

# Nevada Department of Wildlife



FY 26-27 Joint Committee  
Budget Presentation

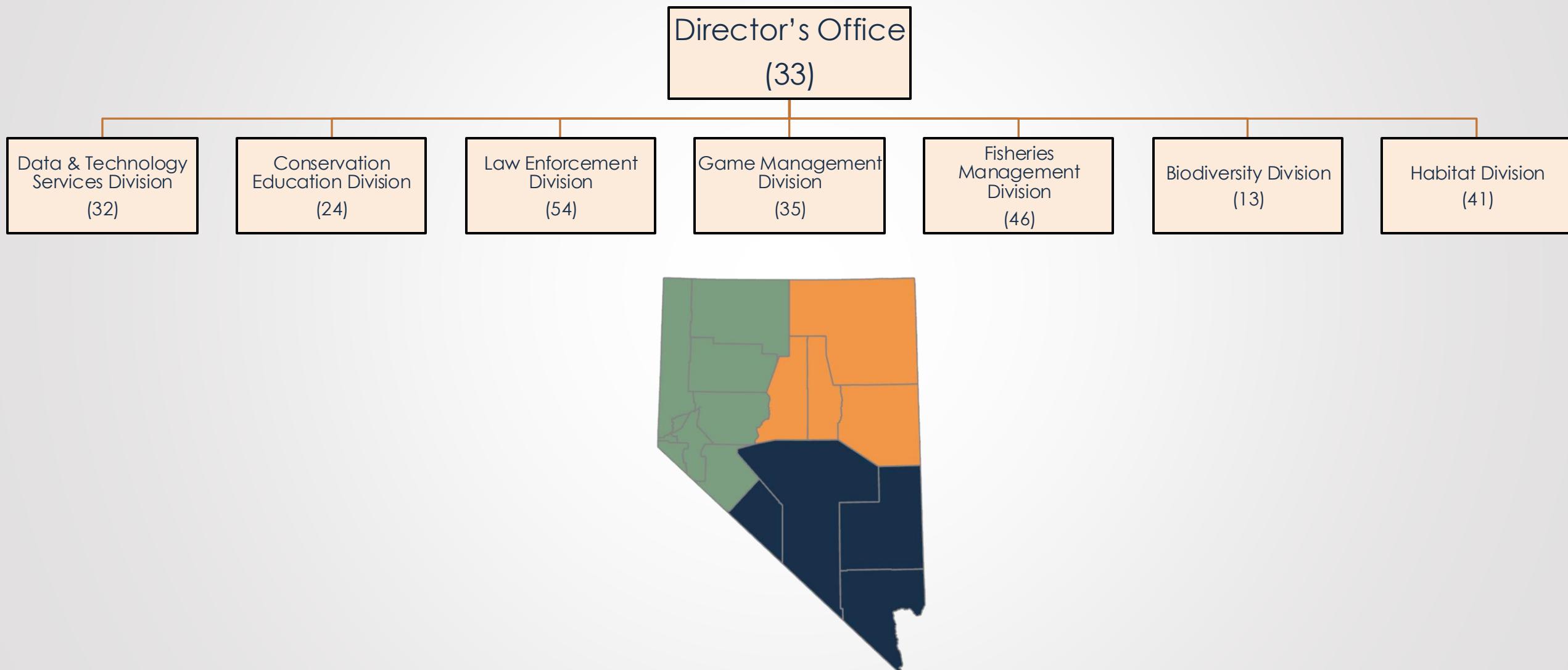
## The Department's Mission:

- To protect, conserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat for the aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of Nevada.

