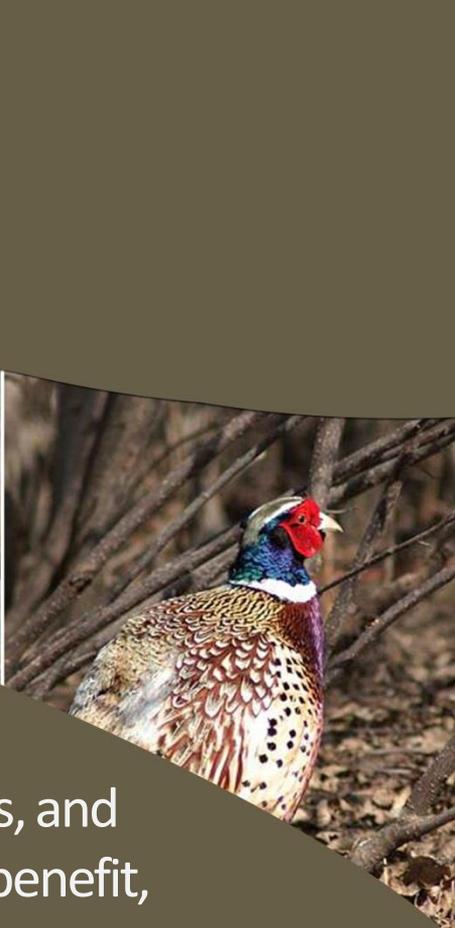
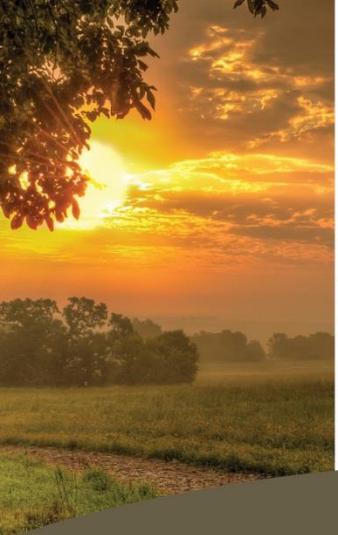




South Dakota

GAME, FISH and PARKS

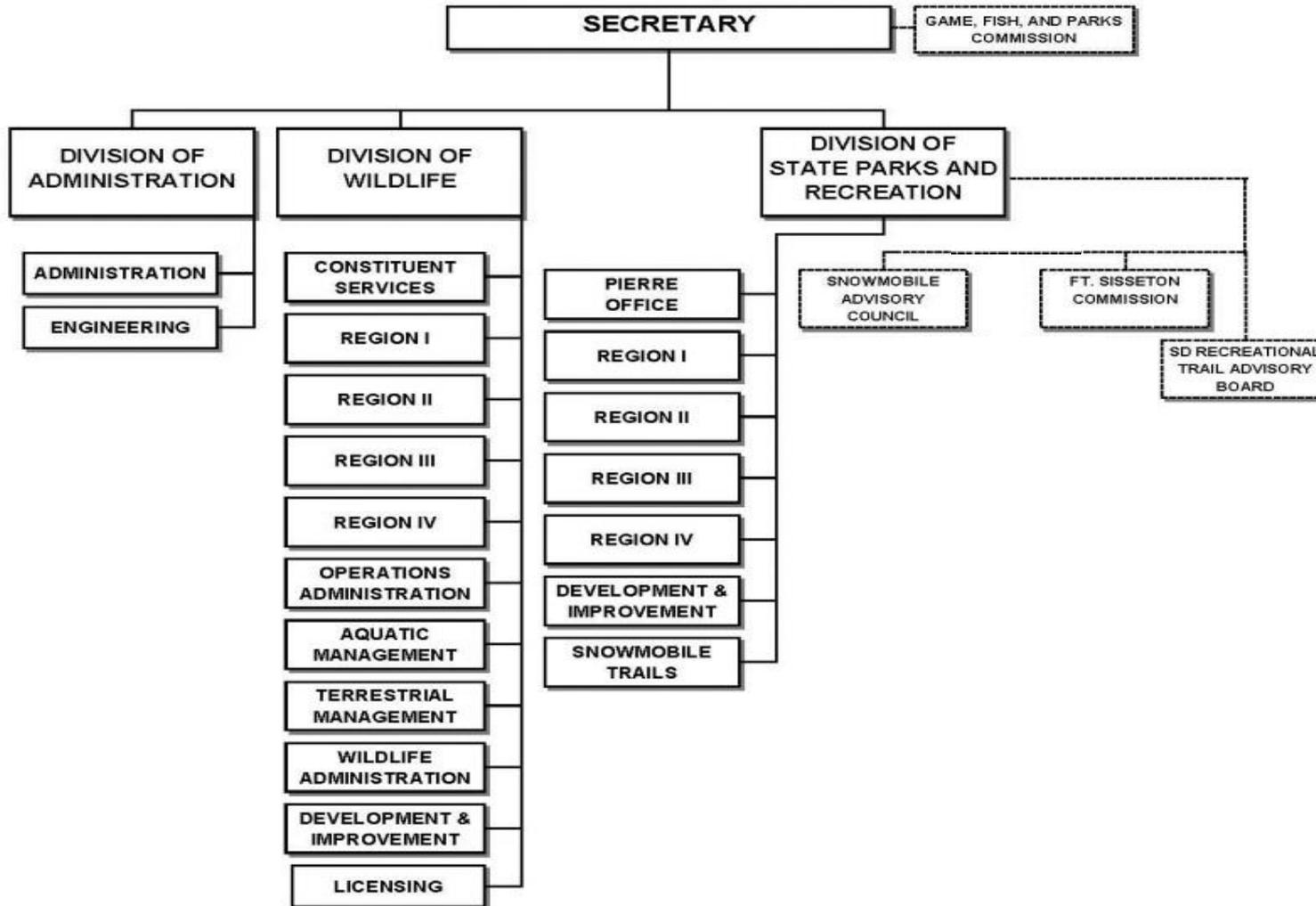


Mission

To perpetuate, conserve, manage, protect, and enhance South Dakota's wildlife resources, parks, and outdoor recreational opportunities for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors, and to give the highest priority to the welfare of this state's wildlife and parks, and their environment, in planning and decisions.

Organizational Structure

Department of Game, Fish, and Parks



Game, Fish and Parks Commission



Provisions established in SDCL Chapter 41-2 create the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

- Set commission structure
 - No more than four from the same political party
 - At least four shall farm, reside on a farm and be engaged in agriculture
 - Members must be from both east and west river South Dakota

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has the authority to:

- Establish fees
- Establish administrative rules
- Provide for other commission functions



Budgetary Structure

- Game, Fish & Parks has 6 programs provided within the annual general appropriations bill and the Governor's budget book.
- 3 Budgeted Programs and 3 Informational Budgets
 1. 0601 **Div. of Administration**
 2. 0610 **Div. of Wildlife-Operations** (Informational)
 3. 0612 **Div. of Wildlife-Capital Development & Improvement** (Informational)
 4. 0620 **Div. of Parks & Recreation-Maintenance & Operations**
 5. 0621 **Div. of Parks & Recreation-Capital Development & Improvement**
 6. 0622 **Snowmobile Trails** (Informational)



Division of
PARKS and RECREATION



Mission

The South Dakota State Park System is committed to providing diverse outdoor recreation opportunities, acting as a catalyst for a growing tourism economy and preserving the resources with which we are entrusted for future generations.

South Dakota State Park System



- 13 State Parks
- 43 Recreation Areas
- 5 Nature Areas
- 69 Lakeside Use Areas

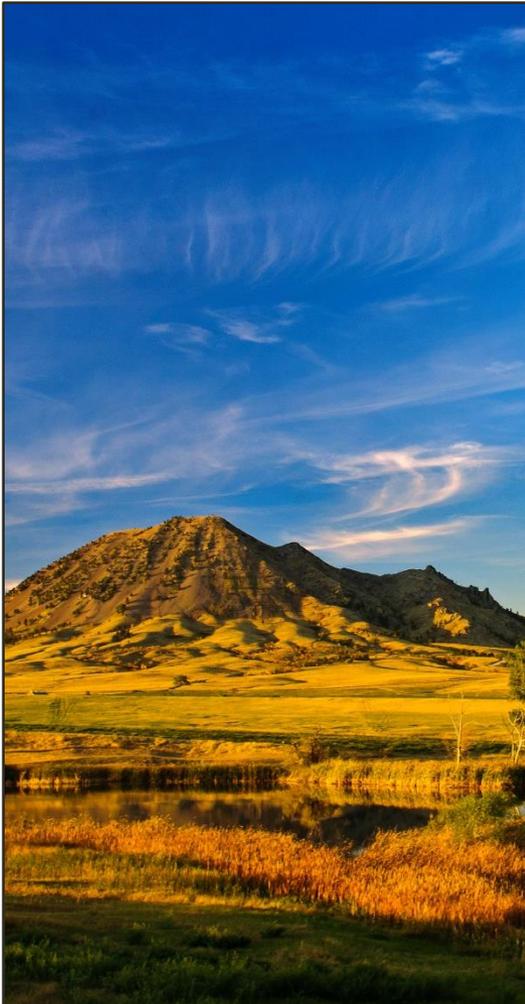
Spirit Mound Historic Prairie
George S. Mickelson Trail

