

**Forest Service  
Budget 244  
Senate Bill No. 2003**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001-03 legislative appropriation	17.81	\$1,768,869	\$1,050,526	\$2,819,395
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	17.81	1,640,151	2,195,088	3,835,239
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	0.00	\$128,718	(\$1,144,562)	(\$1,015,844)

**Item Description**

**Capital improvements** - The 2001 Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$140,000, of which \$120,000 is from the State Forester reserve account and \$20,000 from nursery tree sales, for construction of an equipment storage building at the Lisbon field office (\$20,000) and construction of a tree storage building at the Towner nursery (\$120,000).

Section 14 of Senate Bill No. 2003 allows the Forest Service, upon approval from the Budget Section, to obtain and utilize any available funds in addition to the \$120,000 of special funds appropriated from the State Forester reserve account to assist in the construction of the Towner nursery tree storage building.

**Status/Result**

Due to the unexpended 1999-2001 biennium appropriation authority being \$235,525, \$85,525 more than anticipated, the Forest Service requested and received approval from the State Board of Higher Education to utilize \$120,000 of the unexpended 1999-2001 biennium appropriation authority rather than money in the State Forester reserve account for construction of the tree storage building at the Towner nursery. The Forest Service anticipates construction of the building to begin in spring 2002 and be completed by fall 2002.

The Forest Service is using \$20,000 of funding appropriated from nursery tree sales for construction of an equipment storage building at the Lisbon field office. Construction began in December 2001, and the Forest Service anticipates the building to be completed within budget in June 2003.

**Community and private lands assistance.**

The Forest Service received \$1.2 million in federal funds in May 2001 for community and private lands assistance associated with the United States Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior's National Fire Plan. The funding requires a 50 percent cost-share match and is to be expended over a three-year period for restoration and recovery, training and equipping rural firefighters, building community capacity to reduce the wildfire risk, and expanding local economic opportunities on private, state, and tribal lands. The Forest Service has sufficient funding in the 2001-03 biennium budget for the 50 percent cost-share match.