

**Forest Service
Budget 244
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 legislative appropriation	17.97	\$1,771,076	\$1,090,001	\$2,861,077
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>17.97</u>	<u>1,768,869</u>	<u>1,050,526</u>	<u>2,819,395</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	0.00	\$2,207	\$39,475	\$41,682

Item Description

Capital improvements - The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$146,061, of which \$31,061 was from the general fund and \$115,000 was from the State Forester reserve account, for extraordinary repairs (\$31,061), an equipment and supply storage building at the Towner nursery (\$90,000), and an equipment and supply storage building at the Bottineau facility (\$25,000).

Section 11 of House Bill No. 1003 allows the Forest Service, upon approval from the Budget Section, to obtain and utilize any available funds in addition to the \$115,000 of special funds appropriated from the State Forester reserve account to assist in the construction of the equipment and supply storage buildings.

Status/Result

The Forest Service has accepted a bid of \$89,396 for the equipment and storage supply building at Towner and is in the process of preparing bid specifications for the equipment and storage supply building at Bottineau. The agency anticipates construction of the buildings to begin in June 2004 and be completed in September 2004. The agency will utilize the funding appropriated from the State Forester reserve account for the projects.