

Federal Forest Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

In 1908, Congress enacted a law that requires 25% of the revenues derived from the National Forest System to be given to counties in which the lands are situated for the equal benefit of public schools and roads. These Forest System revenues had been collected primarily from timber sales. As a result of this decline, Congress recognized the need to stabilize payment to counties, and on October 30, 2000, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the "SRS Act"), Public Law 106-393, was enacted.

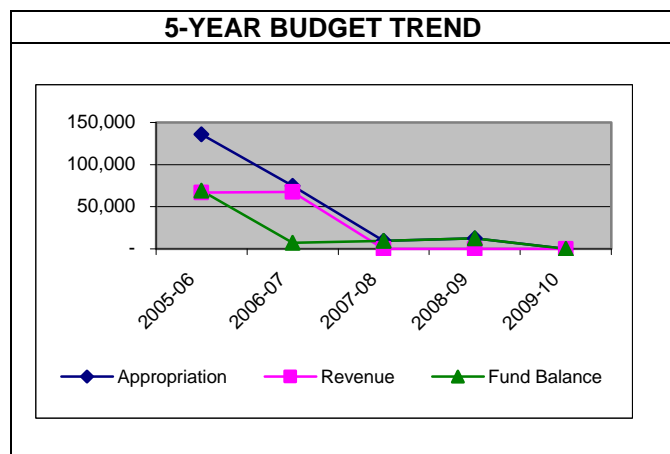
The SRS Act provided five years (fiscal years 2002 through 2006) of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands and provided the counties with the option to remain under the 25-percent Payment Method with fluctuating funding levels or change to the Full Payment Method, that required counties to designate 15% to 20% of these revenues be allocated to either Title II or Title III projects under the Act. Title II project funds may be used for the purpose of making additional investments in, and creating additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality. Authorized uses for Title III projects include search, rescue, and emergency services; community service work camps; easement purchases; forest-related education opportunities; fire prevention and county planning; and community forestry. On September 4, 2001, the Board of Supervisors switched from the 25-percent Payment Method to the Full Payment Method with 20% of the funds being used for Title III projects. This election was utilized for the remaining four years of the SRS Act.

On May 25, 2007, the Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007, P.L. 110-28 included a provision for payments to States and Counties for fiscal year 2007 and extended provisions of Title II and Title III of the SRS Act for one more year. As a result of this extension, on September 18, 2007, the Board of Supervisors elected to continue with the Full Payment Method and continue to utilize 20% of the funds for Title III projects.

On October 3, 2008, P.L. 110-343 (H.R. 1424, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008) included a section that amended and reauthorized the SRS Act for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. Counties were required to elect to receive one of the following payments: (1) a share of the State's 25-percent rolling average payment or (2) a share of the State payment (formula payment). In November 2008, the Board of Supervisors elected to receive payments under the State's 25-percent rolling average payment. This election resulted in the elimination of the Title III funding; however it provided the County with a greater share of funding over the State payment option.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Modified Budget	2008-09 Estimate
Appropriation	132,572	67,743	67,000	12,622	12,622
Departmental Revenue	70,599	69,933	70,264	-	-
Fund Balance				12,622	

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET

GROUP: Administrative/Executive
 DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office
 FUND: Federal Forest Reserve

BUDGET UNIT: SFB CAO
 FUNCTION: Public Protection
 ACTIVITY: Other Protection

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Estimate	2008-09 Final Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	Change From 2008-09 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Operating Transfers Out	132,572	67,743	67,000	12,622	12,622	-	(12,622)
Total Requirements	132,572	67,743	67,000	12,622	12,622	-	(12,622)
Departmental Revenue							
Use Of Money and Prop	2,856	1,513	1,984	-	-	-	-
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	67,743	68,420	68,280	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	70,599	69,933	70,264	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance					12,622	-	(12,622)

The 2009-10 proposed budget reflects the termination of the Title III Federal Forest Reserve program and the closing out of this budget unit.

