


Michigan Department of Natural Resources



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- Economic Impact
- FY 2015 Budget Update
- FY 2016 Executive Budget

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Economic Impact

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Fishing

- 1.2 million anglers - ranks fifth in the nation
- Value \$2.5 billion to Michigan's economy
- Produces 37,989 direct jobs
- Anglers fish more than 11,000 lakes, 3,000 miles of Great Lake shoreline and 20,000 miles of trout/salmon streams-most diverse freshwater fishing in world



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Hunting

- 760,000 hunters - Michigan ranks third in the nation behind Texas and Pennsylvania
- Hunting generates 34,473 direct jobs and produces \$2.3 billion for Michigan's economy
- Hunters have access to 4.5 million acres of public hunting lands managed by the DNR including 187 state game areas and seven managed waterfowl areas



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Recreation

- DNR-managed recreation facilities are the backbone of Michigan's \$17 billion tourism industry that supports 161,000 direct jobs - six of the state's top 10 tourist destinations are managed by DNR
- Facilities include:
 - 102 state parks (22 million state park visits)
 - Over 1,300 boating access sites and 80 public harbors support \$3.9 billion boating industry
 - 138 state forest campgrounds



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Recreation

- More than 12,000 miles of trails - positions Michigan as "The Trail State"
- 2,600 miles of rail trails (most in nation)
- Bicycling provides \$668 million per year to Michigan's economy



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Recreation

- Over 200,000 snowmobilers – ranks 1st in nation
- Snowmobilers produce \$1 billion to Northern Michigan economies (when it snows)
- Over 200,000 off-road vehicle (ORV) riders
- ORV and snowmobile trails are regularly cited as among the best in their class



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Resource-Based Industry

- 4 million acres of DNR-managed forest support \$16 billion timber industry and 31,000 direct jobs
- 926,000 cords of certified timber harvested from DNR-managed lands in FY 2014
- 5.4 million seedlings planted on DNR-managed forest lands in FY 2014




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Pure Michigan Outdoors



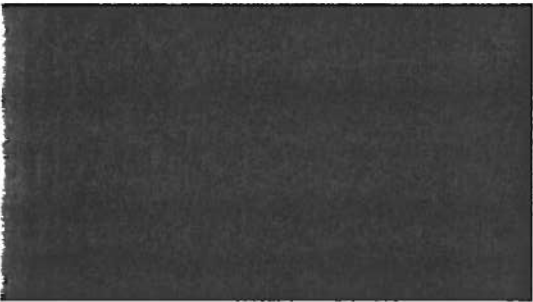
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Pure Michigan Fishing



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Pure Michigan Hunting



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FY 2015 Budget Update



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FY 2015 Strategic Investments

- ✓ Forest fire and forest management
- ✓ Conservation officer academy
- ✓ Fisheries research vessel
- ✓ Invasive species
- ✓ Non-motorized trail development



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FY 2015 General Fund Reductions

• Non-motorized trails	\$1,250,000
• Wildfire protection	\$500,000
• State parks maintenance	<u>\$250,000</u>
• Total reductions	\$2,000,000



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**FY 2015 – Align Spending Authority
with Restricted Revenue**

- Forest Development Fund \$4,000,000
 - Increased timber harvest on state forest land
- Federal Pittman-Robertson \$3,150,000
 - Increased firearm and ammunition sales
- Belle Isle Park Subaccount \$1,000,000
 - Authority to spend revenue generated at the park
- Deer Range Improvement Fund \$150,000
 - Sufficient fund balance exists



**FY 2016
Executive Budget
Recommendation**



FY 2016 General Fund Reductions

- One-time funding \$6,280,000
- State parks maintenance \$1,500,000
- Non-motorized trails \$1,150,000
- Cormorant management \$150,000
- Total reductions \$9,080,000



Expand recreational shooting opportunities

- **Objective:** Construct safe and accessible shooting ranges in 12 priority areas throughout the state - \$4 M (\$250,000 GF)
- **Outcomes:**
 - Increase outdoor recreation participation
 - Increase participation in fee-based outdoor recreation activities



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Questions?



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