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A. Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information \$34,821,000 - 32/217											
2025-009	Fond du Lac Deer Study - Phase 1	Deer are important to the FDL Band and elk reestablishment could alter deer population dynamics. Baseline data will better inform future deer management by the RMD and Minnesota DNR.	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Bemidji State University	Jacob Haus	\$1,441,000	71					
2025-046	Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably Not.	Given that walleye are vulnerable to climate change, we will investigate Minnesota walleye strain physiology and disease responses to warming water, and build a tool to guide adaptive management strategies.	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Nicholas Phelps	\$298,000	90					
2025-053	Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest Wolf Population	Deer are highly valued by Minnesotans, especially in the Northwoods. We'll assess causes of deer survival and habitat needs amidst high wolf density to inform the deer/wolf management debate.	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Joseph Bump	\$809,000	89					
2025-070	Digitizing the Science Museum of Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens	This project will make the Minnesota mollusk specimens in our collection available for research and education by organizing all relevant specimens and digitizing their data.	Science Museum of Minnesota	Catherine Early	\$399,000	75					
2025-075	Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term Forest Management Planning	Strategic forest planning helps identify how and when management activities should be scheduled. We integrate wildlife objectives with timber production into the forest planning process to create more sustainable forests	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Irene De Pellegrin Llorente	\$328,000	69					
2025-091	PLSS Preservation to Protect Public Lands	Provide funding to Minnesota Counties to perpetuate the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). This funding, if awarded, would focus on PLSS preservation projects that benefit public land management.	Minnesota IT Services, Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo)	Kory Thurnau	\$5,464,000	40					
2025-092	Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh Birds	Audubon will conduct a statewide secretive marsh bird survey to provide state and federal agencies with an assessment of marsh bird population status and useful information on wetland habitat health.	Audubon Minnesota	Dale Gentry	\$443,000	70					

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2025-098	Critical Preparedness and Outreach for Possible CWD Spillover	Protecting Minnesota's public, wildlife, and economic health from the significant threats of a chronic wasting disease spillover through proactive preparedness activities and multidisciplinary exercises with local, state, and world experts.	U of MN, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP)	Michael Osterholm	\$3,308,000	47					
2025-123	Small-Mammals and Hunter Participation: Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching	This project creates a comprehensive picture of the offal community from scavengers and disease to hunters themselves, through hunter participation and experiments.	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Ellen Candler	\$563,000	65					
2025-127	Green Heron as an Indicator of Wetland-Dependent Species	Green Herons have declined across much of their range. Information on their annual cycle habitat use and migratory movements is needed to understand and address conservation concerns for wetland-dependent birds.	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Elena West	\$440,000	69					
2025-130	Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources with CT-Scanning	This project will provide a new and innovative way to obtain and disseminate internal morphology data from the Bell Museum's organismal collections.	U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	Kassandra Ford	\$1,062,000	78					
2025-151	Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in Human-Dominated Landscapes	We will evaluate bear, bobcat, and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots for human-carnivore conflicts and fill knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts.	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	Michael Joyce	\$629,000	75					
2025-160	Geologic Atlases for Water Resource Management	Geologic atlases provide maps/databases essential for improved management of ground and surface water. This proposal will complete current projects and start new projects to equal about 4 complete atlases.	U of MN, MN Geological Survey	Barbara Lusardi	\$1,260,000	85					
2025-180	The Impacts of Climate Change on Northeastern Minnesota	We will aggregate research, data, and other information regarding the impacts of climate change on the habitat and wildlife of northeastern Minnesota into a publicly available, web-based database.	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	Chris Knopf	\$830,000	59					
2025-187	Commercialized Pollinators: A Risk to Native Minnesota Bees?	Assesses disease threats to MN native bees posed by imported commercialized solitary bees, support native pollinator populations, and promote best practices to protect the health of MN native bee populations.	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Melinda Wilkins	\$999,000	42					