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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and
Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

[Signature]
Approved by Fiscal Committee 8/26/15 Date

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 158, sub-paragraph I,(a), Laws of 2015, the Department of Resources and Economic Development requests authorization to exceed the 6/12 limitation of said resolution for the accounts listed on the attached analysis, in the total amount of \$1,135,000, to the extent shown as projected deficits, for the period of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Other Funds**

Service Parks					
03-035-035-351510-37200000					
FY 2016					
Class	Class Description	Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue					
009	Agency Income	403072	(3,910,654.50)	(1,135,000.00)	(5,045,654.50)
	<i>Total:</i>		(3,910,654.50)	(1,135,000.00)	(5,045,654.50)
Appropriations					
010	Personal Services Perm	500100	588,567.50		588,567.50
018	Overtime	500106	10,500.00		10,500.00
019	Holiday Pay	500105	1,000.00		1,000.00
020	Current Expenses	500200	291,527.38	185,000.00	476,527.38
022	Rents & Leases	500255	33,998.38		33,998.38
023	Heat, Elec. & Water	500210	184,999.00		184,999.00
024	Maint. Other Than B&G	500225	9,500.00		9,500.00
029	Intra Agency Transfers	500290	484,147.50		484,147.50
030	Equip. New/Replacement	500300	305,780.88		305,780.88
039	Telecommunications	500180	42,250.00		42,250.00
042	Additional Fringe Benefit	500620	61,000.00		61,000.00
044	Debt Service	500400	15,934.00		15,934.00
047	Own Forces Mnt	500240	41,906.67		41,906.67
048	Contract Maint. B&G	500226	54,175.00		54,175.00
050	Personal Service / Temp	500109	1,213,500.00	950,000.00	2,163,500.00

059	Full Time Temp	500117	75,000.00		75,000.00
060	Benefits	500601	496,505.50		496,505.50
066	Training	500543	500.00		500.00
070	In State Travel	500700	750.00		750.00
102	Contract for Prog Serv	500634	60,333.00		60,333.00
103	Contract for Oper Serv	502664	257,558.42		257,558.42
<i>Total:</i>			4,229,433.23	1,135,000.00	5,364,433.23

EXPLANATION

This request is due to the continuing resolution. The Department estimates shortfalls in the Service Parks accounting unit which will affect the Department's ability to maintain seasonal operations of the State's Parks and Recreation system for the remainder of the 2015 season. The accounts listed in the above table represent a major portion of the operational activity funded in the Parks and Recreation system during the first and second quarter of the fiscal year.

The majority of revenue and expenses for the Park System occur in the first 6 months of the fiscal year due to the summer season. In 2015 60% of expenses occurred and 70% of revenue was generated in the first 6 months. Spending at FY 2015 levels (adjusted for pay increases in class 10 and 50 and an increase in contracted services for septic services) compared against the current budget under the continuing resolution results in total estimated spending above the CR budget of \$1.4 million across class lines, primarily in Class 50 (seasonal labor) and Class 20 (current expense). Most of the classes that will have negative balances by December 31, 2015 will be covered with reductions in expenses or transfers in from other classes pursuant to RSA 216-A:3-m, the Department's authority to transfer funds between and among the appropriations for the operation of the state park system. We estimate we will be able to transfer approximately \$347,000 in available savings between and among classes to manage most class shortfalls. However, there are insufficient funds to cover current expenses and seasonal labor.

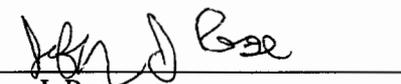
Without approval of this request, the Division of Parks and Recreation will have to curtail operations and close parks due to lack of staffing and supplies. This will affect access to outdoor recreation by the citizens of the state and visitors to the state during the late summer and fall. The closure of parks will also result in a loss of revenue to the Parks Fund.

Your approval of this request will ensure that parks stay open and that the revenues anticipated from parks operations are realized.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,


 Philip A. Bryce
 Director


 Jeffery J. Rose
 Commissioner