

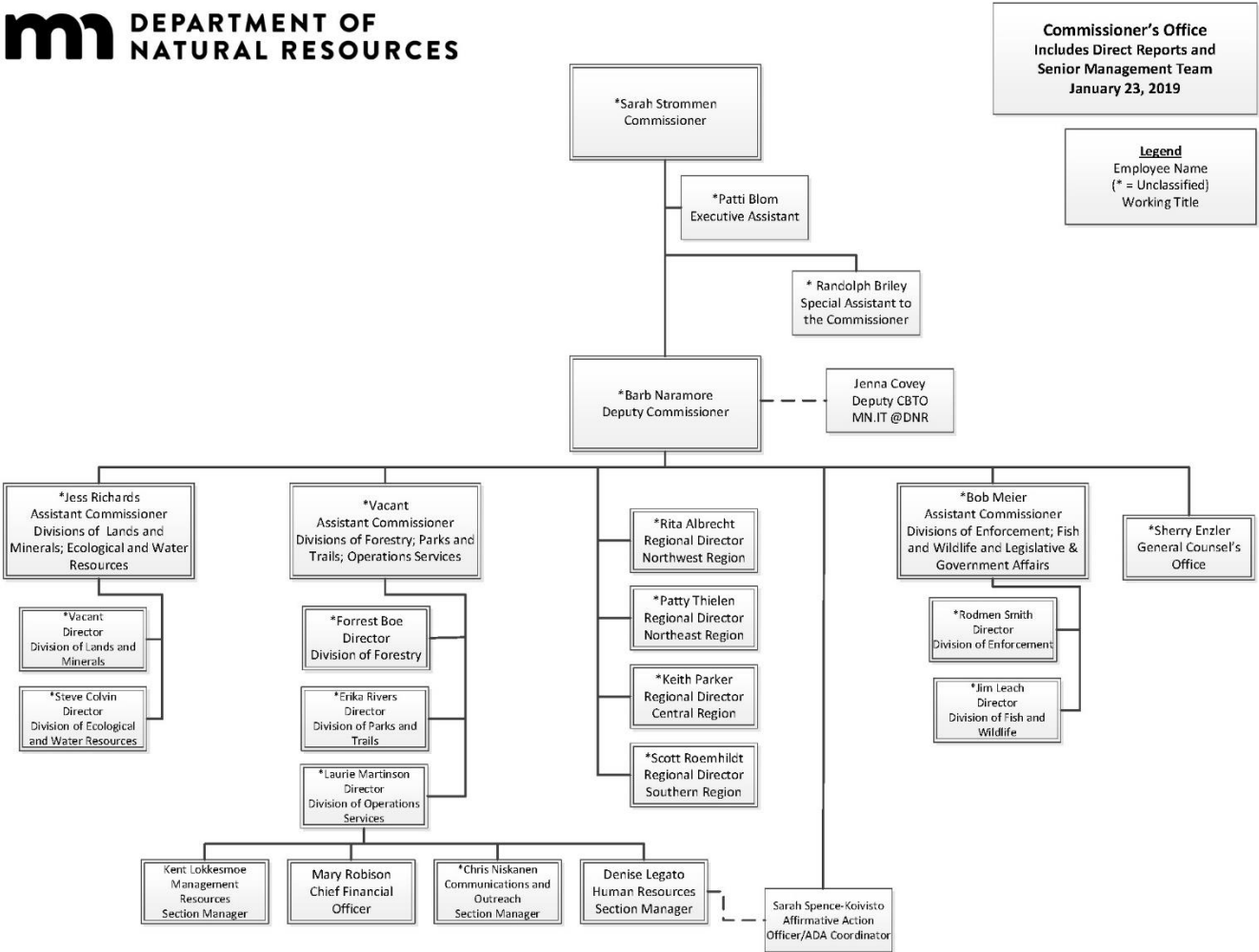


# DNR Agency Overview

House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

Commissioner Sarah Strommen

# DNR Organizational Chart

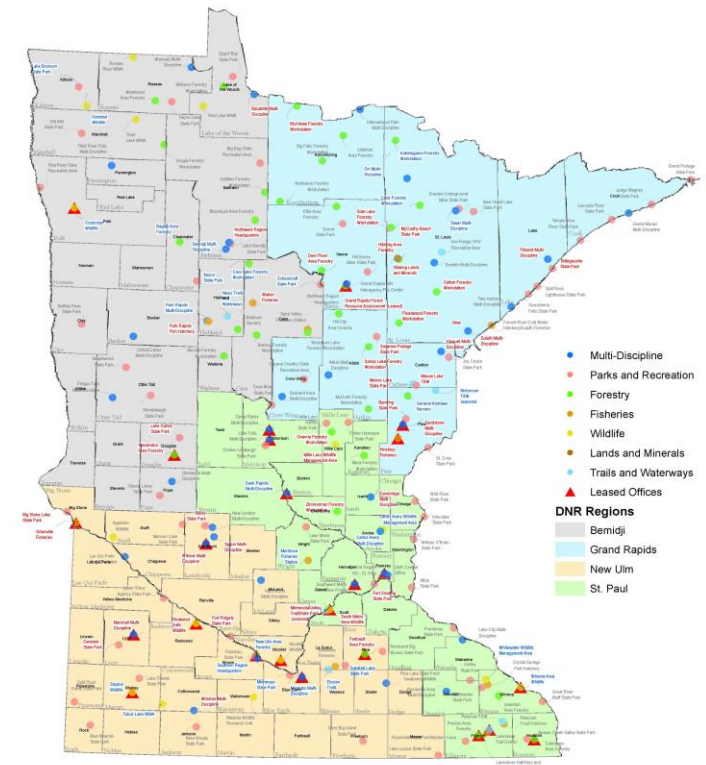


# DNR by the Numbers

- DNR is divided into 4 regions
- DNR has over 300 work sites statewide and recreational facilities in every county
- DNR employs 4,300 employees (2,700 full-time employees)
- 2,900 owned or leased buildings

## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

*Worksite Locations and Leased Offices*

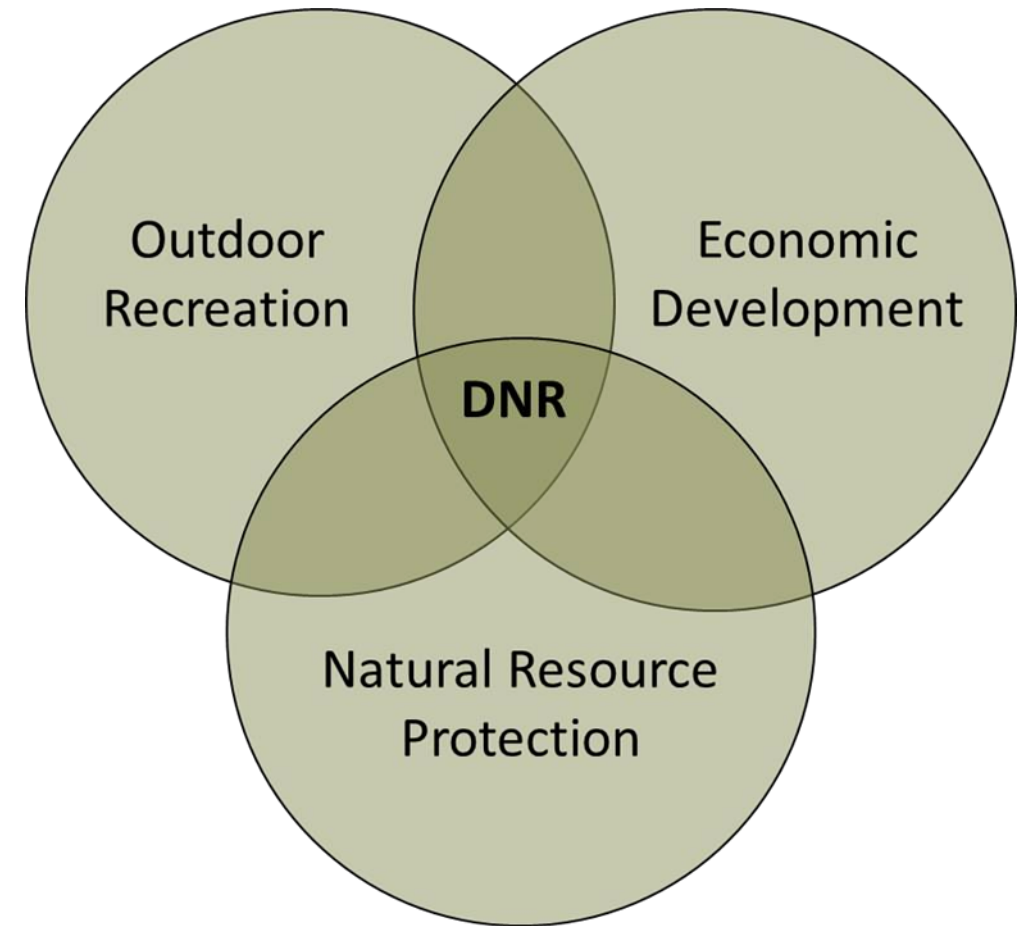


# DNR by the Numbers

- 59 state forests
- 1.3 million acres of wildlife management areas
- 166 scientific and natural areas totaling 192,000 acres
- 66 state parks, 9 state recreation areas, and 9 state waysides totaling 234,500 acres
- 46,000 acres of aquatic management areas
- 1,500 miles of state trails
- 23,800 miles of grants-in-aid trails (1,800 OHV, 700 ski, and 21,300 snow)
- 4,100 miles of hiking, biking, horse, and motorized trails within state park, state recreation area, and state forest lands
- 1,700 public water access sites and 360 fishing piers, platforms, and shore-fishing sites
- 1.7 million anglers, hunters and trappers
- 826,000 registered boats
- 192,000 registered snowmobiles and 300,000 registered all-terrain vehicles (ATV's)
- 10 million state park and recreation area visitors

