

Gov Blagojevich's proposed budget cuts could require major staff reductions within the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Faces more bad news in the wake of Gov Blagojevich's latest round of proposed budget cuts. Though nothing is set in stone yet and there are plenty of fights ahead, Blagojevich's cuts would likely require major staff reductions. Sources say the DNR cuts would include \$9 million in salaries or 11.5 percent of all DNR salary from funds. The proposed DNR head count for 2009 would be 1420. That would require a reduction of 163 positions.

Here's a possible breakdown in those cuts culled from fact sheets sent out recently by two different sources.

- Office of Realty and Environmental Planning GRF cut in personnel is \$960,000.00 or 51%. Total Personnel cut (Taking into account money from other funds) is 40%.
- The Business Services GRF personnel cut is \$227,900.00 or 25%. Total personnel cut is 22%.
- The Office of Resource Conservation GRF cut in personnel is \$960,000.00 or 43%. The total personnel cut is 7%.
- The Office of Law Enforcement GRF cut in personnel is \$781,700.00 or 12%. The total personnel cut is 6%.
- The Office of Land Management GRF cut in personnel is \$3.2 million or 22%. The total personnel cut is 13%.
- The Office of Mines and Minerals GRF cut in personnel is \$633,000.00 or 25%. The total personnel cut is 10%.
- Office of Water Resources GRF cut in personnel is \$831,700.00 or 21%. The total personnel cut is 19%.
- The Illinois State Museum GRF cut in personnel is \$484,700.00 or 14%.
- Total veto of all operation funding for the Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria is \$828,200.00.
- Veto of two items (Lost Mound and Endangered Species totals \$480,000.00) from the Natural Areas.