132 parks statewide

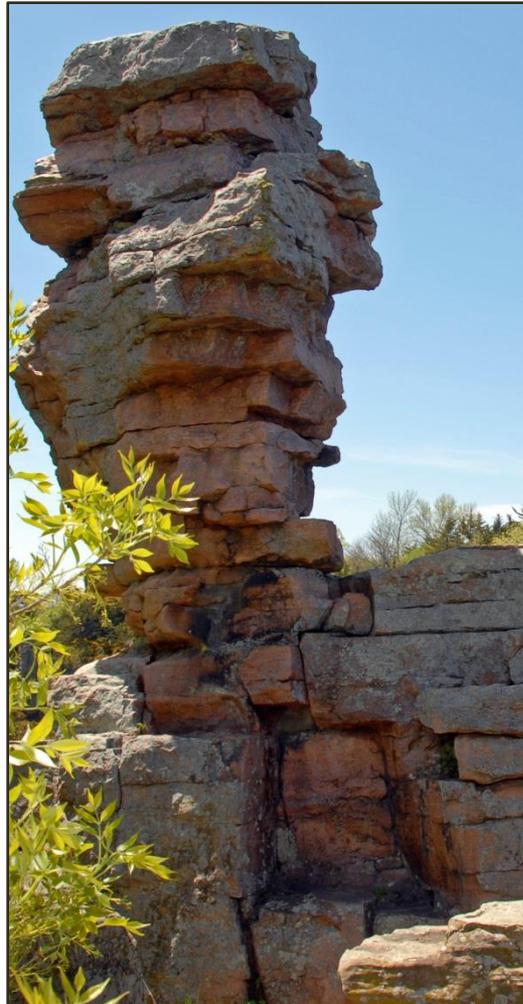
66 require a park entrance license

13 State Parks

Represent South Dakota's Outdoor Heritage



Bear Butte



Palisades



Fort Sisseton

Custer State Park

- 72,000 acres
- 1.7 million visitors, 2014
- World-class wildlife viewing



43 Recreation Areas

Represent Water-based Recreation



West Bend



Randall Creek



Lake Vermillion

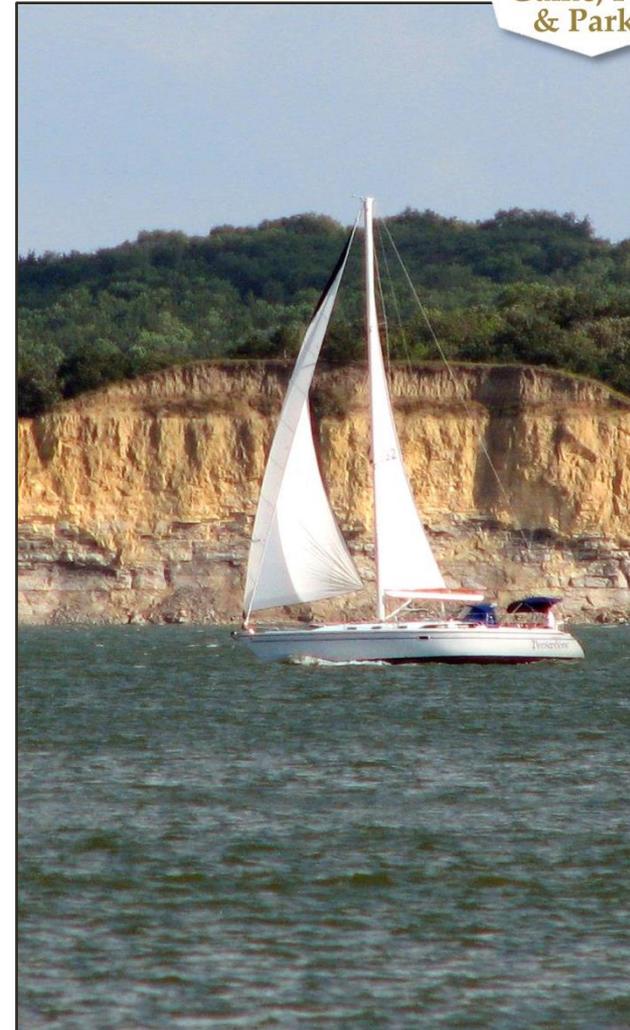


Farm Island

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area



- 1.2 million visitors, 2014
- Most popular campgrounds
- 53,000 overnight camping units



5 Nature Areas

Represent Outdoor Learning



Adams Homestead



Beaver Creek

Roughlock Falls Nature Area



69 Lakeside Use Areas

Represent Boating and Fishing

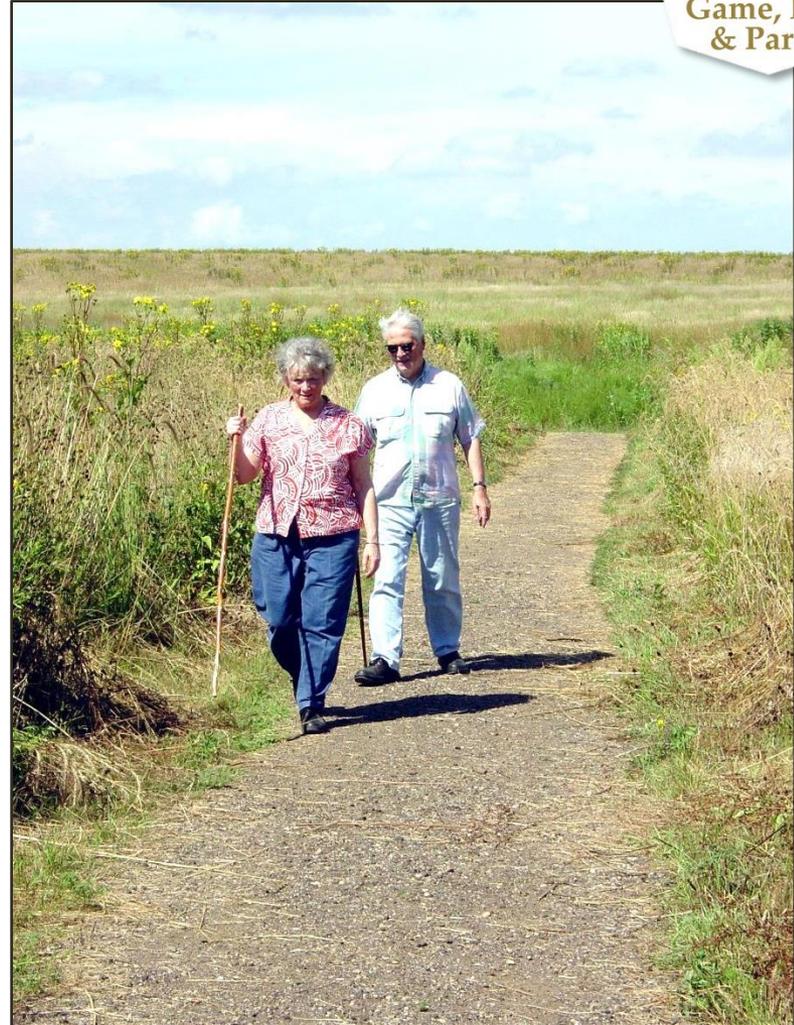




It's all about getting on the H₂O!



Spirit Mound Historic Prairie



114-mile Mickelson Trail

World-class biking and hiking



Over 7.4 Million Visitors

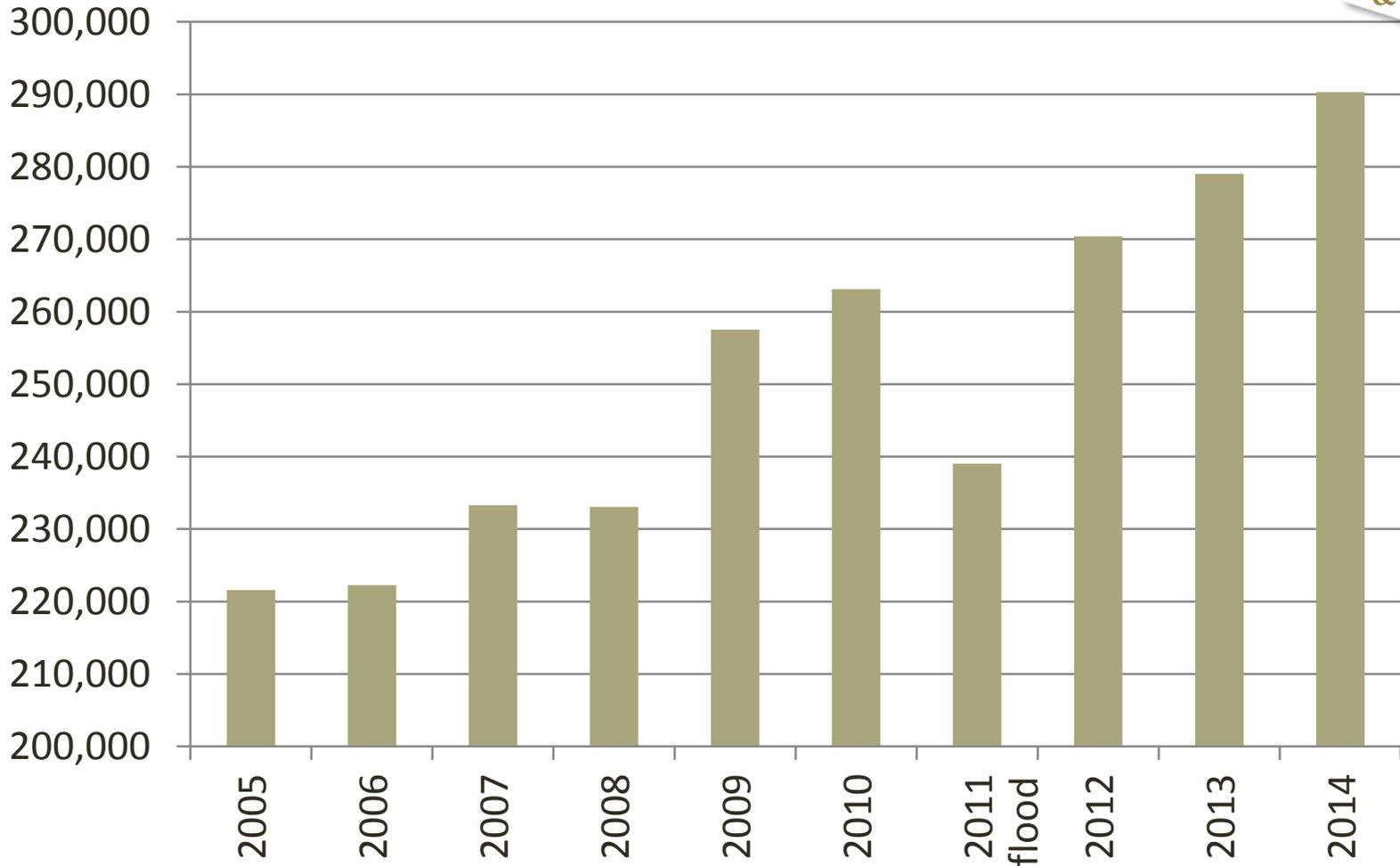


Campers grow and so do numbers!



