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P A 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase X	Should the 2002 WMA Acquisition Citizens's Committee Report be updated at some point?	prefer enhancement over acquisition	parking area development? 1000 acres is maximum given price minimum is \$5000/acre. What is realistic acreage goal? What is the breakout of contracts and professional services - ie - what are services and what is overhead? Where does RIM match go? Native prairie is just 13% of the goal? personnel not scaleable even if work declines? % of acquisition work on native prairie?			
P A 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase X		no local approval being sought - prefer enhancement over acquisition. Predator control?	Why Big Woods as part of this proposal? Parking lots are not "wildlife habitat." Metro planning regions? % of acquisition work on native prairie?			
P A 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VIII		No local approval being sought - prefer enhancement over acquisition. Turned over to Feds.	Work in 27 counties for 1000 acres of protection or enhancement/restoration? Does not seem very focused. Why not either hold or transfer strategy for entire project? % of acquisition work on native prairie? Why is Big Woods part of this proposal? How will you sustain this work if future grants from LSOHC are not granted or when the Legacy amendment expires? And why would you need this if you are getting 20% outside donations and putting it into a dedicated stewardship account that "guarantees" your ability to maintain your properties? Seems like 2 proposals. one acquisition and one enhancement/restoration.	Update on Carbon credits?	if SNA should follow management plan of WMA	
P A 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge - Phase IX		No local approval.	Does USFW not have staff to do this project without TNC added staff cost? Why big woods forests in this proposal? This proposal to protect land is at a lower cost per acre than other proposals - why?			
P A 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VIII		no local approval	Why is Greening doing the restoration work vs local groups? Is there a cost advantage over other groups such as CCM or local vendors?	All parcels repeaters from last 2 years' appropriations except 7.		Acres listed on parcel list exceed 370.
P A 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VII			Personal costs seem a bit high. How many transactions - or how many average acres per transaction? What % of professional services is restoration?	Why 4-year term?		
P A 07	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VIII			Tiling under easements? What is the total paid (CRP term easements & RIM permanent easements) in % of the fair market value of the property (fee ownership)? Is the federal match new dollars or old CRP dollars (expiring CRP)? Bonding dollars? Or is the entire \$150m the state committed to supposed to come from CWF/OHC funding? Cash Match with federal fund of \$33M???? Did the ETF not fund the SWDC part of CREP? if so, why is that in this budget? if USDA committed \$350M and the State \$150M, then a 4:1 or 5:1 match does not make sense.	368 easements accomplished in what time frame (3 years? 5 years?)		
P A 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase IV		No local approval. Predator control?	Since the goal of this proposal is 320 acre minimum of solid grasslands to support Prairie Chickens, how can it also then support crops and do what is intended (WMA food plots)? Budget for contracted services includes parking lots which are not wildlife habitat.			
P A 09	Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase II		Work with Reps of local gov't? No local approval.		High \$/ac. Parcels not prioritized, parcel costs not provided.		
P A 10	Protect and Restore MN IBAs within the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands	Educational programming should not be funded by LSOHFunds		COI			
P A 11	Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase III	Seems like a large project area. Might it be more effective to focus on a smaller geographic area?	like "working lands easement" idea.	Why limited food plots on grassland easements? Seems like a high price for an easement on marginal farmland. Cost per acre for easement compared to FMV as a %? What protection will there be from overgrazing?	"Northern Forest" ?		
P A 12	Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program - Phase I		like "working lands conservation easement" - predator control?	what keeps grazing out of wetlands? Cost per acre for easement compared to FMV as a %? Explain Federal Easement Payments that are referenced in the proposal. What protection will there be from overgrazing? OHF dollars should not be used to pay for property with protection already in place - explain how that will not happen. is federal match solid or scaleable if less than full funding is received? confusion on who is holding the easements in the long term and the role of USFWS. No stewardship funds are included but it appears that DU will hold some easements - please explain how that works?			

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P RE 01	DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase X		deer habitat?	5 years of funding from one year of spending seems out of balance. It would be very helpful to see a history of funding for roving crews and the years they cover. No mention of the time for the funding for USFWS burning. Not sure how increases in tiling on private land relate to the proposal to manage state lands as a justification for urgency. Direct support services seems very high at \$600K - a calculator might work for a small project but actual calculation would be more accurate for this type of project. what is more effective per acre - roving crews or contracted services. \$3M for supplies - that is one whale of a lot of seed when the primary project is managing woody vegetation. Not sure where the USFWS comes to play in the budget.	9 parcels listed from last appropriation		
P RE 02	Enhanced Public Land – Grasslands - Phase III			How is this different than the DNR proposal to do the same thing? Is 5 years funding really needed - all from one grant cycle?	What is future monitoring frequency?		
