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FISCAL NOTE

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Requested by: Legislative Council Date of receipt: Jan 20, 1981, at Bottineau

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal:

Narrative:

The position, equipment and operating expenses requested are necessary to perform the duties required. The primary responsibility is to operate the fire index system for the state.

Attachment A is a specific list of duties.

Fiscal Effect:

1981-82		1982-83		Total Biennium	
<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
	\$43,123 estimated		\$44,883 estimated		\$88,006 estimated

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If additional space is needed, attach a supplementary sheet.

ATTACHMENT A

DUTIES AND FREQUENCY OF DUTIES
FOR OPERATION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

1. Daily
 - a. Morning update of fire indices per station (requires AC power and telephone). Fourteen stations are projected statewide.
 - b. Afternoon fire indices report and tomorrow's forecast (requires AC power and telephone)
 - c. Enter indices in observation books (21 entries for each of 10 stations)
 - d. Plot indices data and draw appropriate graphs (3 graphs for each of 10 stations)
 - e. Transmit indices from observation book to seven agencies (includes forecasted indices)
 - f. Analyze data, consider trending and future trends
 - g. Be available for consultation and consult the National Weather Service
 - h. Coordinate public information including fire condition reports to media
2. Weekly
 - a. Provide a weekly summary of activity and analysis of data
 - b. Provide special use applications
3. Monthly
 - a. Provide a monthly summary and analysis of data
 - b. Print and distribute forms and other expendable supplies for other observation stations.
 - c. Check and maintain equipment for the observation stations.
4. Annual
 - a. Assemble and disassemble all weather observation stations.
 - b. Prepare and conduct observer training sessions
 - c. Provide an annual summary and analysis of yearly data
 - d. Provide fire history data from agencies and analyze to adjust factors related to indices (continuing process throughout the year)

- e. Print and distribute forms and supplies for stations.
- f. Analyze the fire season through review of the data, the station locations and determine the need to change or modify station location or to add or subtract other observation stations to provide most effective coverage.

5. As Required

- a. Contact the Natural Resources Council when Advisory Committee needs to be activated.
- b. Be available for consultation with the Governor, Natural Resources Council, etc.
- c. Special use applications such as prescribed burning