# Greater Public Benefits

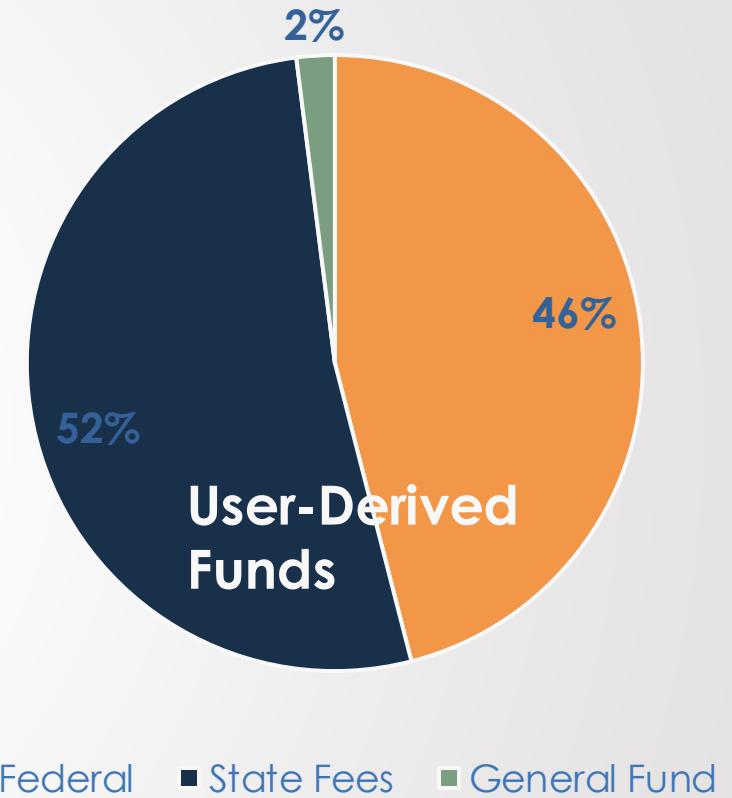
- We play a critical role in protecting our environment and improving quality of life for all Nevadans.
- Conserving wildlife and their habitats helps ensure clean water, clean air and healthy soils which all public enjoy.
- Wildlife conservation supports tourism and outdoor recreation such as hiking, camping, birdwatching, etc., which provides economic benefits to local communities.
- Research shows that spending time outdoors improves mental and physical health.

# Department Structure

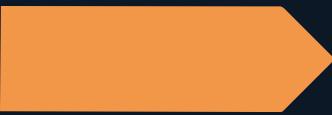


# Department of Wildlife Budget Highlight

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
General Fund	1,580,141	1,577,342
Department	75,596,206	77,176,347
Total \$	77,176,347	78,753,689
Total FTE	279	279