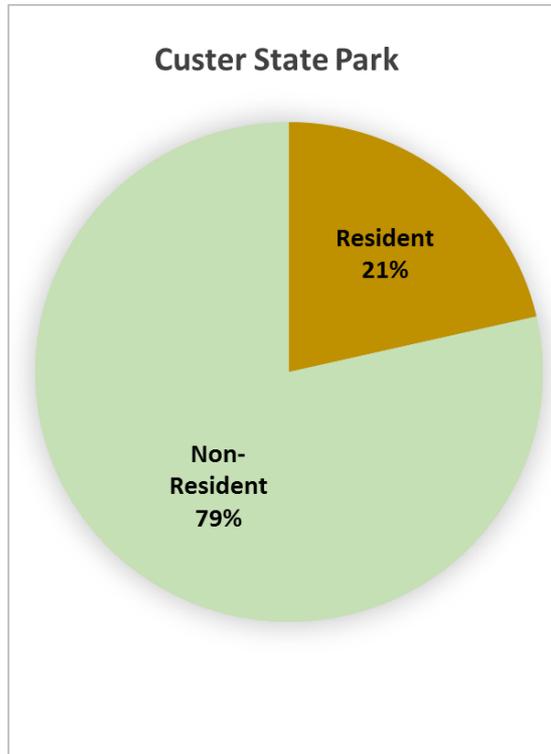


Camping Units

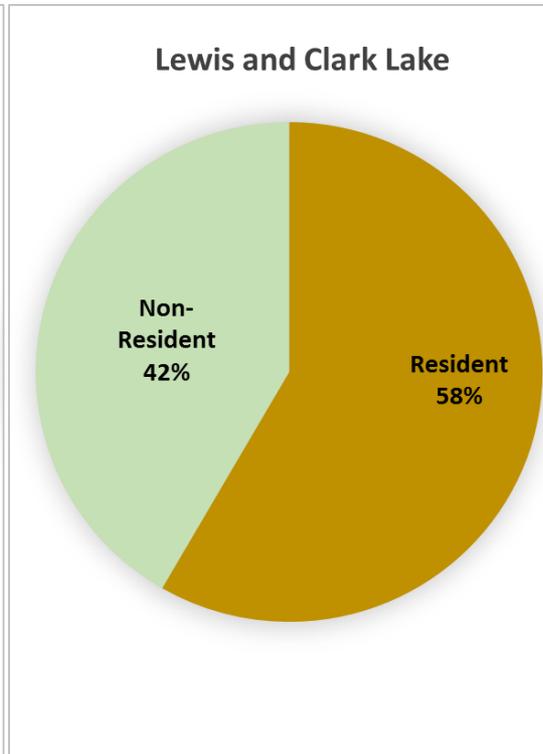


2014 Camping by Residency

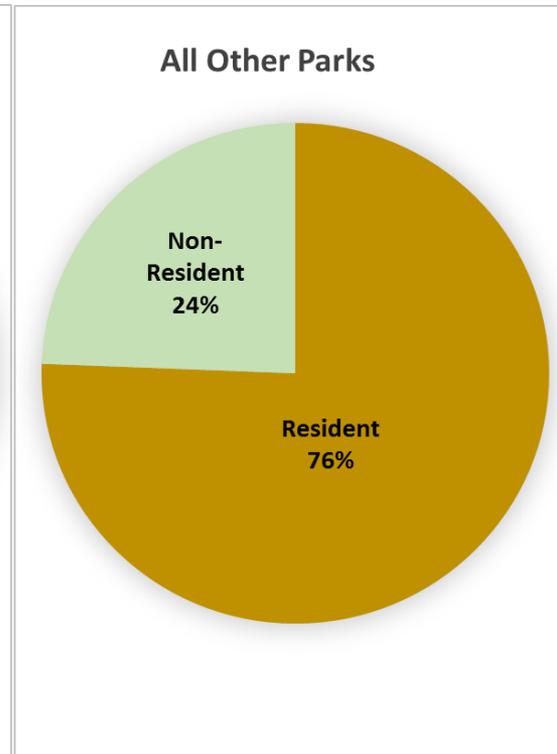
290,000 units



48,125 Camping Units



53,446 Camping Units



188,708 Camping Units

State Parks Contain

- 4,190 campsites
- 299 boat ramps
- 74 playgrounds
- 49 beaches
- 337 miles of hiking trails
- 124 picnic shelters
- 321 miles of road
- 549 vault toilets
- 116 modern restrooms with showers



Who maintains all of this?



Staffing



118 full-time FTE

7.2 permanent part-time FTE

118 seasonal FTE

243.2 FTEs + 450 volunteers



Contracted Labor



Development and Improvement



- Preventative Maintenance
- Water-based Recreation
- New Development

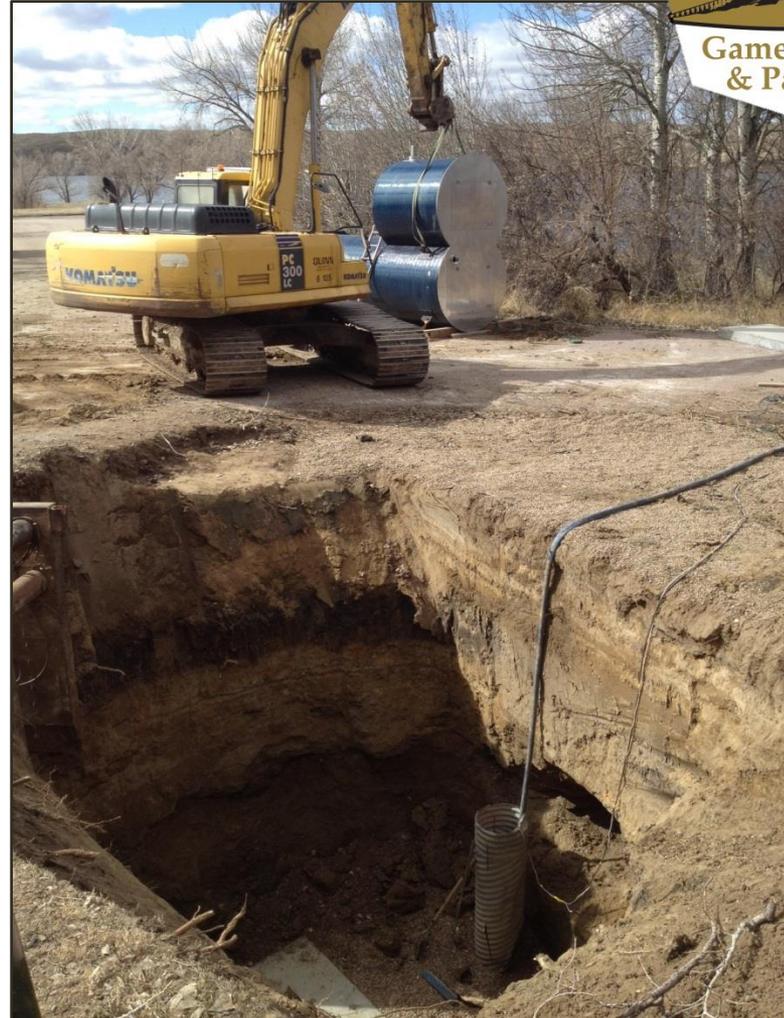


North Point Trail Construction

Preventative Maintenance



Hartford Beach Electrical Upgrades



Angostura Lift Station Replacement

Preventative Maintenance



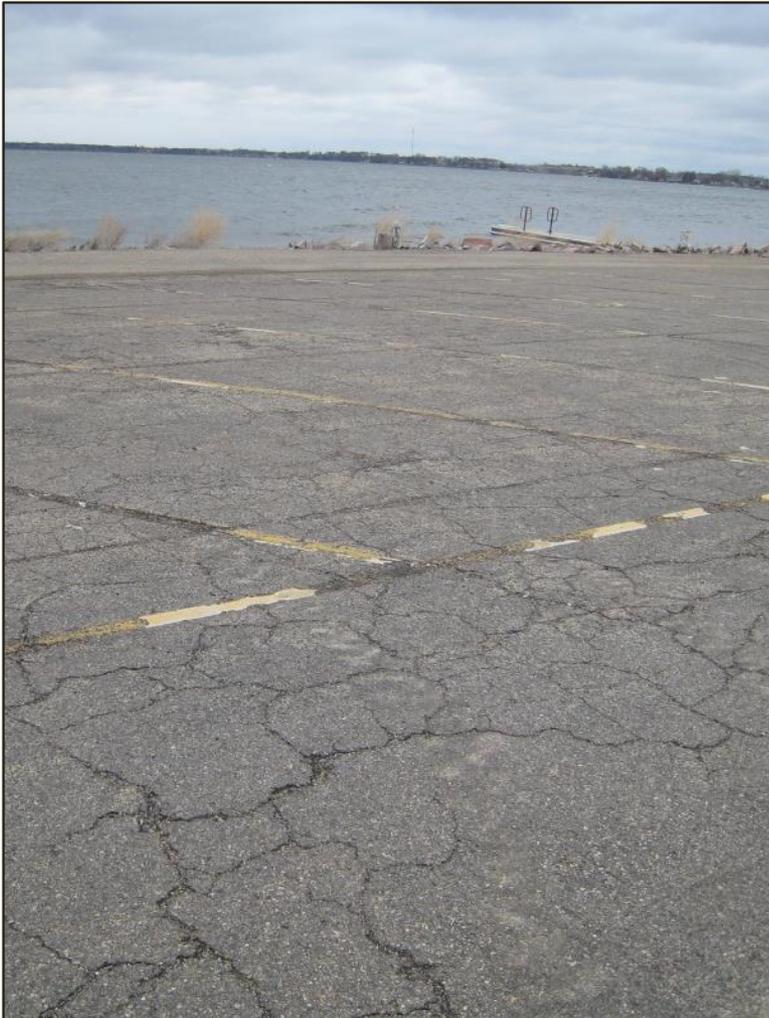
Lake Herman



State Park System Roads Inventory

	Paved	Gravel	Total
Interior Park Roads	181.46	140.14	321.6
Connector Roads	77.62	50.68	128.3

