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DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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August 6, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorization is requested for the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to budget and expend \$65,000 from the Mountain Top Tower Fund for the purposes of funding a projected deficit as a result of unanticipated costs for emergency repairs at Belknap Mountain State Forest Communication Site and for future unanticipated damage from catastrophic weather events at any of DRED's 20 communication sites, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2016. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income)

<b>Mountain Top Tower Fund 03-35-35-351010-86820000 FY 2016</b>					
Class	Account	Description	FY 2016 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY2016 Revised Budget
<b>Revenue</b>					
008	403073	Agency Income	(\$73,220)	(\$65,000)	(\$138,220)
<b>Appropriations</b>					
010	500100	Personal Services – Permanent	\$19,665	0	\$19,665
020	500200	Current Expenses	2,200	10,000	12,200
030	500311	Equipment New/Replacement	173	0	173
039	500188	Telecommunications	375	5,000	5,375
050	500109	Personal Services – Temp	30,000	0	30,000
060	500601	Benefits	14,727	0	14,727
103	502664	Contracts for Op Services	6,080	50,000	56,080
<b>Total:</b>			\$73,220	\$65,000	\$138,220

**EXPLANATION**

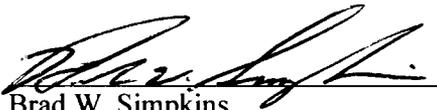
The Mountain Top Communications Program is a self-funded state-wide radio and telecommunications program managing high elevation facilities to over 160 federal, state, local and commercial tenants that provide public safety and quality of life services to our citizens and guests. The purpose of this request is

to appropriate additional funds needed for repairs and miscellaneous expenses due to unanticipated catastrophic weather events occurring at any one of twenty (20) mountain top communication sites maintained and managed by DRED. Such an event, a violent thunderstorm on July 19, 2015 at the summit of Belknap Mountain State Forest, resulted in over \$15,000 of damage including anticipated repairs and propane resupply.

Failure to approve this funding request will prevent DRED from paying existing invoices, and funding probable future emergency services provided in a timely and profession manner thereby reducing the down time of critical public safety services. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

  
Brad W. Simpkins  
Director

  
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Commissioner

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<i>03-35-35-351010-86820000</i>	
Balance Forward – July 1, 2015	438,134
Estimated Revenue - FY 2016	71,967
Total Funds Available - FY 2016	510,101
Current Budget - FY 2016	73,220
Funds in Excess of Budget	436,881
Amount Reserved if Appropriation Request is Approved	371,881
Additional Appropriation Request - FY 2016	65,000