$50,000
2003	02085	E1140	\$45,000	\$39,084	\$23,840
2005	02085	E1161	\$579,304	\$579,304	\$579,304
2007	02085	E1179	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,063,144</b>	<b>\$1,033,144</b>	<b>\$1,013,144</b>

**Explanation:**

The Migratory Bird Stamp Program has been unable to pursue as many wetland projects in recent years due to increased demands on wildlife biologists' time. Those we have pursued have become more challenging due in part to water rights issues. The department is planning on completing a number of quality wetland projects during FY 2009 and FY 2010 that will utilize the available balance. These include:

- Pilster reservoir repair
- Phillippi reservoir repair
- North Shore fee title purchase
- Gordon reservoir repair
- Nipepipes wetland projects
- Wesen reservoir repair
- Sleeping Buffalo

## **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

### **Boat Washing Stations\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project will provide for boat-washing stations at popular nonresident destinations to help prevent the spread of unwanted exotic species.

#### **Status of Appropriation Authority?**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FYE07 Balance</b>	<b>3/17/08 Balance</b>	<b>10/1/08 Balance</b>
2005	02409	E1156	\$8,913	\$7,727	Reverted
2005	03097	E1156	\$26,738	\$23,182	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$35,650</b>	<b>\$30,909</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### **Explanation:**

FWP contracted for the construction of a portable boat-washing station. Our original intent was to build two of these boat-washing stations; however, we were only able to afford one. FWP will request the balance of the authority be reverted at FYE08.

### **Community Fishing Ponds\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project will provide funding for the development of community fishing ponds.

#### **Status of Appropriation Authority?**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FYE07 Balance</b>	<b>3/17/08 Balance</b>	<b>10/1/08 Balance</b>
2005	03097	E1154	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2007	02409	E1174	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

#### **Explanation:**

The entire \$50,000 from the 2005 session is presently committed to improvements at Carters Ponds located near Lewiston. Additionally, \$11,500 of funds from the 2007 session is committed to access improvements at the Wadsworth Pond located in Great Falls. The project at Carters Pond was completed in October. Final bills should process in the near future. The Community Fishing Pond program has one funding cycle each year with a deadline for applications of February 1. Consequently, there is one more funding cycle before the beginning of the next biennium.

### **Fort Peck Fish Hatchery**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project was for the construction of the Fort Peck Hatchery.

#### **Status of Appropriation Authority?**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FYE07 Balance</b>	<b>3/17/08 Balance</b>	<b>10/1/08 Balance</b>
	02942	ET31	\$73,356	\$73,356	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$73,356</b>	<b>\$73,356</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

This project is complete. FWP will request this authority be reverted at FYE08.

**Fort Peck Storage/Office Space\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project will provide space for fisheries management/research and for equipment storage at Fort Peck.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	02409	A1516	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2005	03097	A1516	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**Explanation:**

We have not been able to complete this project because the federal funds have been limited over the past several years. We plan to complete this project as the federal matching funds become available.

**Lewis and Clark Bicentennial\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** Originally appropriated by the 1999 Session to make improvements at state parks in preparation for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1999	02411	E1104	\$44,179	\$8,837	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$44,179</b>	<b>\$8,837</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

Originally appropriated by the 1999 Session to make improvements in preparation for the pending Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration, numerous projects were completed. Examples include site upgrades at the significant Lewis and Clark parks at the Headwaters and the Clark’s Lookout State Parks. The remaining funds in this appropriation will be expended on one of the qualifying Lewis and Clark Bicentennial sites by the end of this fiscal year or reverted.

