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ID#	Program Title	Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn	Sen. D. Scott Dibble	David Hartwell	Rep. Josh Heintzeman	Mark Holsten	Sen. Andrew Lang	Ron Schara
PA01	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase XIV	PF	Pheasants Forever, \$13.8M	The proposal suggest restoration of the properties acquired and there is a large allocation to contracts for restoration. But there are just 30 acres listed for restoration - this does not make sense.		21%		
PA02	RIM Grassland Reserve, Phase IV	BWSR	BWSR, \$9M	It appears that the funding requested supports a staff regardless of level. This brings to mind the question of supplanting or supporting staff that would be engaged in activity outside of the scope of this request.				
PA03	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase VIII	PF/Prairie Chicken Society	MN Prairie Chicken Society & Pheasants Forever, \$9.8M	The proposal states "most tracks have remnant prairie." Why not simply do projects that do contain this rare ecotype? What is the goal long term to provide for genetic intermixing - acres and dollars? Or would some trapping and release be more cost effective? The long term goal of 222K acres does not seem acheivable with just 1700 acres with this project and 851,000 overall, the cost would be almost \$5,000,000.		12.50%		
PA04	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase XII	TNC	TNC, \$10M	No proportional reduction in project management or biologists even if there is less work. Does not make sense. Especially since it is almost certain based on past proposals and funding that the total amount requested will be allocated to this project (or any other).		7%	UTV?	
PA05	Enhanced Public Land – Open Landscapes, Phase II	PF/Sharp Tailed Grouse Society	Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society & Pheasants Forever, \$4.35M			4.7		
PA06	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase X	BWSR	BWSR, \$10M	Explain how "The MN Buffer Law requires a modest buffer area on roughly 50% of these riparian areas but does not follow technical design criteria, accommodate flooding issues, and allows continued disturbance of these areas not favorable to wildlife" Explain why past funds are not yet spent and why target acres have not been achieved. It appears that the funding requested supports a staff regardless of level. This brings to mind the question of supplanting or supporting staff that would be engaged in activity outside of the scope of this request.				confusing application
PA07	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII	TNC	The Nature Conservancy, \$6.58M			5.30%		
PA08	Martin County DNR WMA, Phase VI	Fox Lake Conservation League	Fox Lake Conservation League, \$6.8M					
PRE01	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIV	DNR, Phase 14	DNR, \$10.4M	Past appropriations have large amounts of unspent funds going back to 2016. Scaling answer seems evasive.				
FA01	Preventing Forest Fragmentation and Protecting Wildlife Habitat at the Edge of the Boundary Waters	Friends of BW	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, \$1.8M			2.3		5
FA02	Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase II	TNC	The Nature Conservancy, \$9.58M	DSS is high - especially since it is also on purchased easements.		2.3		
FA03	Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB, Phase X	Morrison SWCD	Morrison SWCD, \$8.45M	LSOHC needs to define roads and trails as this proposal point out. No leverage committed to???				
FA04	Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase IX	DNR	DNR, \$3.9M	Disclosure of what the CF paid for the Potlatch lands is required in my mind to insure no markup beyond holding costs. If the lands are to be under the forestry department, as we head at a meeting, they feel adding trails for motorized vehicles is fine - but this proposal says they will not. Not sure what to think of this.		24%		
FA05	Big Woods Protection at Stieg Woods	DNR/City of Rogers	DNR & City of Rogers, \$1.1M	Sounds like if all the parcel were included, the leverage of this project would go up dramatically.		11.3		
FRE01	DNR Forest Enhancement, Phase II	DNR	DNR, \$4.3M	What impace will the new OSB plant that has been announced have on the need for forest management?				
WA01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase XIV	PF	Pheasants Forever, \$11.9M			67%		
WA02	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase VII	MLT	Minnesota Land Trust, \$6.6M			14.4		
WA03	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VIII	BWSR	BWSR, \$2M					5
WA04	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program, Phase XI	DU	Ducks Unlimited, \$9.96M			4%		
WA05	RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive Habitat in Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Region	BWSR	BWSR, \$10M	2017 and 2018 appropriations only half spent. I have difficulty not seeing program management costs be scaleable. Easement cost seems high - what is the value of the fee land itself.				5

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WRE01	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VIII	DU	Ducks Unlimited, \$12.9M	Not sure how keeping staff on if funding is reduced for viability of future efforts fits with this funding request.		9%		
WRE02	DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase XIV	DNR	DNR, \$4.1M	No final report approval? 2016 - 2020 - no acres yet affected? DSS is high - especially related to contracts. Answer to scaling question is evasive.				
