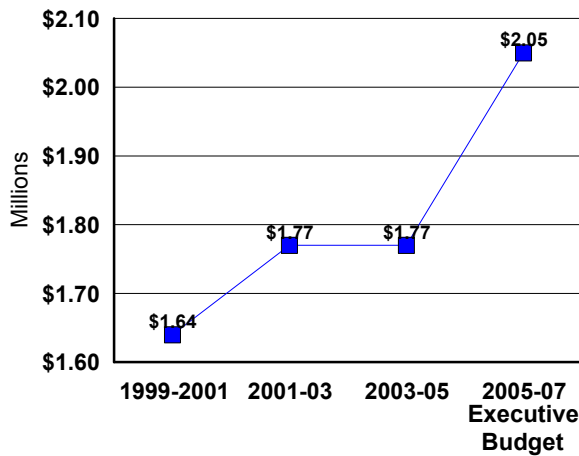


**Department 244 - Forest Service
 Senate Bill No. 2003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 Executive Budget	12.40	\$2,054,653	\$975,001	\$3,029,654
2003-05 Legislative Appropriations	17.97	1,771,076	1,090,001	2,861,077 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	(5.57)	\$283,577	(\$115,000)	\$168,577

¹The 2003-05 appropriation amounts do not include \$24,196 of general fund carryover and \$202,761 of special funds carryover from the 2001-03 biennium.

Agency Funding - General Fund



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for 3 percent per year salary increases	\$82,775		\$82,775
2. Provides funding for health insurance premium increases	\$59,192		\$59,192
3. Provides funding for a 2.2 percent operating inflation increase	\$18,033		\$18,033
4. Provides funding for additional part-time help for the Towner State Nursery and Turtle Mountain State Forests	\$53,000		\$53,000
5. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs from \$31,061 to \$36,638	\$5,577		\$5,577
6. Removes one-time funding provided in the 2003-05 biennium for major capital projects		(\$115,000)	(\$115,000)
7. Provides funding for a major capital project - Seed processing facility at the Towner State Nursery	\$65,000		\$65,000

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2003 - This bill provides for the continuation of the following statutory provisions:

- The continuing appropriation authority for higher education institutions' special revenue funds, including tuition.
- The requirement that the budget request for the North Dakota University System 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 the requirement that the appropriation for the North Dakota University System include block grants for a base funding appropriation and for an initiative funding appropriation and an appropriation for asset funding.
- The North Dakota University System's authority to carry over at the end of the biennium unspent general fund appropriations.

Senate Bill Nos. 2034, 2035, and 2036 - These bills also provide for the continuation of the statutory provisions noted above; however, these bills provide for the continuation of the provisions through June 30, 2007, and Senate Bill No. 2003 provides for the continuation of the provisions without a sunset clause.