**Motorboat Recreation Parks**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides improvements at motorboat sites including roads, ramps, and related infrastructures.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1999	02411	E1102	\$101,202	\$101,202	\$92,604
2001	02273	E1123	\$16,050	\$4,874	\$2,285
2001	02422	E1123	\$118,790	\$122,318	\$114,639
2001	03097	E1123	\$1	\$1	\$0
2003	02273	E1142	\$129,060	\$76,051	\$11,188
2003	02409	E1142	\$14,756	\$0	\$0

2003	02422	EI142	\$16,525	\$0	\$0
2005	02273	EI162	\$208,442	\$202,461	\$102,052
2005	02411	EI162	\$119,130	\$49,333	\$21,724
2005	02422	EI162	\$641,482	\$326,776	\$42,306
2005	08103	N/A	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,365,438</b>	<b>\$2,883,016</b>	<b>\$386,798</b>

**Explanation:**

The 1999 funds were allocated to 8 projects, of which all are complete but one. This project is scheduled for spring construction and the balance will be expended prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

The 2001 funds have been allocated to 42 individual projects, of which all are completed except 2, which are scheduled for spring construction.

The 2003 funds have been used on 30 separate projects, of which all are completed but 4; 2 are under agreement and 2 are pending grants.

The 2005 funding has gone to 27 individual projects, with 9 still to complete; 1 is in final design for spring construction, 1 is in design for fall construction, 2 are county grants, and the rest are under construction.

The final amount of \$2,000,000 is authority for a private donation for development of a park site on Flathead Lake. The project never developed and it appears unlikely to. [FWP will request this authority be reverted at FYE08.](#)

**MT Wildlife Rehab and Nature Center Complex\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** Construction of a wildlife education center.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2003	03408	AI308	\$500,000	\$500,000	Reverted
2005	08103	AI308	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,100,000</b>	<b>\$3,100,000</b>	<b>\$2,600,000</b>

**Explanation:**

[FWP will request the federal authority be reverted at FYE08.](#) The FWP Foundation is working on grant writing and donations for the \$2.6 million of private authority.

**MAJOR MAINTENANCE**

**Administrative Facilities and Repairs**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Funding provides for the timely repair and preventive maintenance of the state's infrastructure investment at FWP administrative buildings across the state.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2003	02409	AI309	\$14	\$14	Reverted
2003	02409	ET37	\$22,131	\$11,312	\$10,179
2003	02410	AI309	\$14	\$14	Reverted
2003	02410	ET37	\$48,779	\$11,557	\$9,045
2005	02409	ET47	\$28,175	\$11,654	\$6,982
2005	02410	ET47	\$67,090	\$43,290	\$41,365
2005	02409	AI517	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
2007	02409	ET186	\$150,000	\$145,953	\$145,953
2007	02410	ET186	\$650,000	\$600,058	\$576,996
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$968,202</b>	<b>\$823,851</b>	<b>\$790,520</b>

**Explanation:**

- 2003 02409/AI309 – this project is complete. FWP will request the balance be reverted at FYE08.
- 2004 02409/ET37 -- \$3,310 is the balance remaining from two completed projects; \$7,687 remains in an active project under contract that was shut down by winter weather but will be wrapping up this spring when weather allows.
- 2003 02410/ET37 -- \$2,374 remains in a project under contract that was shut down by weather and will be completed this spring; \$9,183 is committed to a project to be completed this summer, as it had to be delayed until MDOT completed a storm sewer in the roadway adjacent to the Kalispell HQ.
- 2005 02409/ET47 -- \$6,352 and \$4,313 remain in two miscellaneous HQ repair accounts that we are holding for possible energy projects with DEQ.
- 2005 024010/ET47 -- \$38,500 is for an acquisition project that was just approved at the March commission meeting; \$2,000 is for a painting project that will be completed once the weather allows; and \$2,790 is the balance remaining from completed projects and will likely be directed to energy projects.
- 2007 02409/ET186 -- \$145,953 remains in three projects, one of which is complete, one is under contract, and one is going to bid this spring for summer construction.
- 2007 02410/ET186 -- \$600,058 remains in 26 projects at administrative sites across the state, some of which are under construction; the rest will be bid this spring and summer.