# DNR's Mission

*The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable way of life.*



# Conservation Agenda: Four Goals

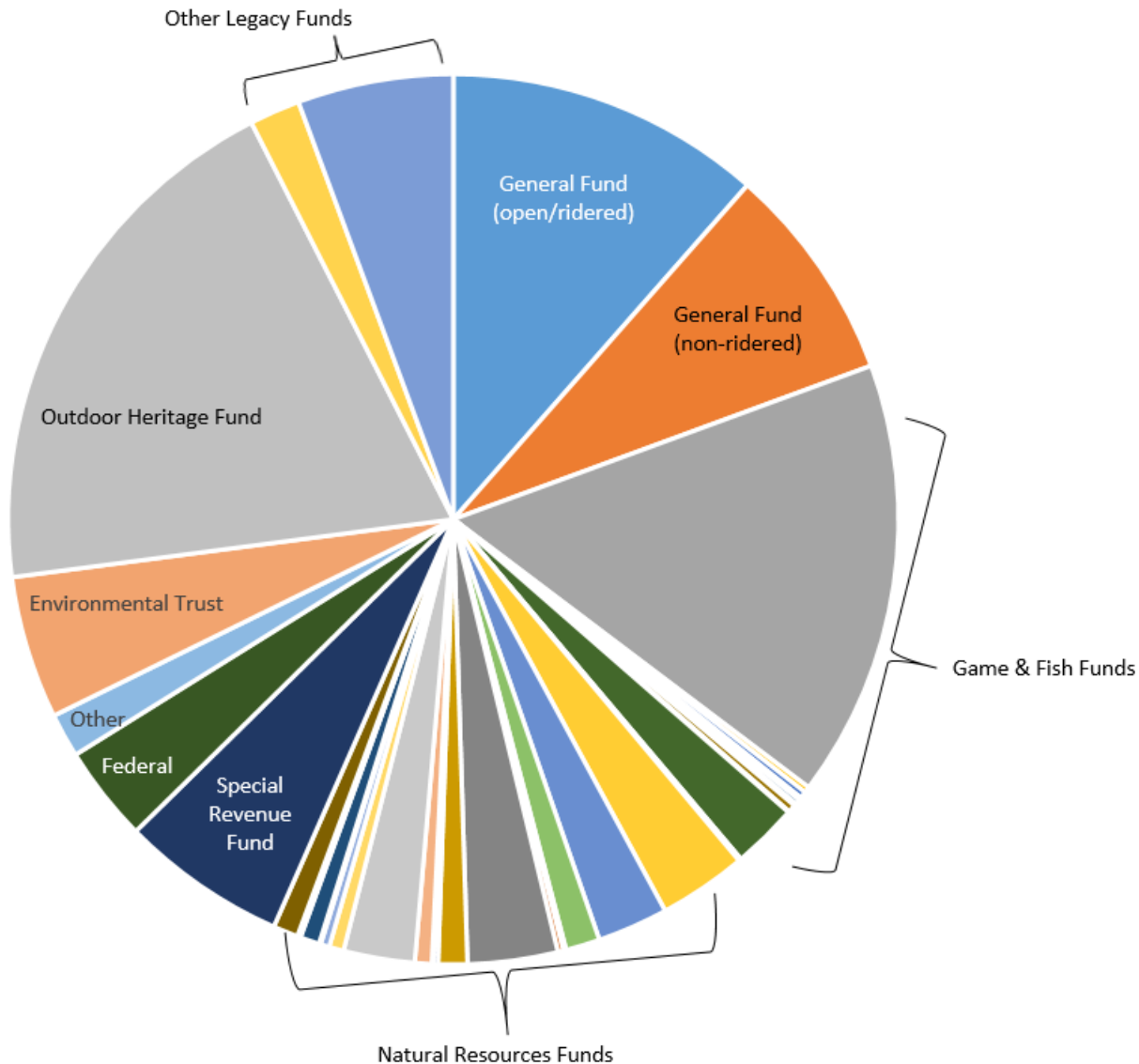
- **Goal 1:** Minnesota's waters, natural lands, and diverse fish and wildlife habitats will be conserved and enhanced
- **Goal 2:** Minnesota's outdoor recreation opportunities meet the needs of new and existing participants so that all feel connected to nature
- **Goal 3:** Minnesota's natural resources contribute to strong and sustainable job markets, economies, and communities
- **Goal 4:** The DNR demonstrates operational excellence and continuous improvement in service to citizens



# DNR Authorizing Statutes

- State Geographic Features (MS 83A)
- Dept. of Natural Resources (MS 84)
- Lands Dedicated for Conservation (MS 84A)
- Voyageurs National Park (MS 84B)
- Conservation Easements (MS 84C)
- Invasive Species (MS 84D)
- Division of Parks and Recreation (MS 85)
- Outdoor Recreation System (MS 86A)
- Water Safety, Watercraft, and Watercraft Titling (MS 86B)
- Shooting Range Protection (MS 87A)
- Division of Forestry (MS 88)
- State Forests: Tree Planting; Forest Roads (MS 89)
- Sustainable Forest Resources (MS 89A)
- Timber Lands (MS 90)
- State Lands; Sales, Investment of Proceeds (MS 92)
- Mineral Lands (MS 93)
- Lands, State Forests (MS 94)
- Game and Fish (MS 97A)
- Hunting (MS 97B)
- Fishing (MS 97C)
- Water Policy and Information (MS 103A)
- Water Planning and Project Implementation (MS 103B)
- Drainage (MS 103E)
- Protection of Water Resources (MS 103F)
- Waters of the State (MS 103G)
- Groundwater Protection (MS 103H)
- Wells Borings, and Underground Uses (MS 103I)
- Flood Plain Management (MS 104)
- Environmental Policy (MS 116D)
- Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MS 116G.15)
- Great Lakes Protection Fund (MS 116Q)
- Tax-forfeited Land Sales (MS 282)
- Sustainable Forest Resource Management Incentive (MS 290C)
- Minerals Taxes (MS 298)

