



## FY 2022 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 26

**BUDGET QUESTION:** Why are we paying \$11,996 to the Forest Fire Extension Service?

**RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** Budget

**RESPONSE:** State law requires that we pay a certain formula-based amount for the State Forester to provide forest protection, forest fire detection, forest fire prevention, and forest fire suppression. The formula is  $\$0.09 \times \#$  of privately owned forest acres in the County, or  $\$0.09 \times 133,293 = \$11,996$ .

**ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE:**