**Big Springs PCB Cleanup\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides funding for the immediate cleanup of accumulated PCBs at the Big Springs Hatchery and the creek.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	03097	ET46	\$859	\$0	\$0
2005	02409	ET46	\$6,390	\$0	\$0
2005	02409	EI149	\$1,461,421	\$1,442,347	\$1,382,479
2005	03097	EI149	\$1,862,955	\$1,842,058	\$1,798,670
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,331,626</b>	<b>\$3,284,405</b>	<b>\$3,181,149</b>

**Explanation:**

The PCB cleanup at the hatchery has been proceeding and is close to completion. The raceways at the lower hatchery have been rehabilitated. There remains some relatively minor work to be done on the upper hatchery. We are working with the EPA and the community to develop a restoration plan for the creek. We hope to begin clean up of the creek in 2009.

**Cultural and Historic Parks\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project will preserve cultural and historic resources of the State Park System, including stabilization of historic buildings, protection of pictographs, and providing interpretive resources.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1999	02408	E1101	\$111,089	\$58,820	\$0
1999	02411	E1101	\$4,764	\$2,520	\$0
2003	02422	E1143	\$30,351	\$4,692	\$0
2003	02410	E1142	\$9,313	\$2,811	\$0
2005	03406	AT601	\$250,714	\$0	\$0
2005	02422	AT601	\$5,794	\$5,794	\$5,794
2005	02411	E1163	\$934,385	\$390,594	\$75,575
2005	02422	E1163	\$336,515	\$121,771	\$96,445
2005	08103	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,982,924</b>	<b>\$887,002</b>	<b>\$177,814</b>

**Explanation:**

Numerous projects are in work at Cultural & Historical park sites statewide.

The 1999 Session funds were allocated to 48 individual projects, of which 2 are still on going. The small balance shown will be expended prior to the end of this fiscal year. One is under contract awaiting final billing, the other is going to spring bid and construction.

The 2003 Session funds went towards work at 16 individual projects, of which one is yet to be completed.

The 2005 Session funds are allocated to 29 separate projects, of which 10 are yet to be completed -- 5 are under contract, 3 are in design for summer bids, and 2 are ready to be closed out.

The final amount is authority for a \$300,000 privately funded bridge project at Traveler’s Rest State Park. The bridge was completed without the use of this authority. [FWP will request the authority be reverted at the end of FYE08.](#)

**Smith River Corridor\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This appropriation will use Smith River funds for a land purchase within the Smith River Corridor.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	02171	E1163	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**Explanation:**

The Smith River Corridor Enhancement Account (CEA) has been in-place for approximately fifteen years. Funds for the CEA are from a portion of the fees paid by Smith River floaters, commercial outfitters, and from voluntary donations made to the account by floaters.

Authority to expend the funds was requested from the 2005 Session at the time of a potential land purchase within the Smith River Corridor. That land purchase did not occur. It is FWP's desire to retain this appropriation should an appropriate and worthy opportunity arise during a future biennium.

**Lone Pine State Park\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides authority to construct an addition to the existing visitor's center and for interpretive exhibits.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	02411	AT601	\$289,177	\$4,120	\$492
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$289,177</b>	<b>\$4,120</b>	<b>\$492</b>

**Explanation:**

The Lone Pine State Park building rehabilitation project was completed in 2007. The remaining funds will be expended for a fire alarm system prior to the end of this fiscal year or be reverted.

**Fishing Access Site O&M**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides funding for noxious weed control, latrine pumping, fencing, vandalism issues, and general maintenance activities. FWP is requesting this authority in HB2 beginning in FY2010/11.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	02409	E1152	\$75,886	\$24,030	\$0
2005	02333	E1152	\$74,984	\$41,784	\$0
2007	02333	E1172	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$244,753
2007	02409	E1172	\$80,000	\$35,895	\$19,828
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$500,870</b>	<b>\$371,709</b>	<b>\$264,581</b>

**Explanation:**

These funds are important for the operation of the statewide fishing access site (FAS) program. They augment the HB 2 operations funding, which is traditionally expended prior to these funds. Thus, HB2 operations dollars and older capital funds from this source are expended first.

