

Budget Brief – Range Creek

NUMBER: NRAS-BB-06-05

SUMMARY

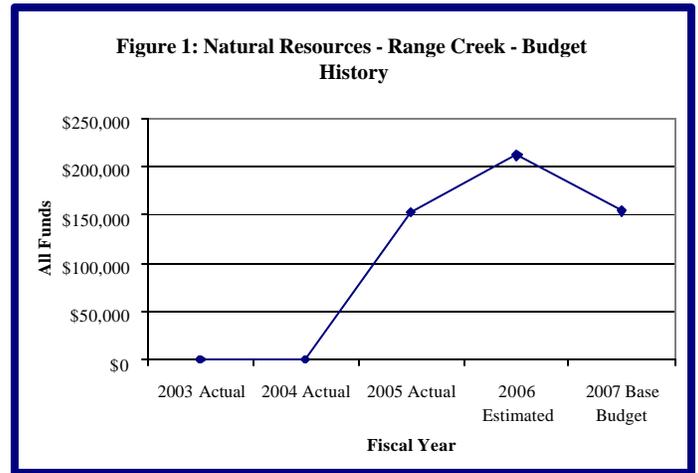
Range Creek Valley was once the site of numerous Fremont Indian villages and is hidden in the Book Cliffs of Emery County between the Tavaputs Plateau and the Green River. Until recently, this remote canyon was private property and was off-limits to the general public. Because of its isolation, the thousand-year-old Fremont Indian artifacts are numerous and well preserved. Currently, the Division of Wildlife Resources has ownership to this area and receives appropriation to manage and secure the property.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Division of Wildlife Resources was given the charge to define and implement a management plan. Currently, the Division has an interim plan that is expected to be finalized sometime after the first of the calendar year 2006. Future operations of Range Creek Wildlife Management Area will continue as outlined in the management plan with the primary focus being security. This property will stay in public ownership regardless of the managing agency.

The Analyst recommends the Legislature consider adopting for FY 2007 for Range Creek line item a base budget of \$154,000 from the General Fund.

The Analyst does not recommend any supplemental appropriations for FY 2006.



BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

| Natural Resources - Range Creek | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Sources of Finance | FY 2005 Actual | FY 2006 Appropriated | Changes | FY 2006 Revised | Changes | FY 2007* Base Budget |
| General Fund | 50,000 | 154,000 | 0 | 154,000 | 0 | 154,000 |
| General Fund, One-time | 102,000 | 57,000 | 0 | 57,000 | (57,000) | 0 |
| Total | \$152,000 | \$211,000 | \$0 | \$211,000 | (\$57,000) | \$154,000 |
| Programs | | | | | | |
| Range Creek Security | 152,000 | 211,000 | 0 | 211,000 | (57,000) | 154,000 |
| Total | \$152,000 | \$211,000 | \$0 | \$211,000 | (\$57,000) | \$154,000 |
| Categories of Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Current Expense | 0 | 161,000 | (161,000) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Charges/Pass Thru | 152,000 | 50,000 | 161,000 | 211,000 | (57,000) | 154,000 |
| Total | \$152,000 | \$211,000 | \$0 | \$211,000 | (\$57,000) | \$154,000 |

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.