Preventative Maintenance



Lake Poinsett



Lake Poinsett

Water-based Recreation



Roy Lake Boat Ramp Repair

Water-based Recreation



West Pollock, Lake Oahe

Park System Expansion



Spearfish Falls



Custer Visitor Center



Good Earth State Park

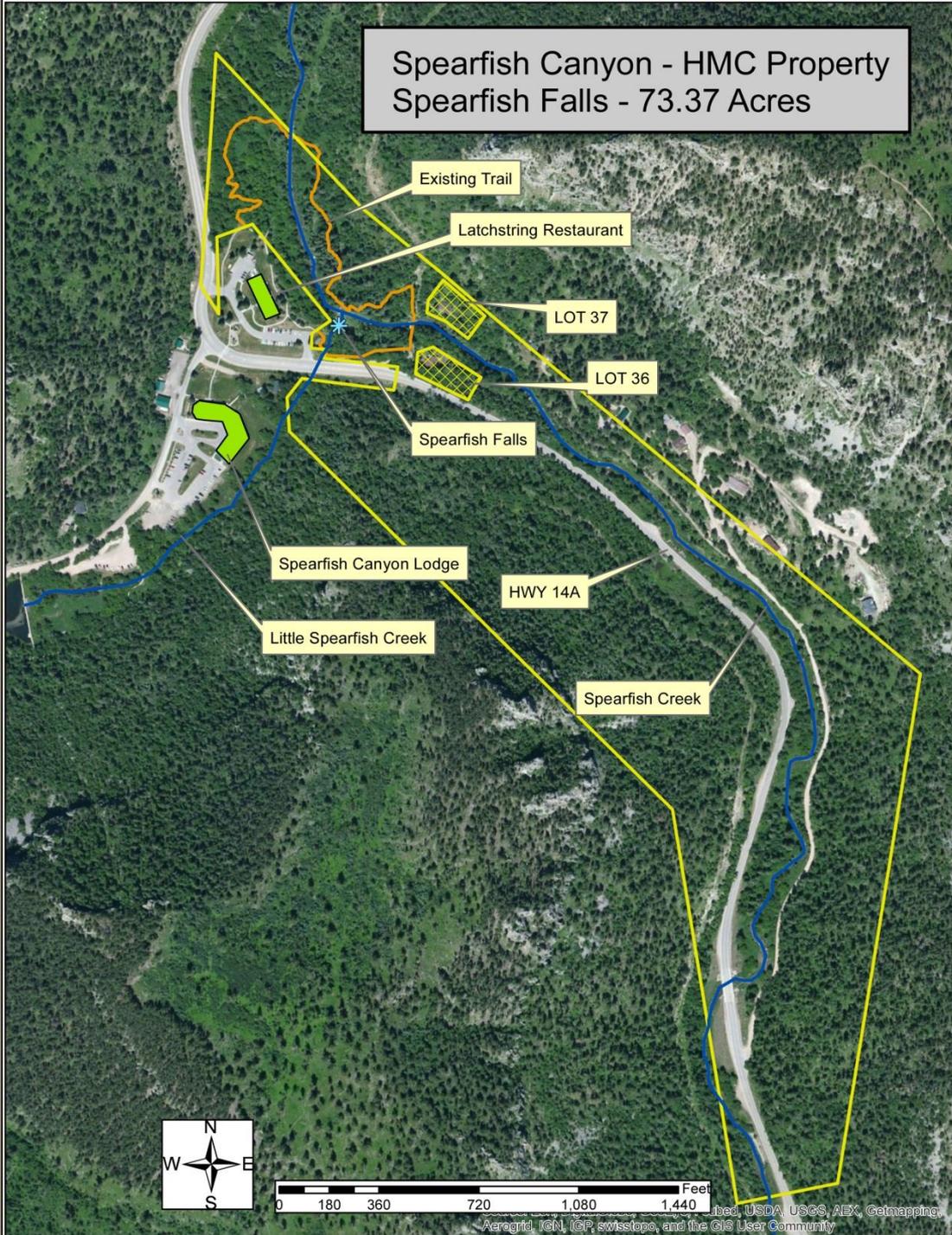


Spearfish Falls Acquisition

- Funding donated by Spearfish Canyon Foundation
- Land connects Savoy Pond and Roughlock Falls
- Will be managed as part of Roughlock Falls Nature Area



Spearfish Canyon - HMC Property Spearfish Falls - 73.37 Acres



Map data provided by Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, United States Geological Survey (USGS), AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



CUSTER STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER

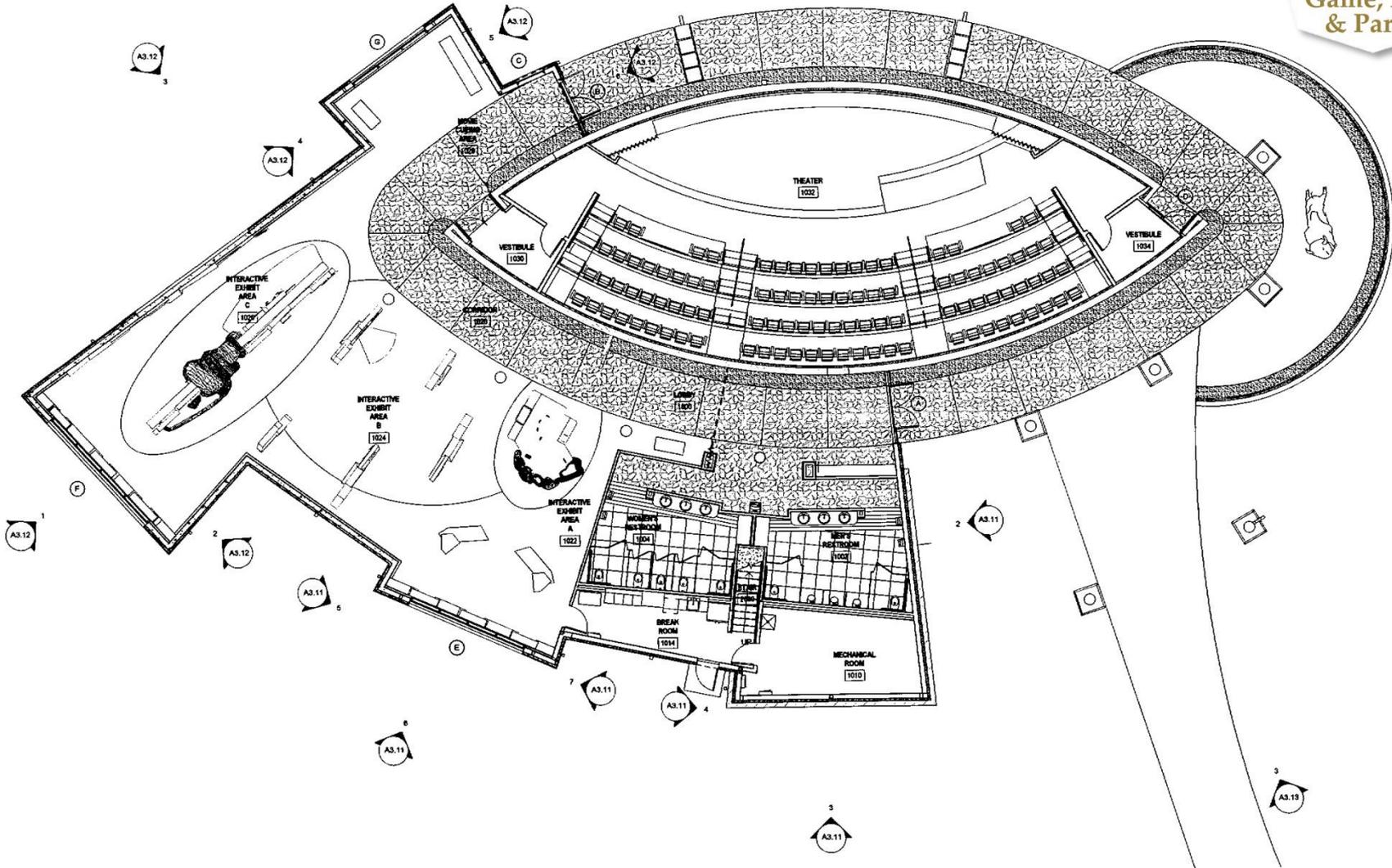


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Custer State Park Visitor Center



Custer State Park Visitor Center



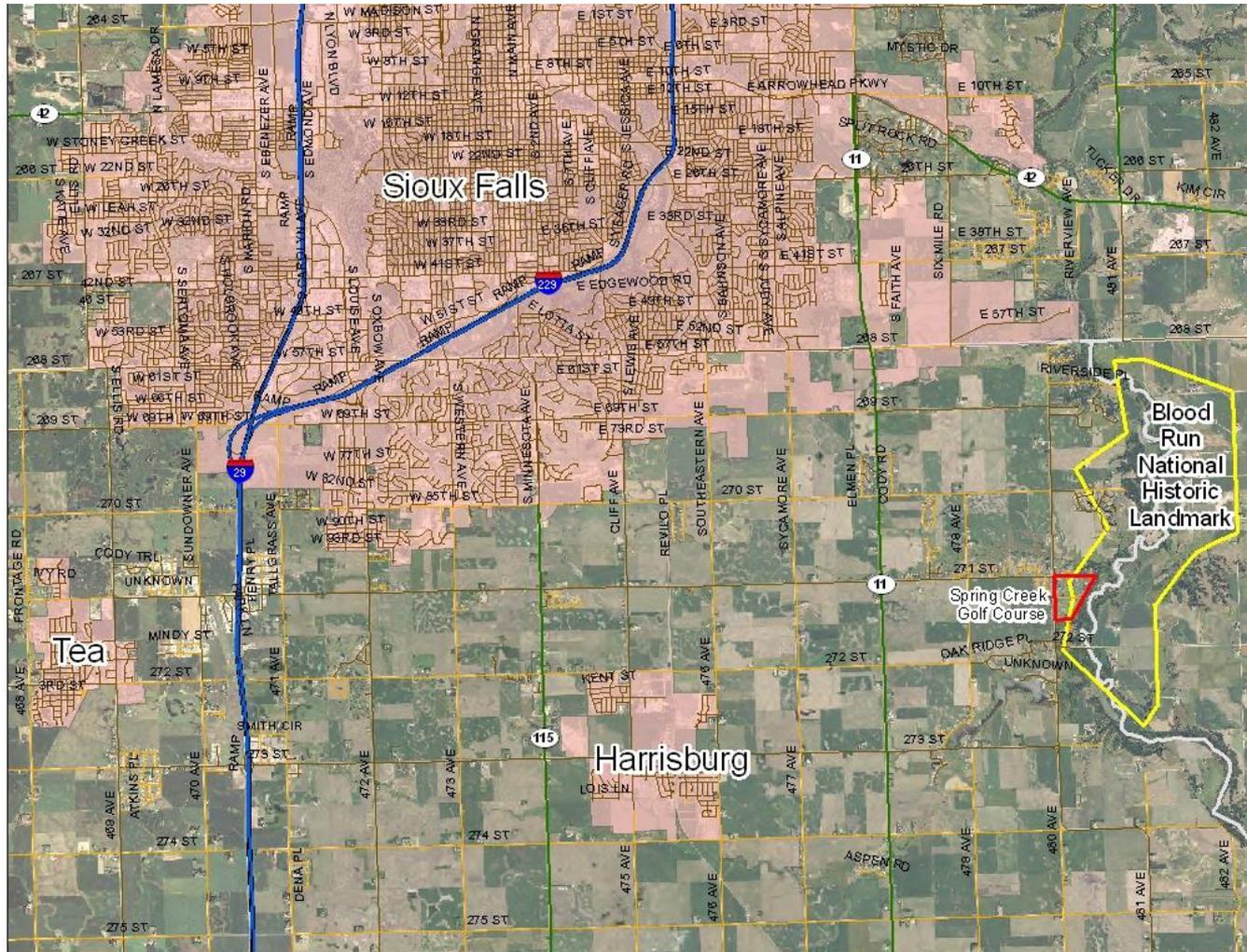
Good Earth State Park

Dedicated July 19, 2013



Good Earth State Park

Proximity to Sioux Falls



Good Earth State Park

Native American Village Site



Good Earth State Park

National Historic Landmark



Good Earth State Park

Development Project



Good Earth State Park Visitor Center



VIEW FROM SOUTH EAST

Snowmobile Program

350 miles of groomed trails in the Black Hills



Snowmobile Program

Grant-in-aid grooming program with 13 East River snowmobile clubs



Snowmobile Program

Dedicated Funding

- Snowmobile Licenses
- Snowmobile Gas Tax
- Snowmobile Excise Tax





Division of
WILDLIFE



Mission

The Division of Wildlife will manage South Dakota's wildlife and fisheries resources and their associated habitats for their sustained and equitable use, and for the benefit, welfare and enjoyment of the citizens of this state and its visitors.

Serving People, Managing Wildlife



Core Values

1. Wildlife enhances the quality of life in South Dakota.
2. Wildlife is a public trust resource.
3. Hunting, fishing and trapping are highly coveted recreational activities and important tools of wildlife management.
4. Partnerships with private landowners are essential to effective wildlife management.