The funding from the 2007 Session will be reduced significantly next spring/summer as the FAS maintenance operations get underway.

**Fishing Access Site Protection**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides for basic public use facilities at fishing access sites including latrines, roads, parking, boat ramps, stream bank stabilization, signing, fencing, etc.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	02409	E1111	\$6,945	\$0	\$0
2003	02409	E1133	\$131,712	\$47,392	\$46,760
2005	02409	E1153	\$462,573	\$282,708	\$185,262
2007	02409	E1173	\$800,000	\$697,610	\$561,409
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,401,230</b>	<b>\$1,027,710</b>	<b>\$793,431</b>

**Explanation:**

The 2003 Session funding was allocated to 37 individual projects, of which all are complete but 4. FWP anticipates a spring/summer bidding and construction.

The 2005 Session funding was allocated to 43 individual projects, of which all are complete but 15. Six are under contact, 4 are in design for spring bid and construction, and 5 are in design for summer bid and summer/fall construction.

The 2007 Session funding is allocated to 33 individual projects, of which 8 are complete and the remainder are on going and will be going to public bid as the design efforts are completed.

**FWP Dam Repairs**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides for the repair of department owned dams to protect them from excessive deterioration and possible failure.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2003	02409	E1136	\$9,388	\$6,777	\$0
2005	02409	E1155	\$245,283	\$245,283	\$228,090
2007	02409	E1175	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$354,671</b>	<b>\$352,060</b>	<b>\$328,090</b>

**Explanation:**

2003 – 02409/EI136 -- \$6,777 is committed to an existing contract for a consultant working on an EA and an engineering feasibility study for the Clearwater Fish Barrier project.

2005 – 02409/EI155 -- \$33,287 of the balance is committed to an existing contract for a consultant working on an EA and an engineering feasibility study for the Clearwater Fish Barrier project. The remainder of the balance will be dedicated to a project to repair Johnson Reservoir. The DNRC dam engineer is working on construction plans for a spring/summer bid and fall construction.

2007 – 02409/EI175 – This appropriation will be used for necessary dam repair projects and maintenance after spring inspections are completed.

**Hatchery Maintenance Statewide\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project funds the timely repair and preventive maintenance that is not needed on an annual or biennial basis and is not the function of the permanent hatchery staff of the agency.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	03097	ET36	\$252,733	\$252,733	Reverted
2003	03097	AI307	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000
2003	02409	AI307	\$111,932	\$88,927	\$88,927
2003	02409	ET36	\$54,975	\$30,582	\$28,082
2005	03097	AI514	\$575,000	\$575,000	Reverted
2005	02409	ET48	\$529,302	\$319,656	\$206,075
2007	02409	ET184	\$500,000	\$468,792	\$386,922
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,243,942</b>	<b>\$1,955,690</b>	<b>\$930,006</b>

**Explanation:**

- 2001 -- 03097/ET36 -- [FWP will request this appropriation be reverted at FYE08.](#)
- 2003 -- 03097/AI307 and 02409/AI307 – These appropriations are for work at Rose Creek Hatchery. FWP is waiting for availability of federal funds.
- 2003 -- 02409/ET36 – There are 4 ongoing maintenance projects at various stages of completion.
- 2005 – 03097/AI514 – [FWP will request this appropriation be reverted at FYE08.](#)
- 2005 -- 02409/ET48 -- 4 of 9 projects remain; 1 is under construction, 1 will be let for bid on April 24, and 2 are in the design phases.
- 2007 – 02409/ET184 -- Several projects are in the design phases.

