Forest Service Budget 244 House Bill No. 1003

2011-13 legislative appropriation	FTE Positions 26.00	General Fund \$4,212,472 ¹	Other Funds \$1,003,486	Total \$5,215,958
2009-11 legislative appropriation	26.00 ²	3,855,768	997,486	4,853,254
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	0.00	\$356,704	\$6,000	\$362,704

¹This amount includes \$250,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$3,962,472.

Item Description

One-time funding - In Section 2 of 2011 House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly identified \$49,260,357 of funding from the general fund as one-time funding items for the North Dakota University System. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for a Forest Service program to mitigate the effects of emerald ash borer tree infestations.

Status/Result

The Forest Service is developing a grant program to assist communities in the mitigation of emerald ash borer tree infestations. The program will provide grant funds to cities to remove and replace trees destroyed by emerald ash borer infestations. The program will require communities to provide matching grant funds. As of May 2012, no emerald ash borer tree infestations have been recorded within the state; therefore, no funds have been expended on the program.

²The number of FTE positions for the 2009-11 biennium has been adjusted by (1.00), from 27.00 to 26.00, pursuant to Section 20 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2003 which authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed subject to the availability of funds for institutions and entities under its control.