

**Department 244 - Forest Service
 Senate Bill No. 2003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	17.81	\$1,768,869	\$1,050,526	\$2,819,395
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>17.81¹</u>	<u>1,640,151</u>	<u>2,195,088</u>	<u>3,835,239²</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$128,718</u>	<u>(\$1,144,562)</u>	<u>(\$1,015,844)</u>

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Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation is based on 17.66 FTE positions. Section 6 of 1999 House Bill No. 1003 authorized the University System to adjust FTE positions as needed. The 17.81 FTE positions shown above represent the employee positions reported to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

² The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$1,579 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000 and \$11,821 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$2,630,992 critical salary funding pool appropriated to the University System to address additional salary increases beyond legislative appropriations for market and equity raises. The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts do not include \$1,330,025 of other adjustments and 1997-99 carryover authority.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Forest Service 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Removes appropriation for local funds.		(\$2,516,232)	(\$2,516,232)
2. Provides for a tree storage building (\$120,000) at the Towner nursery and an equipment storage building (\$20,000) at the Lisbon field office.		\$140,000	\$140,000

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Forest Service 2001-03 Budget
 Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. The Hoeven budget recommendation does not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation for this agency.			

Major Legislation Affecting the Forest Service

Senate Bill No. 2037 provides a continuing appropriation of higher education institutions' special revenue funds including tuition and allows institutions to carry over at the end of the biennium unspent general fund appropriations.

Senate Bill No. 2038 requires the budget request for the University System to include budget estimates for block grants for a base-funding component and for an initiative-funding component and a budget estimate for an asset-funding component and requires the appropriation for the University System to include block grants to the State Board of Higher Education for a base-funding appropriation and for an initiative-funding appropriation and an appropriation for asset-funding.

Senate Bill No. 2039 allows the State Board of Higher Education to authorize campus improvements and building maintenance projects that are financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the improvement or maintenance is not more than \$500,000.

Senate Bill No. 2040 allows higher education institutions to provide bonuses, cash incentive awards, and temporary salary adjustments to employees without reporting the activity as a fiscal irregularity.

Senate Bill No. 2122 removes the expiration date for the centennial trees program and changes the name of the program to trees for North Dakota. The bill also adds a new section of North Dakota Century Code to allow for optional contributions to the trees for North Dakota program to be designated on an individual's state income tax return.

Other

Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2003 should be amended to clarify that the estimated income appropriated in subdivision 13 of Section 1 includes \$120,000 from the State Forester reserve account for the construction of the Towner nursery tree storage building.