**Upland Game Bird Program\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This funding is directed at the development and/or improvement of upland bird habitat by providing private landowners payment to restore/establish habitat and by providing accessible acres for hunting.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	02113	EI120	\$66	\$66	\$0
2003	02113	EI138	\$1,480,257	\$1,060,940	\$953,057
2003	02687	EI138	\$992	\$0	\$0
2005	02113	EI159	\$1,020,000	\$1,020,000	\$1,020,000
2005	02687	EI159	\$5,120	\$0	\$0
2007	02113	EI177	\$1,066,000	\$1,066,000	\$966,000
2007	02687	EI177	\$192,000	\$67,103	\$16,890
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,764,435</b>	<b>\$3,214,109</b>	<b>\$2,955,947</b>

**Explanation:**

The Upland Game Bird Program has been unable to pursue as many habitat enhancement projects in recent years due to increased demands on wildlife biologists' time. FWP has recently established partnerships with Pheasants Forever, Sheridan County, and the BLM to obtain staff to assist with the delivery of this program. With these new partnerships and expanded capacity for working on habitat projects, the department anticipates reducing this fund balance. FWP has also utilized funds from this program to assist with acquisition of conservation easements in areas where the easement has potential for enhancement/protection of upland game bird habitat.

**Wildlife Habitat Maintenance\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** Maintenance or repair projects of wildlife lands that are not needed on an annual or biennial basis or are not the function of the permanent maintenance staff of the agency.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2001	02469	E1117	\$79,792	\$0	\$0
2003	02469	E1139	\$398,292	\$197,526	\$146,356
2005	02469	E1160	\$701,423	\$519,152	\$335,729
2007	02469	E1178	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,089,320
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,379,506</b>	<b>\$1,916,678</b>	<b>\$1,571,405</b>

**Explanation:**

The 2003 appropriation balance is allocated to on-going projects. Major projects are fencing on Mt. Haggin and Rookery WMA restoration.

The 2005 appropriation has all but \$2,800 allocated to on-going projects. Major projects are Sun River WMA boundary fence; Beckman WMA grazing system; Three Mile WMA boundary fence; and boundary fencing on a few smaller WMAs.

Of the 2007 appropriation, all funds except \$3,850 have been allocated. Major road and fence construction projects are starting on new wildlife management areas, such as Yellowstone WMA; Lincoln WMA; and Milk River Initiative, as well as Beartooth WMA fire rehab and continuation of Beckman WMA grazing system.

**State Parks Program**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project renovates existing facilities, infrastructures, and roads at State Parks across the state.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2007	02422	E1181	\$1,300,000	\$1,262,164	\$1,030,183
2007	02422	AT800	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
2007	03097	E1181	\$2,000,000	\$1,632,494	\$1,107,741
2007	02411	E1181	\$1,600,000	\$971,756	\$647,903

2007	02411	AT800	\$1,000,000	\$875,660	\$961,919
2007	02411	AT801	\$400,000	\$324,623	\$787,807
2007	02273	E1181	\$450,000	\$449,636	\$382,473
2007	05059	E1185	\$500,000	\$456,385	\$336,076
2007	03403	E1181	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$7,750,000</b>	<b>\$6,472,718</b>	<b>\$5,954,102</b>

**Explanation:**

These appropriations are all from the 2007 Session. The funding has been allocated to various park projects statewide including historic building stabilization at Bannack; boat ramp replacements at Placid Lake, Boisvert’s FAS, Logan, and Lake Mary Ronan; a visitor’s center and maintenance shop at Lewis & Clark Caverns; irrigation work at Giant Springs; and relocation of the rifle range from Makoshika State Park. In total, 45 individual projects are funded from these sources. The work at Bannack, the rifle range at Makoshika, and the Lewis & Clark Caverns project should be bid in the next few months. The remaining projects are in various stages of design.

The \$300,000 of federal authority is for a National Park Service grant to conduct building stabilization work at Bannack State Park. If successful, this funding will be utilized to complete needed building restoration efforts within the Bannack town site. The results of the grant application will be known later in 2008. We anticipate hearing the outcome in late November.

