

SECTION 9

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SEC. 9 APPROPRIATIONS: AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The sum of \$15,034,621 is the total amount requested for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to be appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources. The Secretary is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this Section to the projects contained in this Section; the individual allocations in this Section are estimates only:

- 1. Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation.....\$6,597,586
- 2. A. Rustic Cabin Construction Program.....\$797,586

The Rustic Cabin Program is a Civilian Conservation Corps-style effort to upgrade infrastructure in our state parks to improve the visitor experience and generate additional revenue while simultaneously providing technical education opportunities for High School students and entry level adult workers in the construction field. Aging and underperforming tent sites are replaced with attractive and comfortable rustic cabins that are ADA compliant and easy to maintain. Students gain valuable hands-on experience in a full range of construction trades as part of a broader classroom curricula and create lasting assets that benefit Vermont and our visitors.

- B. Small scale repairs, rehabilitation and improvement project.....\$5,800,000

Rehabilitation and improvements to Department infrastructure assets directly related to the mission of the Department, with a primary focus on State Parks. Funding is spent within four categories of projects including emergency sewage system repair, system improvements on park and forest roads and larger scale initiatives which include renovations and improvements to major structures and facilities including significant day use beaches, campground toilet buildings and customer service initiatives such as cabins and playgrounds