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Non-resident Snowmobile Trail Pass Reestimate (DNR -- Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation)

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CURRENT LAW

Snowmobiles not registered in Wisconsin are required to display an \$18 annual trail use sticker to use public snowmobile corridors in the state. Approximately 36,600 stickers were sold in 2001-02. Beginning in 2001-02, \$15 from each \$18 non-resident trail pass stickers sold in the prior year is available for supplemental snowmobile trail aids.

MODIFICATION

Decrease supplemental snowmobile trail aids by \$583,900 SEG in 2003-04 (to \$316,100) and by \$358,900 SEG in 2004-05 (to \$541,100) to reflect reestimated revenues from the sale of non-resident snowmobile trail passes.

<u>Modification</u>	SEG
2003-05 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$942,800

Explanation: A portion of the snowmobile trail aids reestimate under the bill is a result of DOA's estimate of an increase in revenues from the sale of non-resident trail pass stickers (from 36,600 in 2001-02 to 60,000 annually) over the biennium. However, the lack of snow during the winter of 2002-03 led to a significant decrease in trail pass sales (approximately 21,100 were sold). The number of trail passes sold in 2002-03 is used to calculate the supplemental trail aids contribution in 2003-04. Revenue estimates for 2004-05 were also adjusted, due to projected sales of 36,100 non-resident trail passes in 2003-04.

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