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Overview

Provides for future regional park funding, outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, for operation and maintenance expenses.

Section

1 State regional park funding.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Contains definitions, including "operation and maintenance expenses" and "greater Minnesota regional park." The latter must serve a non-local population, be regional in nature, and may encompass more than one county; and generally would be at least 100 acres in size.

Subd. 2. Allocation formula. Provides that each regional park must receive at least 40 percent of its operation and maintenance expenses annually through the commissioner of natural resources.

Subd. 3. Distribution; reporting. Describes the distribution procedure and reporting of the money in subdivision 1.

Subd. 4. Conditions. Contains conditions, including providing drinking water and collecting passes and registrations, for greater regional park use.

2 Regional park grants. Provides for an open appropriation to the natural resources fund, an amount equal to the amount received for metro parks and trails grants for the greater regional

Section

3 parks grants here.
Effective date. Makes the effective date July 1, 2005.