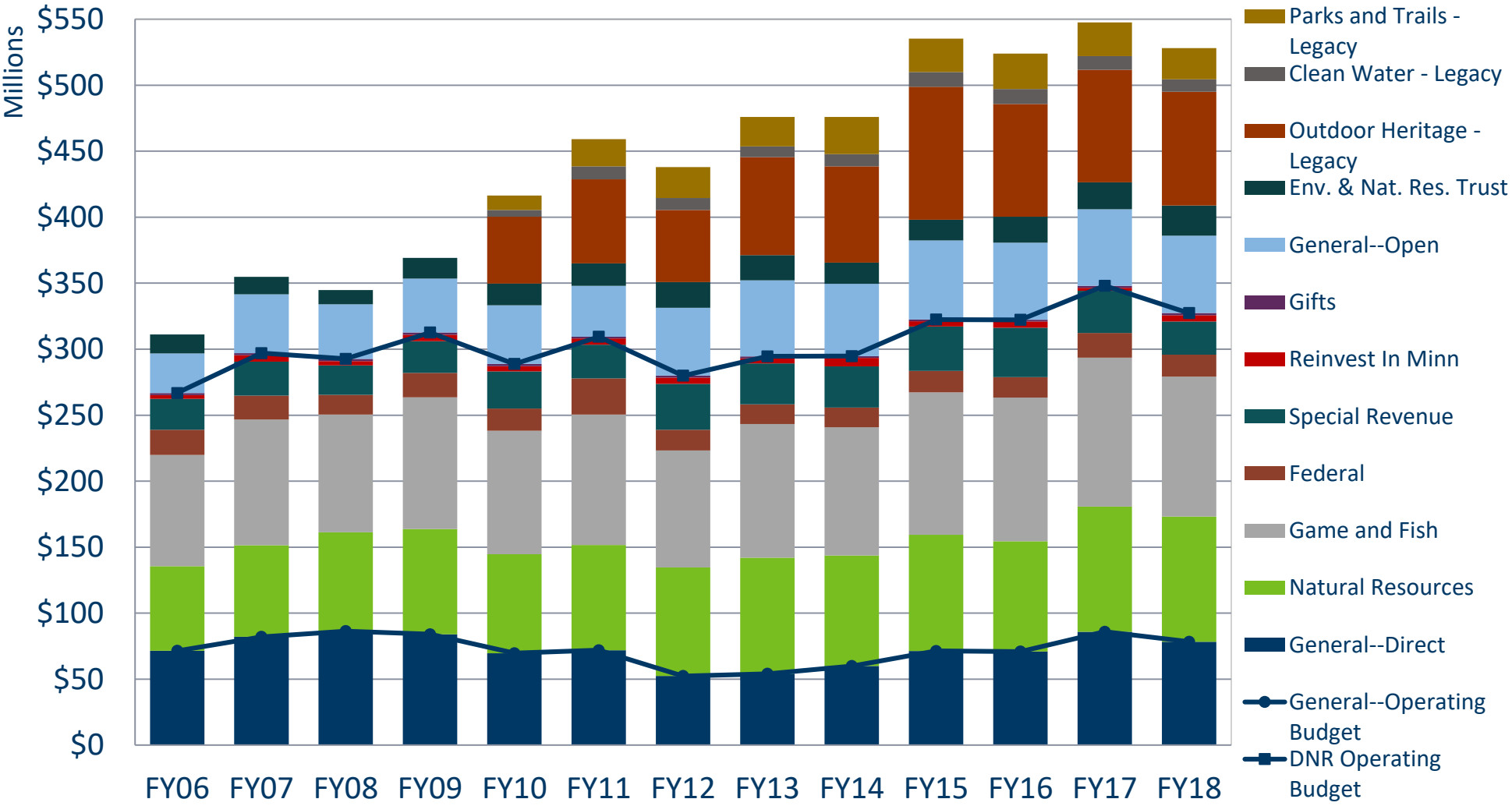
# FY18-19 Budget by Fund



- FY18-19 budget is roughly \$1.2 billion
- Spread across 50 funds
- Primary operating funds:
  - Natural Resources Funds (18%)
  - Game and Fish Funds (20%)
  - General Fund (19%)
- The DNR makes up less than 1% of general fund spending
- One-time funding from legacy funds and the environmental trust are 32% of our budget
- 13% of our budget is passed through to non-state entities