Hunting and Fishing Participation



2011 National Survey Indicates

- **Economic Impact**
\$1.2 billion economic impact for wildlife related activities in SD
- **Hunting Participation**
SD #1 nationally in percentage of residents who participate in hunting (21%)
- **Fishing Participation**
SD #4 nationally in percentage of residents who participate in fishing (26%)



Latest national survey data will not be available until 2016.

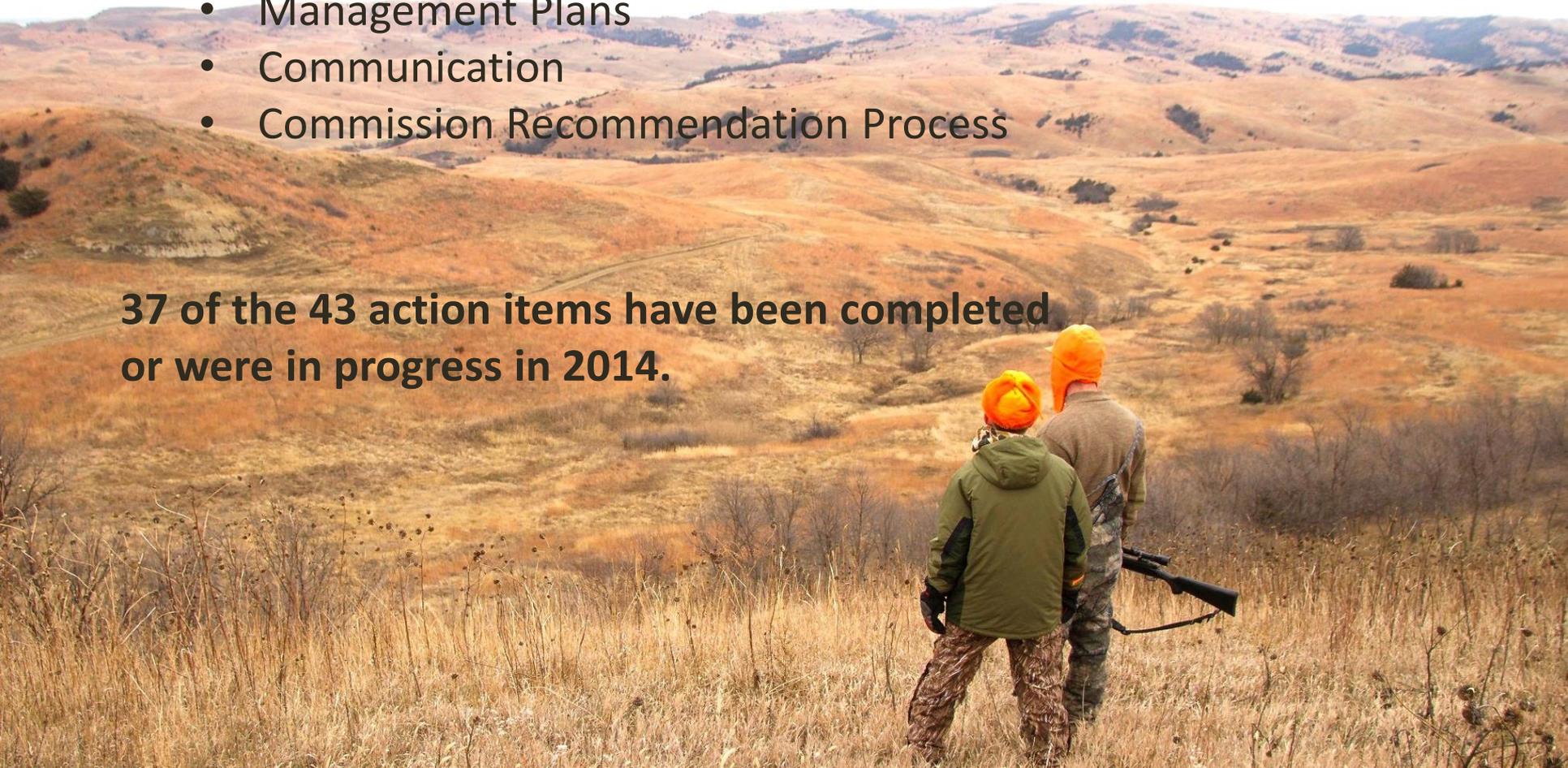
Big Game Action Plan Progresses



43 Point Action Plan Outlining the Following:

- Population Monitoring
- Management Plans
- Communication
- Commission Recommendation Process

37 of the 43 action items have been completed or were in progress in 2014.





Overview of Management Plans

Elk Management Plan

- Highest priority – focuses on forage allocations and availability, depredation components, harvest strategies and license allocations.
- Currently in public comment period until Feb. 6, 2015.

Mountain Lion Management Plan

- Clarify stated population objective as adults, sub-adults and kittens.

Greater Sage Grouse Management Plan

- Focus on monitoring, enhancing knowledge of sage grouse and implementing on-the-ground management practices.

Antelope Management Plan

- Establish unit specific objectives to illustrate the management direction at a local level.

Overview of Management Plans



Fisheries Management

- Finalized a strategic planning system for fisheries management.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Implemented AIS plans in response to mussel discoveries in Lewis and Clark Lake and Angostura Reservoir.
- Outreach and education awareness plans continue to develop and will roll out in 2015.





FISHING

Fishing Licenses

Resident Annual Fishing

65,261 - decreased .5%

Nonresident Annual Fishing

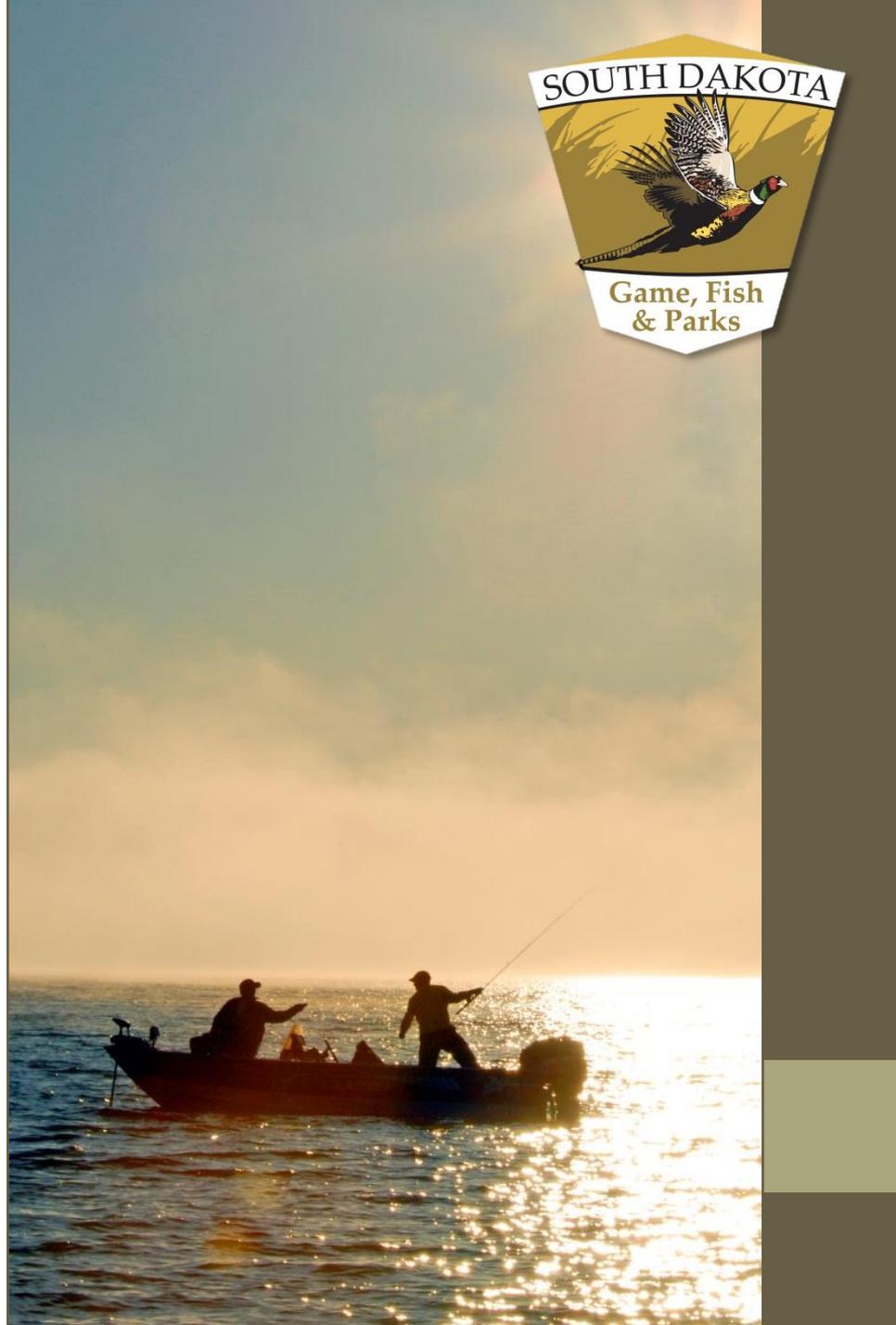
25,098 - increased 12%

Resident Combination

45,055 - decreased 1.6%

Resident Sr. Combination

6,785 - increased 5%



Fishing



- 153 million fish eggs collected; doubling from 2013.
- 75 million fish stocked in 284 waters across the state.
- Maintained over 600 fishing access sites for both shore and boat anglers.
- Completed nearly 30 access projects in 2014.
- Installed fishing piers in the following locations:
 - Lake Alexander (Pennington County)
 - Lake Faulkton (Faulk County)
 - Lake Oliver (Deuel County)
 - Elm Lake (Brown County)
 - 3rd Avenue Pond (Codington County)



HUNTING

Pheasants



- Pheasant Per Mile index increased 76% from 2013.
 - 2013 = 1.52 pheasants per mile.
 - 2014 = 2.68 pheasants per mile.
 - 53% lower than the 10-year average.
- Resident Small Game license sales increased 14.6% (24,075).
- Nonresident Small Game license sales increased 5% (80,560).



Deer | Antelope | Elk | Turkey



Big Game Species	2013 Resident Licenses	2013 Nonresident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	2014 Nonresident Licenses	2013 Total Combined	2014 Total Combined
Deer	98,097 (141,228 tags sold)	8,457 (13,301 tags sold)	85,594 (95,269 tags sold)	6,738 (7,344 tags sold)	106,554 (154,529 tags sold)	92,332 (102,613 tags sold)
Antelope	4,746 (5,522 tags sold)	280 (280 tags sold)	4,249 (4,644 tags sold)	415 (415 tags sold)	5,026 (5,802 tags sold)	4,664 (5,059 tags sold)
Elk	830 (830 tags sold)	N/A	868 (868 tags sold)	N/A	830 (830 tags sold)	868 (868 tags sold)
Turkey	19,271 (26,263 tags sold)	3,934 (5,518 tags sold)	14,548 (15,698 tags sold)	3,189 (3,896 tags sold)	23,205 (31,781 tags sold)	17,737 (19,594 tags sold)

Note: *The deer numbers include all licenses for each of the below season types.*

- **Resident and Nonresident:**

East River, West River, Black Hills, Archery, Muzzleloader, Youth

- **Resident Only:**

East River Landowner, West River Landowner, Custer State Park, Mentor

Enhancing Outdoor Opportunities



Walk-In Area

- 1.25 million acres at cost of just over \$2 million.
- Maintained 45,384 acres in Day, Marshall and Roberts counties in the Special Access Areas.