**GRANTS PROGRAMS**

**Fish Cleaning Stations**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project will provide for fish cleaning stations on popular waters to facilitate handling and cleaning of fish by our angling public.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
2005	08103	N/A	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500
2005	03097	E1157	\$112,500	\$112,500	\$112,500
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Explanation:**

The intent of the project is to provide federal funds as grants to local fishing groups interested in developing fish cleaning stations. The local groups would provide the private match for the federal dollars. FWP has discussed this granting opportunity with several fishing clubs, but so far none has been able to raise the necessary funds to provide the match. We would like to keep this authority for two more years to give the fishing groups additional time to raise the matching funds.

**Recreational Grants\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** These projects provide state and/or federal funding through grants for numerous recreational programs including grants for maintenance and renovation of OHV trails; for maintenance, development, and improvements of motorized, non-motorized, and diversified

trail systems statewide; for public motorboating opportunities; and for outdoor recreation projects including general park facility upgrades as well as acquisitions.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
<b>LWCF Grants</b>					
2001	03406	E1129	\$111,737	\$0	\$0
2003	03406	E1146	\$1,869,596	\$1,681,050	\$1,601,255
2005	03406	E1164	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
<b>Fedl WB Grants</b>					
2001	03097	E1124	\$3,579	\$0	\$0
2003	03097	E1145	\$133,204	\$7,298	\$4,157
2005	03097	E1164	\$1,292,003	\$561,915	\$163,010
<b>OHV Grants</b>					
2003	02213	E1148	\$149,920	\$110,513	\$37,584
2003	02239	E1148	\$49,920	\$0	\$0
2005	02213	E1164	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$255,000
2005	02239	E1164	\$75,000	\$62,302	\$0
2007	02213	E1182	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
2007	02239	E1182	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$478
<b>Fedl Trails</b>					
2003	03098	E1147	\$371,167	\$490	\$0
2005	03098	E1164	\$1,900,000	\$1,311,754	\$1,069,900
2007	03098	E1182	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,931,124</b>	<b>\$8,710,322</b>	<b>\$7,691,384</b>

**Explanation:**

LWCF Grants – In the 2003/2005 time period, there was a great deal of optimism that the Federal LWCF program would expand and be funded at a high level nationwide. An additional \$1.6 million in authority was requested and approved by the 2005 Session. This authority has not been used and is not anticipated to be used based upon the national trends of the declining LWCF program. **FWP will request the 2005 appropriation of \$1.6 million in authority be reverted at the end of FYE08.** This was inadvertently missed when reverting appropriations at FYE08. We are in the process of reverting it now. The remaining LWCF authority on the books will be sufficient for the grant program for several biennia.

Federal W-B Grants – The funding in this category has been allocated to 24 individual projects at qualifying water based parks and FASs. All are complete but 4.

OHV Grants – These funds have been allocated to private clubs and organizations for projects or trail work related to OHV’s throughout Montana. It is anticipated that much of the 2003 through 2005 balances will be spent as the work season begins again in the late spring. Please note that half of the 2007 appropriation has yet to be granted out. This will be done in 2008, the second year of the current biennium.

Federal Trails Grants – These federal funds are granted out to local clubs, cities/towns, and federal agencies for trail related projects statewide. Historically, this grant program often takes more than one year for a community to complete their project for various reasons-- construction seasons, raising additional private funds, etc. Funding allocated by the 2003 Session has been expended and grants have been awarded for all of the 2005 funding available. Please note that half of the 2007 appropriation will be awarded in late summer 2008.

**Future Fisheries – River Restoration\***

**Is this a Capital Project?** This appropriation authority provides for the restoration and enhancement of degraded aquatic habitats.

Status of Appropriation Authority?

