COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: Nov. 13, 2026 **Agenda Number:** 12

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Agenda Title: Impact of Land of Enchantment and Government Results and Opportunity funding.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will summarize the impacts that the Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund (LOE) and Government Results and Opportunity (GRO) funding has had on projects relating to Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).

2. Background Information

The LOE fund was established by the legislature during the 2023 legislative session. Starting in fiscal year 2024 the Department has received annual distributions from the fund totaling $10,876,658. The Department has dedicated the funding received from the LOE fund towards the conservation of SGCN. During the 2025 legislative session the legislature established a GRO program for the Department for capacity building to conserve SGCN, including the American beaver. The GRO funding started in FY 26 and will include 3 annual appropriations of $3.5 million dollars.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The conservation of SGCN process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objective 10 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023.

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

Funding from the LOE and GRO was appropriated by the legislature and extensive public comment was heard during the process of creating the LOE fund and during the process of establishing the GRO funding for SGCN for the Department.

6. Suggested Motion

This is a discussion item and no motion is necessary, unless Commission discretion dictates otherwise.