Controlled Hunting Access Program

- 12 cooperators enrolled and includes 21,211 acres.

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Program

- 8 cooperators in the central part of the state near the Missouri River and includes 36,000 acres.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in James River Watershed

- 833 landowner contracts in 21 counties partnering on 82,867 acres at a cost of \$3 million.





WILDLIFE DAMAGE



Wildlife Damage Management

- GFP annually spends between \$2-3 million to operate the Wildlife Damage Management Program.
- Responded to a total of 2,539 requests for assistance impacting 1,996 producers and landowners.
- Animal Damage Control
 - 27 staff drove more than 415,000 miles and worked more than 26,000 hours to address 1,655 requests for assistance; which directly impacted 1,322 producers and landowners.
 - Removed a total of 6,530 coyotes and 83 fox.
 - Total expenditure for ADC only = \$1,113,125 statewide.





Engaging with
DIGITAL CUSTOMERS



@MAR5H35



@JOHNPOLLMANN



@CMRROUNDS



@AJSOLEM88

#SDintheField

SHARING THE STORIES OF OUR CUSTOMERS.



@ATCHRISMUELLER



@FLATLANDFLYWAYS

Engaging with Digital Customers



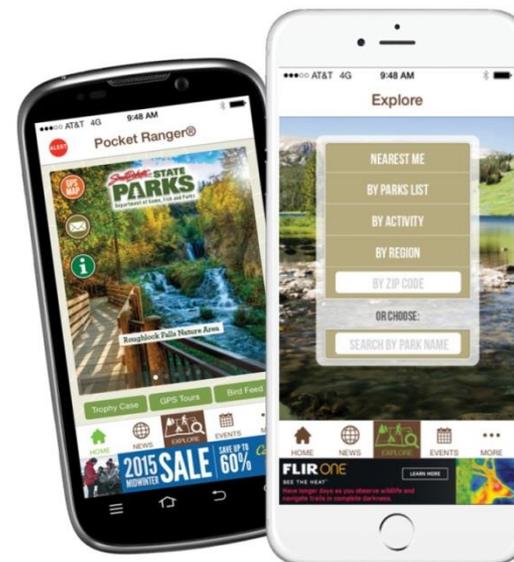
Hunting and Fishing App allows users to view hunting and fishing regulations, view maps of public hunting and fishing opportunities, access the sunrise/sunset table and more.

- Over 9,000 iOS downloads.
- Over 13,000 Android downloads.



State Parks Pocket Ranger App allows users access to park info, upcoming events, news, weather conditions and geographic landmarks before and during trips to the park grounds.

- Nearly 19,000 iOS downloads.
- Over 6,500 Android downloads.





Online Services

- **Website**

- Launched a responsive web design in July.
- 45 percent of our digital customers continue to expect online services to be available from a handheld or tablet device.
- Top 5 mobile devices accessing GFP website: iPhone and iPad (make up 57 percent of users), Galaxy S5, Galaxy SIV, Galaxy SIII.

- **Social Media**

- **Facebook** = Over 17,000 followers.
- **Twitter** = Over 2,100 followers with a reach of over 1 million.
- **YouTube** = inform and educate through 100 videos on hunting, fishing and conservation.
- **Blog** = storytelling through videos/photos showcasing work of staff.

- **Email Communication**

- Distributed 146 emails to approximately 227,000 individual email addresses = resulting in 2.28 million attempts to communicate with customers.
- Open rate = 33 percent.

- **Bowhunter Education**

- 81% of students completed their course entirely online.

- **Online Applications**

- 90% of hunters and anglers purchase or apply for their license online.



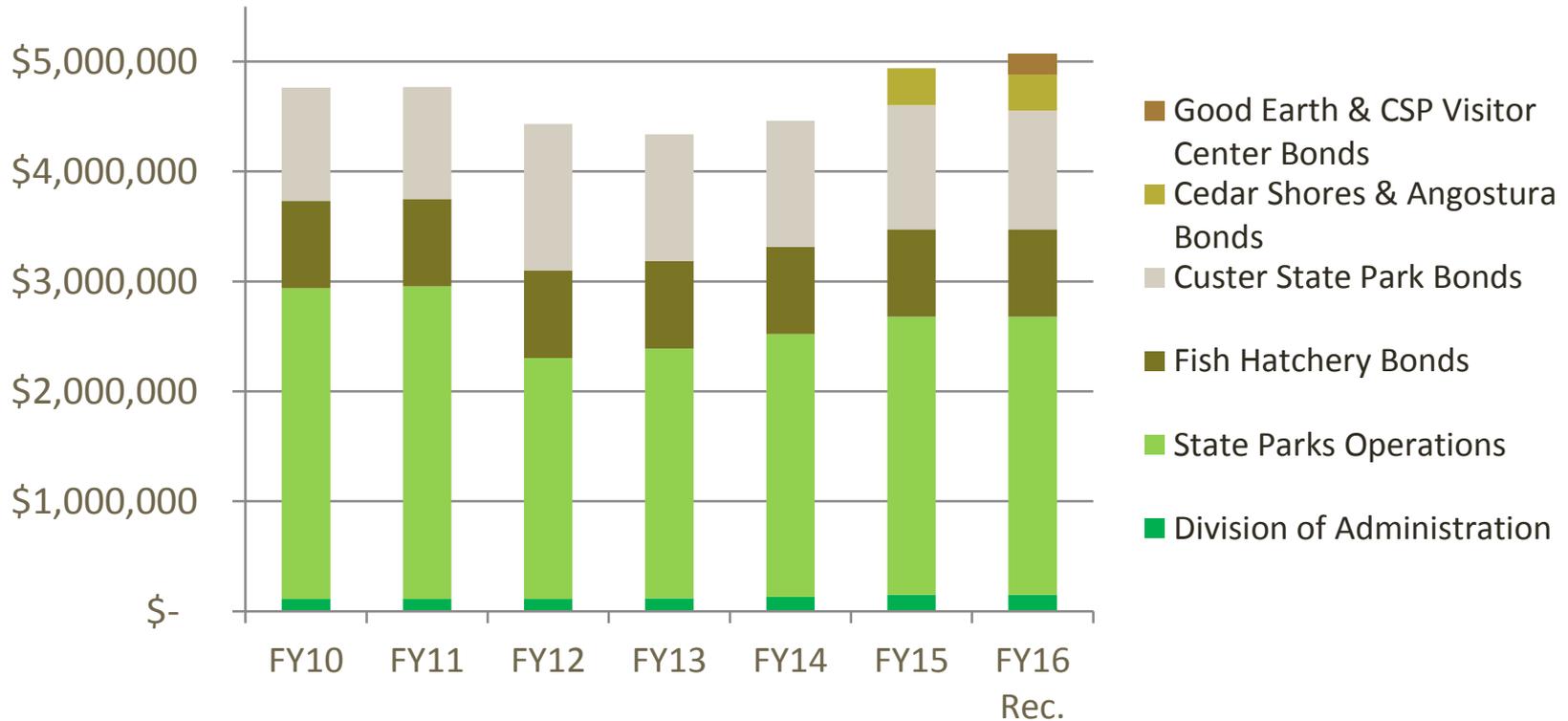
BUDGET OVERVIEW

General Fund Summary



	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>FY2014</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>FY2015</u>	<u>Increase /</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Requested</u> <u>FY2016</u>
Fish Hatcheries Bond Payment (2006 Series through 2026)	\$ 792,596	\$ 796,783	\$ (2,030)	\$ 794,753
Custer State Park Bond Payments (1991-1994 Series through 2018) & (Series 2007-2010 through 2030)	\$ 1,147,895	\$ 1,129,175	\$ (49,168)	\$ 1,080,007
Cedar Shores / Angostura Bond Payments (2013 Series through 2038)	\$ -	\$ 336,614	\$ (926)	\$ 335,688
Custer & Good Earth State Park Bond Payments (Visitor Centers) (2014 Series through 2029)		\$ -	\$ 187,681	\$ 187,681
Total Bond Schedule Payments	\$ 1,940,491	\$ 2,262,572	\$ 135,557	\$ 2,398,129
Division of Administration	\$ 131,506	\$ 151,311	\$ -	\$ 151,311
Division of Parks & Recreation - Maintenance & Operations	\$ 2,390,553	\$ 2,526,907	\$ -	\$ 2,526,907
Division of Parks & Recreation - Capital Development & Improvement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Division of Wildlife	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total General Funds for Operations	\$ 2,522,059	\$ 2,678,218	\$ -	\$ 2,678,218
Department Total	\$ 4,462,550	\$ 4,940,790	\$ 135,557	\$ 5,076,347

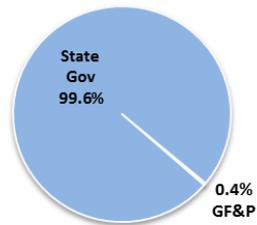
General Funds Historical Summary



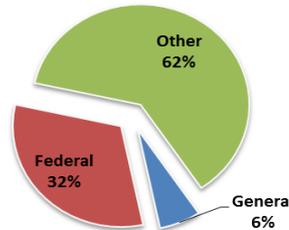
FY16 Budget Briefing

Department of Game, Fish, & Parks

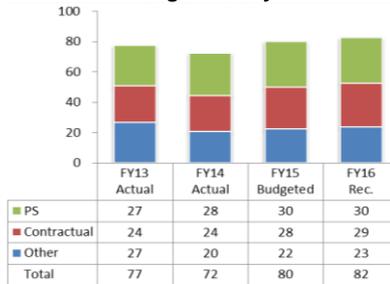
Agency Share of Budgeted General Funds



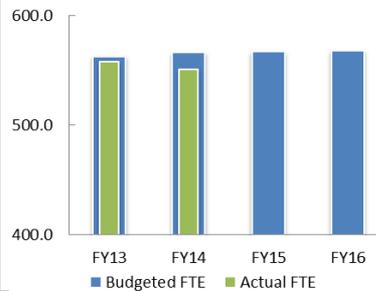
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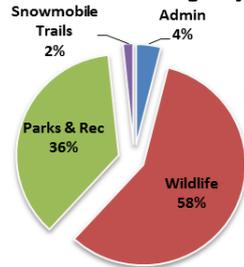
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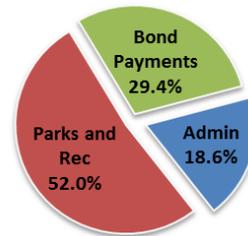
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Distribution of Total Agency Funds