F A 02	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project - Phase II		TCF definition of "local gov't approval sought"	I assume St. Louis County will sell timber from these parcels. Where will those timber sale dollars go and how will they further conservation? New trails for ATV use is not protecting wildlife habitat.	What new trails? Non-severed minerals rights ONLY and not with mineral potential. Will equal acreage be sold?		Why new trails/roads?
F A 03	Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program - Phase VII			Since this is a proposal to buffer Camp Ripley, what assurance do we have of the camp's permanence or if it is repurposed, that it will not be sold for development rendering the investment in buffer not of value? Drinking water from aquifers - how is that a wildlife habitat issue? Do we need to revisit the definition of roads and trails since this proposal clearly states that without that, they can offer no assurance of the protection of wildlife habitat from roads or trails. DSS fro TCF of \$19K on salary of \$30k seems high. Budget shows \$412K of leverage but leverage description says no leverage.	\$\$\$ and NO access		Why do easment acres cost more than aquistion acres?
F A 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VI	What is the weighting of the individual ranking criteria?	no local approval	Eased or fee open to hunting and fishing after completion? Explain the MLT contract costs which seem high - what % is restoration?.	Mammalian & avian indicators not provided. Are contracts with TPL only?		Why no permanate protection for Morrison Co. lands?
F A 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase - VI		no local approval		Provide ranking/scoring process worksheet. Annual monitoring? Are all parcels new, not carryover from last year?		
F A 06	Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VIII			provide access to existing properties does not meet my definition of protect for wildlife habitat - preventing fragmentation does.	Why 8-year Land Commissioner term? Provide classification process and mgmt of tax-forfeit lands.		
F A 07	State Forest Acquisition, Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest - Phase V		no local approval		EXCLUDE initial boundary surveys & signage, well/septic closure, building & dump disposal - NOT ELIGIBLE.		
F A 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Program - Phase V				High \$/ac. Parcel costs missing. ALL but 3 parcels are repeaters from past appropriations. Evaluation/ranking prioritization not provided. Any severed minerals or mineral potential?		
F RE 01	Improving Forest Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health through Increased Species and Structural Diversity			How does jack pine management help avoid forest conversion to agriculture? If Mixed hardwood results in younger forests, why are all the oaks old? Is this proposal advocating cutting all the ash now and replanting oak so deal ash forests are not converted to agriculture? I am not connecting the dots on management and avoiding fragmentation.	EXCLUDE EAB control. What is expected term of effectiveness?		
F RE 02	Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative - Phase III			Does moose use lead to more survivability? Or, will this make a difference? Or, is habitat loss the cause of the moose population decline? Seems like the results are somewhat speculative in nature.			Very low admin costs.
F RE 03	Northern Minnesota Forest Recovery Project			Seems like the same as the Moose project. Direct Support Services at \$639K and personnel at \$799 vs Moose Project of \$0 DSS and \$65 of personnel. 14,000 Acres vs Moose project of 30,000 acres for the same money.	Explain administrative costs & science-based prioritization process.		Very high admin costs.
W A 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase X		no local control. Predator control?				Number of acres left out of outcomes.
W A 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program - Phase VII		No local approval. Predator control?	Confused by DU purchasing and holding this property but also transferring to DNR. Discussion needed on acquiring land with easements already in place. July 2020 is a long time to wait for notification of matching funds.			

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W A 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase IX			does this need to be over 5 years? What is the total paid (CRP term easements & RIM permanent easements) in % of the fair market value of the property (fee ownership)? Is the federal match new dollars or old CRP dollars (expiring CRP)? Bonding dollars? Or is the entire \$150m the state committed to supposed to come from CWF/OHC funding? Cash Match with federal fund of \$33M???? Did the ETF not fund the SWDC part of CREP? if so, why is that in this budget?	Which counties?		Why will there be new roads/trails?
W A 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - Phase III	What is the weighting of the individual ranking criteria?		who will actually do the restoration work? What level of restoration will it be to?			High admin.
W RE 01	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase X			can we get a schedule of roving crews, year funded and for how long? Why the need for 4 years of roving crews from one year of funding? What would small wetland mgt be that is different than shallow lakes and why would specialists be needed for them alone? what is the amount of acres to be worked by roving crews vs addressing wetland infrastructure?	Why more cost effective to buy all this equipment vs. contracting? Shakopee Fish Barrier where?		What are dataloggers (page 2)? High admin.
