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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands to budget and expend \$60,000 of Mt. Top Tower Fund prior year unexpended revenue upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2014. 100% Agency Income

Funds to be budgeted in account titled, Mt. Top Tower Fund, as follows:

03-35-35-351010-86820000 Mt. Top Tower Fund		2014 Current Budget	Requested Action	2014 Revised Budget
008-403073	Agency Income	(\$158,111)	(\$60,000)	(\$218,111)
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	37,850	0	37,850
020-500200	Current Expenses	4,400	3,600	8,000
023-500291	Heat - Electricity - Water	0	23,400	23,400
030-500311	Equipment - New/Replacement	27,200	0	27,200
039-500188	Telecommunications	750	3,000	3,750
050-500109	Personal Service - Temporary	50,000	0	50,000
060-500612	Benefits	27,911	0	27,911
103-502664	Contracts for OP Services	10,000	30,000	40,000
<i>Total:</i>		\$158,111	\$60,000	\$218,111

**EXPLANATION**

The Mt. Top Tower Fund is utilized to operate and maintain 20 communication sites of which 17 are mountaintops. The fund carries a balance in case of emergencies or catastrophic events to continue the operation of these sites that Public Safety, Utilities, Cell Companies, Radio and TV Stations rely on for daily and emergency operations. The Department needs to use the funds requested to enter into a contract for helicopter services to bring L.P Gas to several of the mountaintop sites, and for additional electrical and phone expenses and to perform tower inspection services. There is also a need to add additional money into current expense to cover some added expenses caused by the completion of the \$1.9 Million Federal EDA Grant upgrade at four sites.



The following additional appropriations are requested for Fiscal Year 2014:

Class 020 – Current Expenses \$3,600, for additional items to run the communication sites;

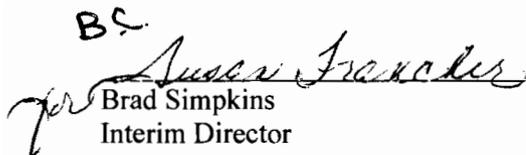
Class 023 – Electricity \$23,400, to pay for electricity at communication sites;

Class 039 – Telecommunications \$3,000, to pay for phone and data services at several communication sites; and

Class 103 – Contracts for Op Services \$30,000, to contract helicopter services to fly propane to several inaccessible communications sites and to perform tower inspection services.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

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for Brad Simpkins  
Interim Director

  
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Jeffrey J. Rose  
Commissioner

<b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>DIVISION OF FOREST AND LANDS</b> <b>MOUNTAIN TOP TOWER FUND</b> <b>FISCAL SITUATION - NOVEMBER 1, 2013</b>	
<i>03-35-35-351010-86820000</i>	
Balance Forward – July 1, 2014	280,705
Anticipated Revenue - FY 2014	158,111
Total Funds Available - FY 2014	438,816
Budget Fiscal Year 2014	158,111
Funds in Excess of Budget	280,705
Amount Reserved	220,705
Additional Appropriation Request	60,000