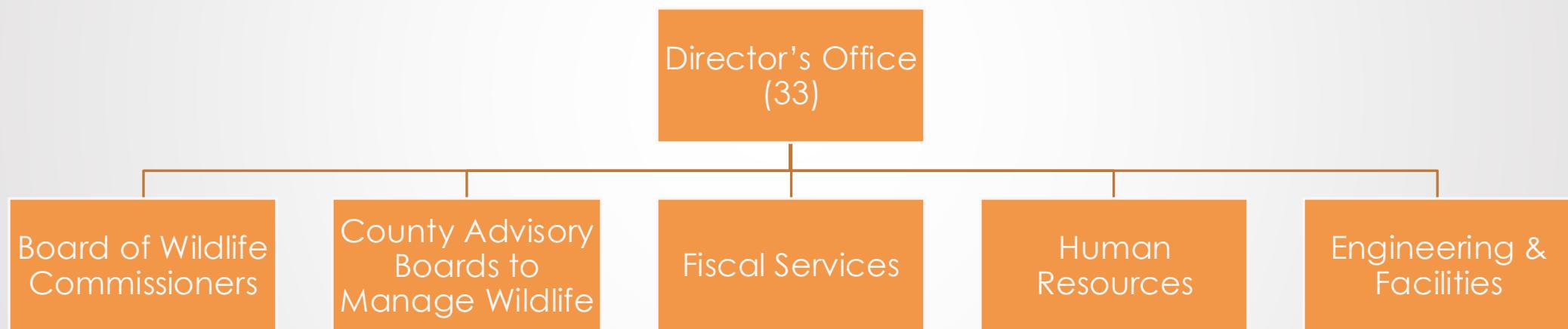


98% of NDOW's Budget  
consists of user-derived funds



# Director's Office

## 4460



**FY2026 - \$11,731,778**

**FY2027 - \$11,760,355**

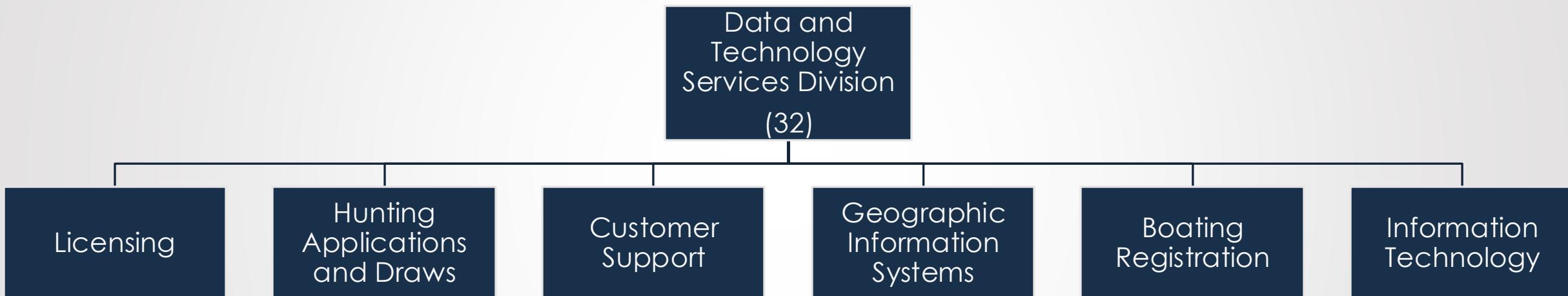
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Decision Unit	FY2026	FY2027	Description
E225 – Economic Growth & Business Development	\$76,204	\$96,219	New Construction Project Coordinator II position to coordinate construction and maintenance in the eastern region.
E805 – Classified Position Changes	\$50,165	\$52,532	Reclassification of a Maintenance Repair Worker II to a Construction Project Coordinator II to coordinate construction and maintenance in the Southern Region.
E365 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$78,510	\$94,560	12 fleet vehicles in fiscal year 2026 and 8 fleet vehicles in fiscal year 2027.
E363 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$78,515	\$78,515	Increased travel costs.
E364 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$40,762	\$38,012	Ongoing contract costs.
E710 – Equipment Replacement	\$19,556	\$0	Replacements of AED devices, batteries and pads that have reached the end of their useful life.

# Data and Technology Services Division

## 4461



**FY2026 - \$8,017,024**

**FY2027 - \$8,183,206**

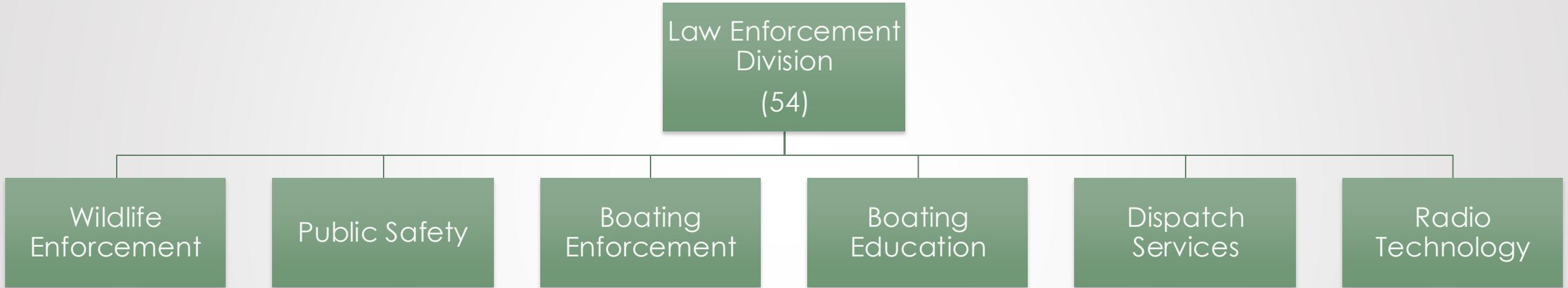
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Decision Unit	FY2026	FY2027	Description
E227 – Economic Growth & Business Development	\$1,262,428	\$1,262,428	Establish a unified system for managing wildlife data. This system will streamline data management processes, enhance conservation planning, and ensure accurate and up-to-date information.
E226 – Economic Growth & Business Development	\$28,860	\$28,860	A program for special license and permit holders. The program will assist with digital application and approval processes as well as online payment options for the customers.
E350 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$26,147	\$24,752	Contract costs for cloud services and registration fees for IT employee training.
E351 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$16,872	\$16,872	Postage for the State Mailroom Services for the annual postage for the boating registration reminder cards sent to customers who previously registered vessels in the state.
E352 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$10,009	\$9,848	Increase in travel costs.
E710 – Equipment Replacement	\$165,306	\$79,892	Replacement of computers and associated software that have reached the end of their useful life.
E712 – Equipment Replacement	\$21,830	\$33,670	Replacement of computer monitors that have reached the end of their useful life.
E720 – Equipment Replacement	\$15,764	\$0	New backup drives, miscellaneous cables, network testing equipment, and backup software.