# History of Expenditure by Fund



Expenditures include open (e.g., fire, treaty, PILT) and pass-through (e.g., OHF, ENRTF) appropriations and grants (e.g., park and trail grants)

# Asset Preservation Needs

## Natural resource asset preservation need is \$155 million annually for 10 years

### For example:

- 2,714 buildings = \$24.7 million annually for maintenance
- 3,307 miles of roads/176 bridges = \$51.3 million annually for maintenance, including replacement
- 675 miles of paved trails = \$8.3 million annually for rehabilitation and resurfacing
- 350 trail bridges = \$6.3 million annually for 10 years

10-Year Capital Asset Need: Taking Care of What We Have



# Lands and Minerals Division



- Manages agency real estate transactions and real estate portfolio
- Promotes, regulates, and provides expertise on mineral exploration, mining, and mine land reclamation
- Manages state-owned mineral assets
- Manages School Trust mineral resources
- Administers the Strategic Land Asset Management Program (SLAM)

- **Division Director:** *(currently vacant)*
- **Assistant Directors:** Peter Clevestine, Susan Damon, and Joe Henderson
- **Lands and Minerals by the Numbers:**
  - Manages real estate activities for 5.6 million acres of state owned land, including 2.5 million acres of school trust lands
  - 2,405 state land leases
  - Manages 12 million acres of state-owned mineral rights
  - 661 active mineral leases; 553 active leases for non-ferrous minerals

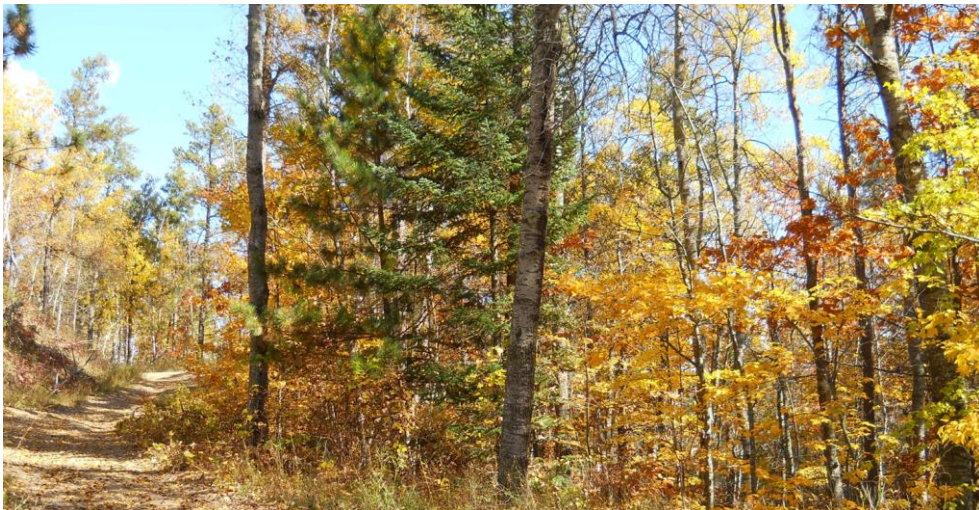
# Ecological and Water Resources Division

- Ensures the long-term health of watersheds that support and maintain water quality, biodiversity, and vital ecosystem services
- Provides critical information and regulatory oversight to state and local governments and landowners to foster natural resources stewardship
- **Division Director:** Steve Colvin
- **Deputy Director:** Ann Pierce
- **Ecological and Water Resources by the Numbers:**
  - 166 Scientific Natural Areas (SNA) covering 192,000 acres
  - 11,200 acres in prairie bank easements
  - Over 80,000 inspections for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) conducted in FY2018
  - 604 new water appropriation permits issued in FY2018
  - 1,070 groundwater observation wells



# Forestry Division

- Protects citizens, property, and natural resources from wildfire
- Provides a sustainable yield of forest resources for forest products, clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreation
- Manages School Trust surface resources (forest products, gravel)