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1999	02149	EI90	\$144,314	\$119,413	\$0
1999	02409	EI90	\$230,439	\$230,439	\$44,815
2001	02149	EI115	\$141,574	\$129,757	\$141,574
2001	02409	EI115	\$676,988	\$645,282	\$615,624
2003	02149	EI131	\$179,680	\$60,128	\$148,994
2003	02022	EI131	\$312,322	\$255,830	\$127,038
2005	02149	EI150	\$190,000	\$55,635	\$190,000
2005	02022	EI150	\$867,356	\$564,726	\$472,916
2007	02149	EI170	\$314,000	\$314,000	\$314,000
2007	02022	EI170	\$1,000,000	\$998,858	\$998,858
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,056,672</b>	<b>\$3,374,068</b>	<b>\$3,053,819</b>

**Explanation:**

The balances are misleading because the time between when funds are committed to projects and when funds are actually spent may take several years. The balance of \$3,374,068 is reduced to \$1,494,132 if you subtract the unspent dollars that have already been committed to projects. The balance will be further reduced by an estimated \$830,000 after completion of the two funding cycles that remain this biennium (we commit an average of \$415,000 per funding cycle), leaving about \$664,000 of uncommitted and unspent funds by the end of the biennium. (Our FWP Commission approved project applications received for the first funding cycle at their September 2008 meeting.) We anticipate that the balance, after accounting for unspent but committed funds, will be near zero by the end of the 2009 biennium. Increases in fund balances between 3/17/08 to 10/1/08 for some appropriations are due to reallocation of expenditures to the older 1999 appropriations.

All but about \$4,000 of the 1999 appropriations has been spent since the table above was created, and we anticipate that \$200,000 - \$300,000 of the 2001 appropriations will be spent by the time the legislature meets in January 2009.

**PRE-2001 BIENNIUM\***

**Thompson Lake Site Improvements**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Appropriated for motorboat development at Thompson Chain of Lakes.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1993	02409	EA14	\$3	\$3	Reverted
1993	03097	EA4	\$6	\$6	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

This project is complete. FWP will request this appropriation balance be reverted at FYE08.

**Spring Meadow Lake Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Appropriated for the relocation and construction of the animal rehab center.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1993	02051	ET3	\$120,000	\$120,000	Reverted
1995	02051	AI003	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
1995	08103	AV600	\$3,110	\$3,110	Reverted
1995	03403	AI046	\$25,000	\$25,000	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$448,110</b>	<b>\$448,110</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

**Explanation:**

FWP will work with A&E and request all but the \$300,000 be reverted at FYE08. Fund raising by the Foundation for Animals is ongoing.

**Tongue River**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project provides the state share of the fish and wildlife enhancement efforts associated with the renovation of the Tongue River Dam. Projects include riparian area improvements, habitat rehabilitation, stream bank stabilization, and watershed restoration.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1995	02409	EI107	\$36,256	\$36,256	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$36,256</b>	<b>\$36,256</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

FWP will request the balance of this authority be reverted at FYE.

**Bluewater Hatchery Phase III**

**Is this a Capital Project?** This project completes the upgrade of the Bluewater Hatchery. Renovations corrected water quality problems, provided for adequate early rearing space for young fish, and furnished isolation facilities for eggs.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1997	02409	AI021	\$15,377	\$1,172	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$15,377</b>	<b>\$1,172</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

This project is complete. FWP will request the authority be reverted at FYE08.

**Budget Amendments:**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
	03403	EBG	\$444,560	\$0	\$0
	03403	EBF	\$25,000	\$25,000	Reverted
	03403	EBH	\$1,379,000	\$1,379,000	\$0
	03403	EB2	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0
	03403	EBI	\$15,000	\$8,574	\$8,574
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,863,560</b>	<b>\$1,412,574</b>	<b>\$8,574</b>

**Explanation:**

This federal authority is for budget amendments approved during the interim for capital projects including Swan Lake Phase III (EBG), administrative costs (EBF), Nevada Creek EBH), the North Swan River Valley (EB2), and the Yellowstone Fish Passage (EBI).

**Whirling Disease Contingency**

**Is this a Capital Project?** Appropriated for addressing initial concerns regarding whirling disease.

**Status of Appropriation Authority?**

Session	Fund	Appropriation	FYE07 Balance	3/17/08 Balance	10/1/08 Balance
1995	02409	EI22	\$21,074	\$21,074	Reverted
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$21,074</b>	<b>\$21,074</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation:**

This project is com - 17 -complete. FWP will request the authority be reverted at FYE08.

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