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September 28, 2005

Mary Sexton, Director
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
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Dear Ms. Sexton:

At the June meeting of the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), the committee voted to request information from each agency on the status of certain FTE for which funding was added in HB 2. This letter is our request for this information. Specifically, the committee wishes to know:

- 1) Which positions have been filled
- 2) The status or projected hire date of positions that have not been filled
- 3) Issues encountered in attempting to fill the positions

Attached to this letter is a form(s) for the positions for which the LFC requests this information. Please complete and return the form via email to the analyst listed on the form and to Diane McDuffie at dimcduffie@mt.gov in the Legislative Fiscal Division by October 14, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any general questions about this request, please contact Taryn Purdy at 5383, or at tpurdy@mt.gov. If you have questions about a particular update, please contact the LFD staff person listed.

Sincerely,

Clayton Schenck
Legislative Fiscal Analyst

FTE Information Requested by the Legislative Finance Committee
For the 2007 Biennium

General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 2110
 # of FTE: 1.00

FTE Purpose: Attorney - Water Issues

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For (Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)	Hire Date
Chief Legal Counsel	07/01/05

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)

 If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

FTE Information Requested by the Legislative Finance Committee For the 2007 Biennium

General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 2320
 # of FTE: 1.00

FTE Purpose: Conservation District Program Officer

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For <small>(Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)</small>	Hire Date
Land Use Specialist-Conservation Districts	

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)
November 30, 2005.
 If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

FTE Information Requested by the Legislative Finance Committee
For the 2007 Biennium

General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
Due Date: 14-Oct-05
LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 2327
of FTE: 1.00

FTE Purpose: St. Mary's Engineer

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For	Hire Date
(Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)	
Civil Engineer for St Mary's Water Project	

If the FTE have not been hired:
When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)
November 15, 2005.
If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

FTE Information Requested by the Legislative Finance Committee For the 2007 Biennium

General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 3527
 # of FTE: 2.00

FTE Purpose: Trust Land - Forestry Sustainable Yield

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For <small>(Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)</small>	Hire Date
Forester for increased Sustainable Yield on State Trust Land	09/03/05
Forester for increased Sustainable Yield on State Trust Land	09/17/05

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)

 If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

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General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 3511
 # of FTE: 4.00

FTE Purpose: County Co-op Support - Fire

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For <small>(Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)</small>	Hire Date
Mechanics (2) for County Co-op Program	07/01/05
Rural Fire Coordinator for County Co-op Program	10/10/05
Rural Fire Coordinator for County Co-op Program	10/15/05

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)

If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

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General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 3512
 # of FTE: 3.79

FTE Purpose: Increased Helitack Capacity - fire

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For <small>(Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)</small>	Hire Date
Helitack support crew (2.59) for Fire Aviation Support	07/01/05
Helicopter Manager (1)	

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)
11/01/05 for Helicopter Manager.

If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) _____

FTE Information Requested by the Legislative Finance Committee For the 2007 Biennium

General Information

Agency Name: DNRC
 Due Date: 14-Oct-05
 LFD Contact: Smith, Barbara
 Agency Contact:

Specific Information

Decision Package: 3510
 # of FTE: 5.11

FTE Purpose: Increased Aviation Capacity - fire

FTE Information Required

Position FTE Hired For (Please provide position name e.g., Program Manager for Small Business Insurance Pool)	Hire Date
3 Mechanics	07/01/05
.79 Pilot	07/01/05
1.32 Pilot	

If the FTE have not been hired:
 When will the FTE be hired? (Be specific as possible e.g., December, end of 3rd quarter, etc.)
11/01/05 for additional pilot.

If recruitment efforts were unsuccessful, what prevented you from hiring? (e.g. didn't get qualified applicants, vacancy savings, etc.) Some difficulty has been experience is in getting a qualified pool for pilots.

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