- **Division Director:** Forrest Boe
- **Deputy Director:** Craig Schmid
- **Forestry by the Numbers:**
  - Respond to over 1,000 fires annually
  - 59 State Forests
  - 5 million acres of DNR administered land with forest certification, including 2.5 million acres of School Trust Lands
  - 870,000 cords of wood offered for sale, and up to 30,000 cords of ash/tamarack
  - 30,850 acres reforested annually
  - 820,000 acres of private lands with current woodland stewardship plans
  - 2,360 miles of forest roads

# Parks and Trails Division

- Operates a system of state parks and state forest recreation areas that conserves natural, scenic, and cultural resources
- Maintains a statewide network of recreational trails
- Provides public access to lakes, rivers, and streams
- Provides environmental education, and grants for regional and community recreation opportunity



- **Division Director:** Erika Rivers
- **Deputy Director:** Phil Leversedge
- **Parks and Trails By the Numbers**
  - Operate 66 State Parks, 9 State Recreation Areas, 9 state waysides and nearly 5,000 campsites
    - 1.15 million overnight visitors in 2018
  - 4,100 miles of hiking/biking/motorized trails and 22,000 miles of snowmobiles trails
  - Maintain 1,700 public water accesses, 360 fishing piers, 35 state water trails
  - Deliver 8,000 outdoor education programs to 250,000 participants

# Fish and Wildlife Division



- Manages fish and wildlife populations and provides related outdoor recreation opportunities
- Conserves, and enhances water and land habitats, regulates hunting, trapping and fishing
- Fosters environmental stewardship

- **Division Director:** Jim Leach
- **Deputy Director:** Pat Rivers
- **Fish and Wildlife by the Numbers:**
  - 1.5 million licensed anglers
  - 557,000 licensed hunters and trappers
  - More than 1,800 WMAs covering 1.3 million acres
  - 61 wildlife game species managed
  - Protect, monitor, enhance, and restore aquatic habitat for 5,500 fishing lakes and 16,000 miles of streams and rivers
  - 3,974 designated trout stream miles
  - 69 small lakes and ponds managed by the Fishing in the Neighborhood program

# Enforcement Division

- Enforces natural resource laws including those related to game and fish, wetlands, aquatic plants, and the operation of recreational vehicles
- Regulates natural resource commercial operations
- Provides conservation and safety education programs
- Provides disaster and emergency response



- **Division Director:** Colonel Rodmen Smith
- **Deputy Director:** Lt. Colonel Greg Salo
- **Enforcement by the Numbers:**
  - 146 Conservation Officers in the field patrolling an average of 500 sq. miles
  - 43,673 students certified annually in ATV, snowmobile, boat, and firearms safety
  - 30,907 documented contacts in FY 2018
  - Worked with over 100 non-profit shooting sports organizations to increase capacity for HS shooting sports and recreational shooting through infrastructure improvements and expansions



# Operations Services Division

- Provides administrative leadership and support to the department
- Support staff through human resources
- Manage safety, emergency preparedness, and disaster response
- Maintain fleet, buildings, and infrastructure



- **Division Director:** Laurie Martinson
- **Deputy Director:** Andrew Arends (acting)
- **Operations Support by the Numbers:**
  - Manages over 3.8 million total sq. ft. at all 2,900 DNR buildings
  - Over 5,000 pieces of mobile equipment managed, which includes 3,400 fleet land operated items, 1,800 watercraft, and 12 aircraft
  - Over 80 million views of DNR website in FY2018
  - 106,384 public contacts made to DNR Information Center
  - Provides HR services to approximately 4,300 employees (2,700 full-time equivalent employees)

# Ongoing Department Issues

- Connecting People to the Outdoors
- Fargo Moorhead Diversion Project
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
- Mille Lacs Lake
- Parks and Trails Planning and Development Projects
- School Trust Lands
- Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM)
- Grasslands Conservation
- Mining
- Timber Supply
- Water
  - Groundwater
  - Groundwater Management Areas
  - White Bear Lake
  - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

# Questions?

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