Distribution of Agency General Funds



Division of Wildlife Budget

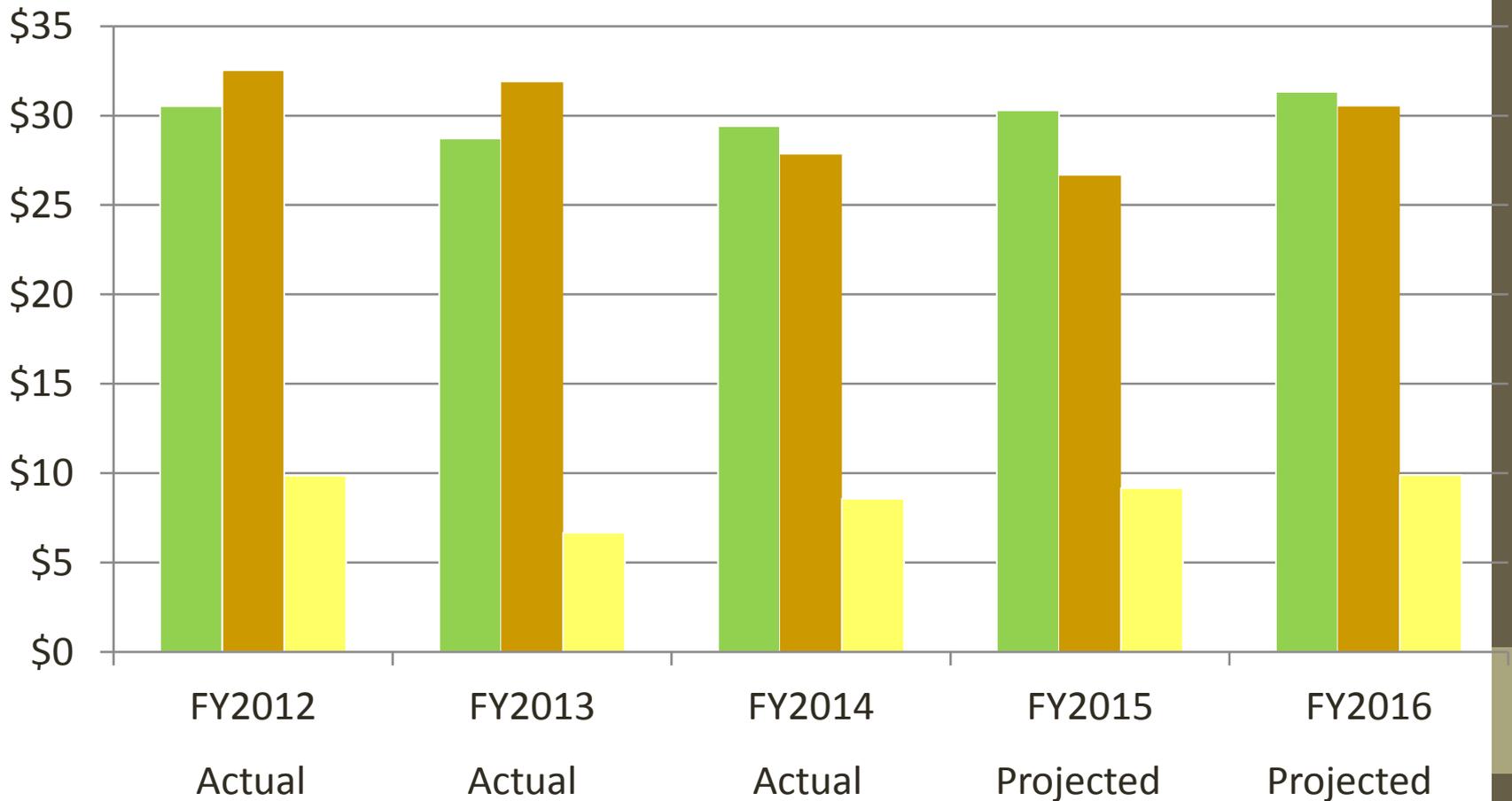




Game Fund

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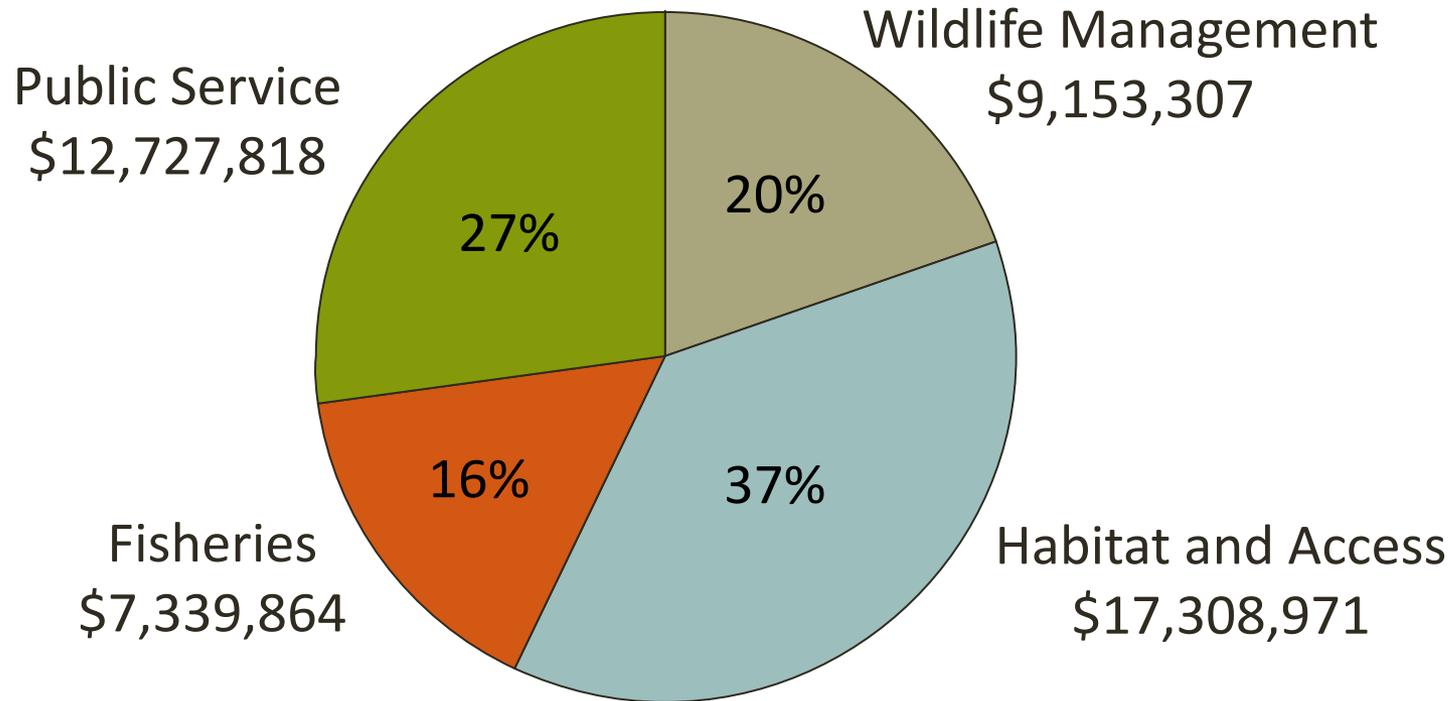
■ Revenue ■ Expenses ■ Balance