W RE 02	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VI	Please explain the capital equipment purchase of the portable diesel pump for \$120K		What work to restore 100 acres of prairie wetlands?			
H A 01	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement			When does funding for existing staff run out? What is the \$750K in enhancement work? If it burning and invasive species control, is it to be done on permanently protected lands? How do mussels move upstream? Seems heavy on personnel and perhaps supplanting.	Dozens of repeat parcels from prior appropriation		High admin. High per acre cost.
H A 02	Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII	What is the weighting of the individual ranking criteria?			Exclude PARKS. Carver County MVT parcels covered in previous phases.		
H A 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase III	Why does habitat value have so few points on the ranking form?		administration (personnel) must be an error - 3 years of 1 FTE does not equal \$20,000 (at least in the US). How many easements will be processed over the 3 years and will it require a .3 person for the entire time?	All but 4 identical parcels from previous appropriations. What is the cost per transaction?		High per acre acquisition cost.
H A 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III		No local approval	No FTE for MLT staff but budget of \$162k?	All parcels included in previous appropriation except Hubbard County. Provide prioritization/selection process worksheet. No acres indicated, or parcel costs. Leech Lake much too expensive.		
H A 05	DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements			What does this easement program protect that is beyond what is protected by statute? Explain professional services item.	Any overlap with TU proposal? Why 0 Personnel cost?		Very low admin. High easement cost.
H A 06	Metro Wildlife Management Areas			How would these acquisitions benefit the local tax base and why would that be of interest to the OHF?			Low admin.
H A 07	Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VI			"self-funded highest quality natural areas" - if they are self funded, why are you seeing OHC restoration dollars? If partical funding, what would the match be?	Exclude PARKS. This should be Parks & Trails proposal. Cannon River already has program in place - overlap?		Park land?
H A 08	Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase I				What is ownership of 6000 acres? Are they included in MN County Biological Survey?		
H RE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase X			timeline does not seem to be accurate.	Prioritization/selection worksheet?		High per acre enhancement cost.
H RE 02	Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership (Phase IV)- Upper Pool 9 Backwater Enhancement and Floodplain Forest Restoration			If it is a priority for the Army Corps, why are they not paying to do it? What happens to the material deposited on top of the reed canary grass when there is a flood?	Very high \$/ac and very small footprint. Why 0 Personnel cost? Unless upstream land use improves, this is temporary, not permanent. What is expected term of effectiveness?		
H RE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase V						High per acre restoration cost.
H RE 04	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase III	Monitoring costs should not come from LSOHFunds		Proposed fiscal agent does not appear to have any experience in this arena. Can proposed fiscal agent work with reimbursed dollars? \$360K to supervise contractors seems high. So does the \$360 DSS.	Evaluation criteria and priorities should be done first, & by LSSA volunteers - this is research & survey work. Personnel \$\$\$ excessive.	Who do work? What is the competitive bid process?	
H RE 05	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VII				How many years of requests/proposals remain?		Why no hunting and fishing on one parcel?

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H RE 06	Lake George Dam and Rum River Erosion				CofE DAM project, PARKS & Trails, & Clean Water project, NOT habitat. What is cost of fish barrier only? How will it limit zebra mussel spread? Also CPL eligible. No work OTG.	Possible CPL project	
H RE 07	Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program – Phase I	What will be the average buffer width on the restored channel?		What about the water quality going into the proposed restored area. Will it support wildlife and fish? Will this create the block of 320 acres needed by Prairie Chickens? Funds would not be available until July 2018 if this were funded to the completion dates are wrong.	What is total program cost, duration, phases, & breakdown? Why not Clean Water proposal? Low wildlife value.		Why do so many parcels not have protection?
H RE 08	Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement						Why no protection on parcels?
H RE 09	Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration - Phase I	Aeration is not a permanent activity; it's an annual practice		seems to be control vs eradication of carp and once funding ends, would carp return? Is leverage of staff positions real?	CPL candidate. Sources of pollution & land use must be mitigated first. Clean Water project. Where would fish barriers be located? Restoration would be preferable.		
H RE 10	Slow the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer			is work to be done on permanently protected land?	Unconstitutional - INELIGIBLE. Not permanent, not protection, not restoration/enhancement, not on permanently protected land. OHF not for monitoring, outreach, education, training.	Proposal lacks specifics, need to hear more	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase X: Statewide and Metro Habitat			Criteria does not fit all that well for a regrant program.			
O1	Contract Management 2018			Fund			
O2	Restoration Evaluations			Fund			