HA01	Elm Creek Greenway Corridor Proposed Property Acquisitions	City of Champlin	City of Champlin, \$1.5M			2.2		
HA02	Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VIII	Dakota County	Dakota County, \$8.1M			28.6		
HA03	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	BWSR	BWSR, \$5M	Program management is not scaleable? Sounds a bit like supplanting if that is the case.				
HA04	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries of Minnesota's North Shore, Phase II	MLT	Minnesota Land Trust, \$4.4M			16%		
HA05	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase X	TPL	Trust for Public Land, \$11.7M			4.7		
HA06	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase VII	Mississippi Headwaters Board	Mississippi Headwaters Board, \$9.6M	DNR forestry involvement - is there a commitment that they will not open more trails and roads? - no net gain is not enough in my mind for funds used to protect habitat		11%		
HA07	Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program, Phase XI	Shell Rock River WD	Shell Rock River Watershed District, \$3.6M	Large amounts unspent from 2016 on. What is the need now?		5.5		
HA08	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XIV	DNR	DNR, \$3.25M	Scaleability issue - no reduction in staff if reduction from request - seems like this is funding core staff then rather than this project.				
HA09	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase XI	Clean River Partners	Clean Rivers Partnership (Cannon River), \$5.56M			14%		
HA10	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership	Washington County	Washington County \$6.1M			26%		
HA11	Metro Big Rivers, Phase XII	MN Valley Trust	MN Valley Trust (Metro Big Rivers), \$13.8M			16%		
HA12	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase III	St Croix River Association	St. Croix River Association, \$6.65M			10%		
HA13	Fisheries Habitat Protection of Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VIII	Northern Waters LT	Northern Waters Land, \$9.1M			8.5		
HA14	Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase IV	Sauk River WD	Sauk River Watershed District, \$8.7M		needs to seek county board approval	7.5		
HRE01	Lime Lake and Lake Sarah Dam Replacements	Murray County	Murray County, \$1.4M	This seems like a infrastructure project (failing dam replacement) as much as a habitat one. Dual benefits are great but then why is the county not bearing some of the cost instead of expecting LSOHC to fund the entire project.				
HRE02	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase V	DNR	DNR, \$10.1M	Scaleability issue - no reduction in staff if reduction from request - seems like this is funding core staff then rather than this project.		40%		
HRE03	Klondike Clean Water Retention Project, Phase II	Two Rivers WD	Two Rivers Watershed District, \$1.35M			722%?		
HRE04	Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program, Phase II	Buffalo-Red River WD	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, \$5M			23%		5
HRE05	DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase IX	DNR, West Duluth	DNR, \$7M			41%		
HRE06	East Lake Habitat Improvement Plan	City of Lakeville	City of Lakeville, \$480K	Drastically reducing invasive fish will only provide short term benefits. Where is the plan for eradication that would justify the investment in this project?		31		Move to CPL grant?
HRE07	DNR Fish Passage Enhancement through Targeted Culvert Replacement, Phase I	DNR	DNR, \$1.6M			31		
HRE08	Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important Bird Areas, Phase III	Audubon	Audubon MN, \$3.4M			3%		
HRE09	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase VII	Zeitgeist & Lake Superior Steelhead Assoc, "genetically different and distinct" trout	Zeitgeist & Lake Superior Steelhead Association, \$990K	Fiscal management costs seem high to just oversee a contract or two - .6 FTE for this does not seem reasonable.		10%		
HRE10	Enhancing Metro and North Shore Trout Stream Habitats		Minnesota Trout Unlimited, \$2M	Staffing seems high		16		
HRE11	Daylighting Phalen Creek	Lower Phalen Creek Project	Lower Phalen Creek Project, \$6.33M			2.9		
O1	Restoration Evaluations, ML2022		DNR, \$200K					
O2	Contract Management, ML2022		DNR, \$300K					
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase XIV: Statewide and Metro Habitat		DNR, \$9.45M	Reason for increase from \$400K to \$500K? Past appropriations not all spent?				