Wildlife Division Budget

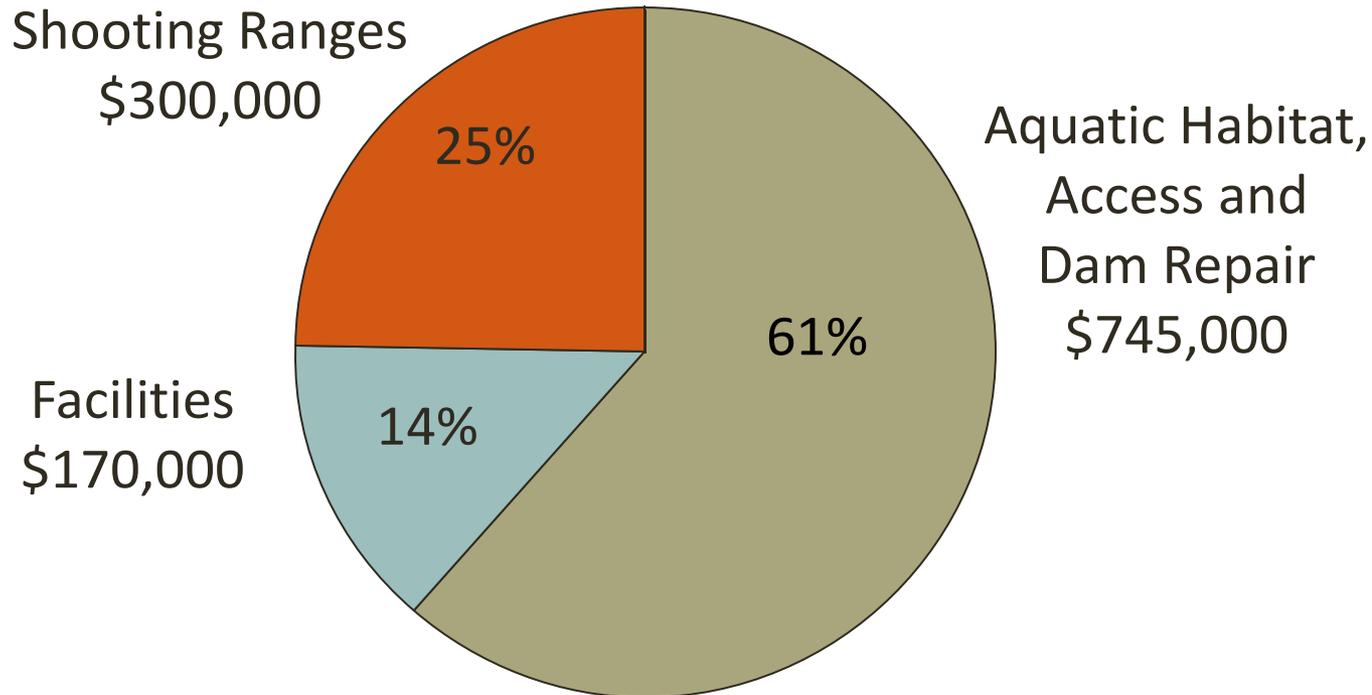
Proposed FY16



Wildlife Capital Development Budget



Proposed FY16 - \$1,215,000



Division of Parks and Recreation Budget

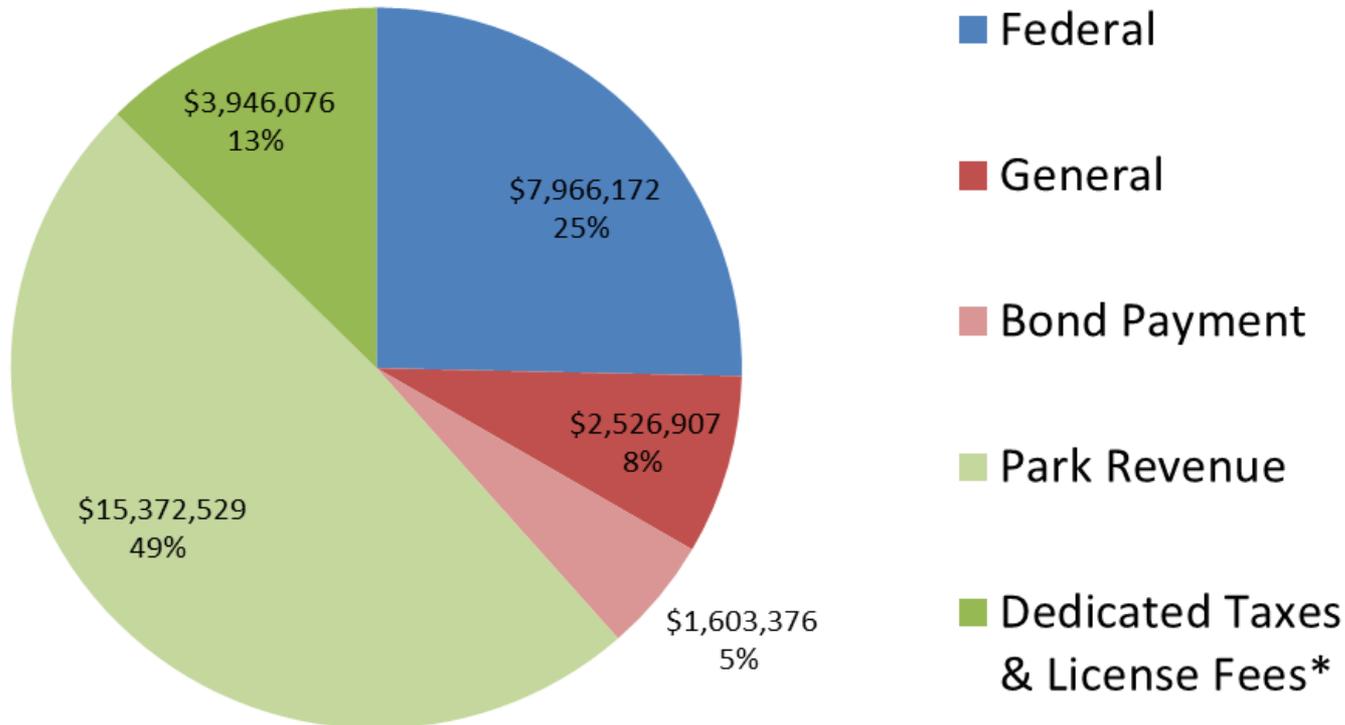




Parks and Recreation

FY16 Fund Sources

FY16 Fund Sources \$31,415,060 Division of Parks and Recreation

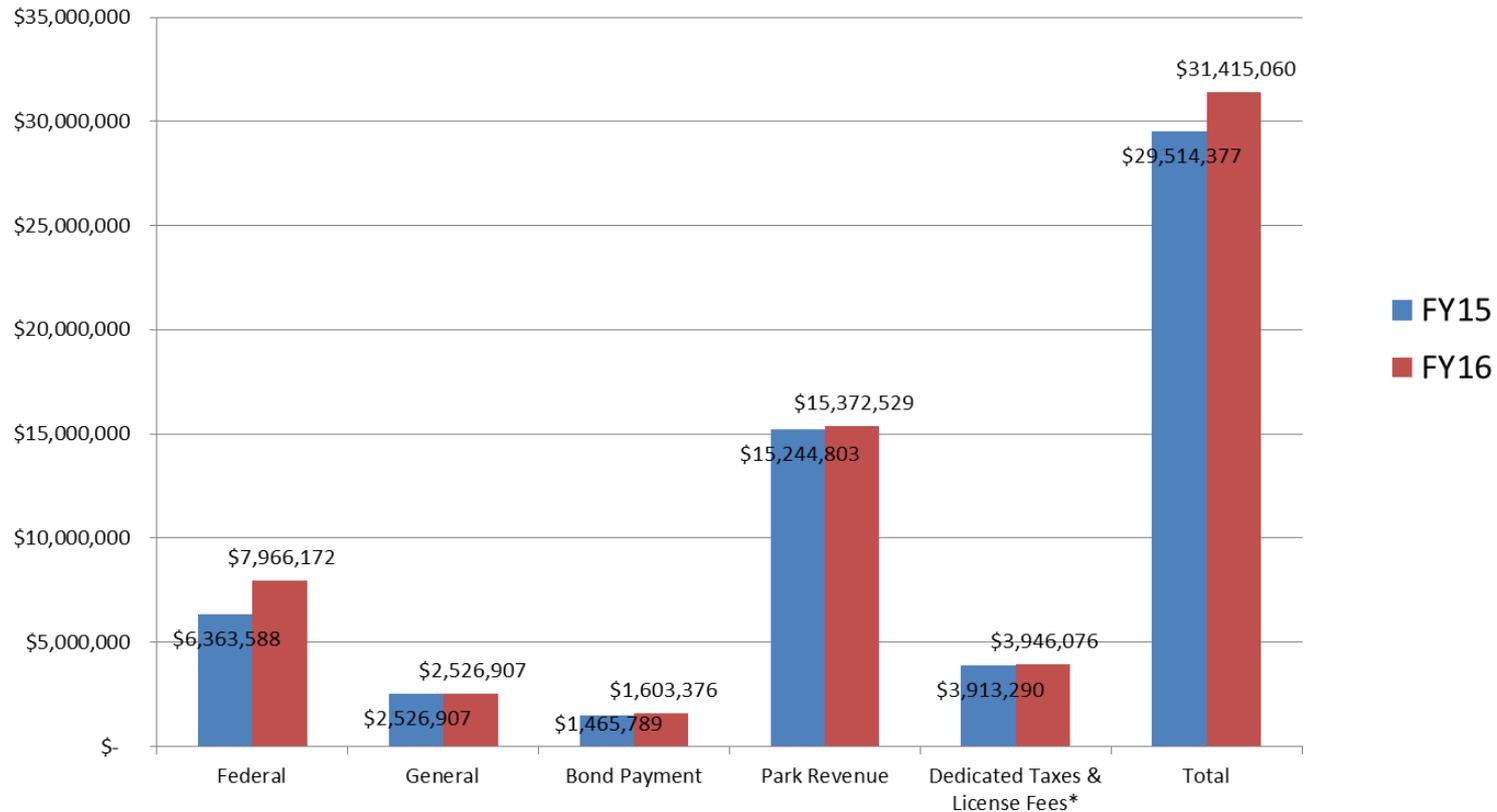


Parks and Recreation

FY15 and FY16 Fund Comparison



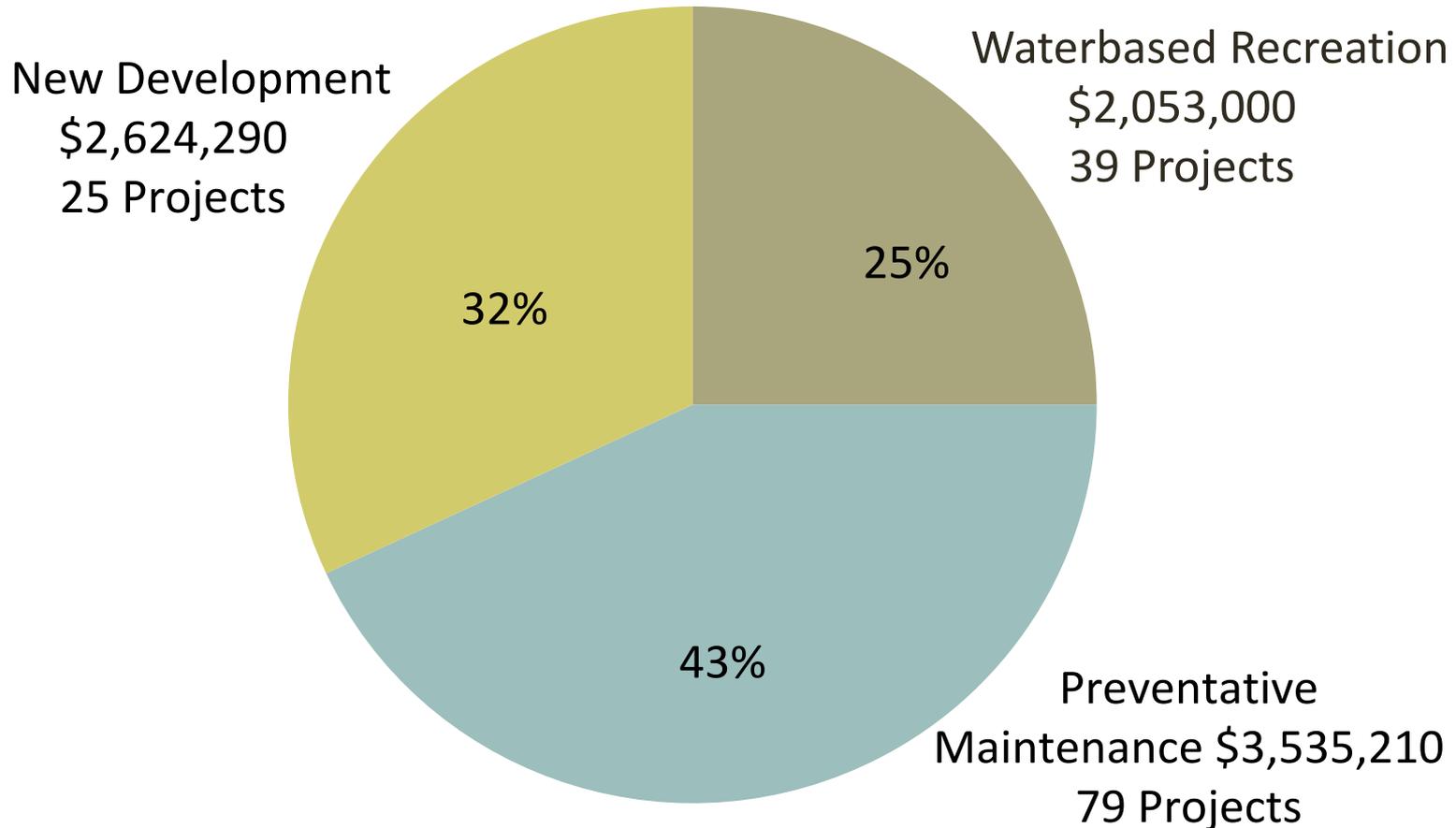
**FY 15 and FY 16 Fund Source Comparison
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Parks and Recreation Development /Improvement Budget



Proposed FY16 - \$8,212,500





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