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DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

In accordance with Administrative Rule Adm 611.08 (g), the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands respectfully requests permission to increase their fleet size by one truck effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

The Division of Forests and Lands was granted approval under Chapter 345, Laws of 2019 to add a full-time Forest Ranger position within the Forest Protection Bureau for the primary purpose of law enforcement and wildland fire control purposes. The officer has the authority to carry a firearm, make arrests and execute warrants. This position requires use of vehicle transportation in order to carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned. Additionally, this specialized position requires a vehicle equipped with emergency warning lights and sirens capable of exceeding the posted speed limit under the authority of RSA 265:8. The vehicle must also be able to carry a heavy load of firefighting equipment during fire season and the capacity to pull fully loaded trailers. For this reasons, we are requesting approval for an additional fleet vehicle.

The Forest Protection Bureau is requesting to add a Ford F250 4WD pick-up truck with the law enforcement options to our overall fleet. This pick-up truck is a necessity for this additional position to fulfill the job requirements as described in a newly created district. The hiring process has begun for the Forest Ranger position and the pickup truck will be needed to ensure this employee can effectively perform the duties of the law enforcement position it requires. Funding for the truck is available in account 03-35-35-351510-35050000-030-500300. Source of funds is 100% Other Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

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Director

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Commissioner