# Law Enforcement Division

## 4463



**FY2026 - \$10,054,253**

**FY2027 - \$10,064,250**

# Boating Enforcement and Education

- ▶ Game wardens enforce wildlife, boating, and public safety laws across Nevada's 110,000 square miles, with the smallest force per square mile in the U.S.
- ▶ In 2024, game wardens contacted 1,888 vessels and assisted 81 vessels.
- ▶ In 2024, NDOW saw a 20% increase in boating education certificates.
- ▶ Boating education numbers are up 187% since 2018.
- ▶ Last year was the first year NDOW began offering paddle sport classes on the water, including kayak fishing classes.

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## 4463

Decision Unit	FY2026	FY2027	Description
E275 – Public Safety & Infrastructure	\$500,000	\$500,000	<b>General Fund</b> - Public safety work on waters and enforcement on vessel titling, vessel registration, and safe vessel operation on Nevada and interstate waters as well as conducting any public safety activity for the State of Nevada.
E230 – Economic Growth & Business Development	\$6,357	\$6,357	Annual behavioral wellness checks for law enforcement officers which is mandated by NRS 289.510.
E355 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$37,100	\$37,291	Ongoing contracts.
E356 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$33,000	\$33,000	Boating vessel maintenance and repairs.
E710 – Equipment Replacement	\$110,743	\$99,873	Replacement equipment including buoys, radio duplexers and repeaters, boat collars, and replacement firearms that have reached the end of their useful life.
E711 – Equipment Replacement	\$4,225	\$0	Replacement of first aid kits that have reached the end of their useful life.
E720 – New Equipment	\$4,199	\$4,199	New thermal imaging units.
E900 – Transfers	(\$461,272)	(\$459,960)	Transfer the Boating Safety Enforcement Education program from the Law Enforcement Division, budget account 4463, to the Conservation Education Division, budget account 4462. This transfer includes program funding for two positions, operating costs, and travel.

## E275 – Public Safety & Infrastructure

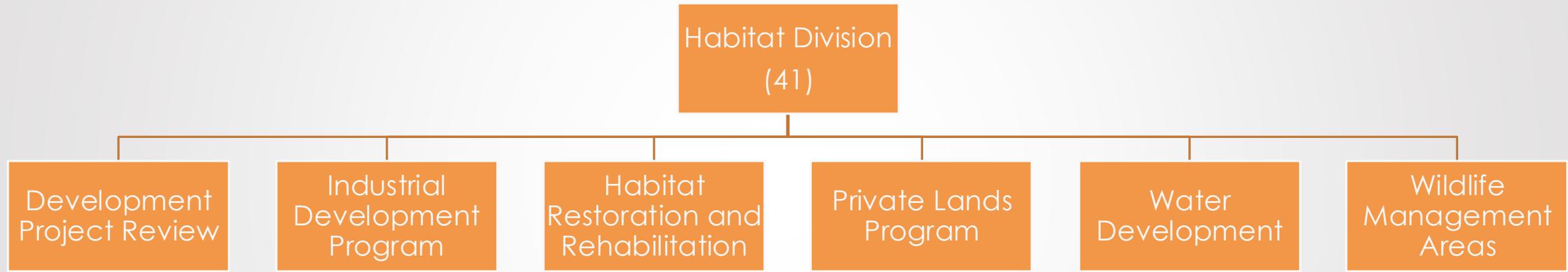
General Fund: FY26    \$500,000              FY27    \$500,000

- The Department's Law Enforcement personnel are called to assist on public safety matters and at times are the first responder to situations such as:
  - Search and rescues
  - Active shooters
  - Remote motor vehicle accidents
  - And other law enforcement emergencies
- These activities are not covered in the funding structure of the Department which causes concern for diversion of funds.
- Category 1 peace officers are responsible for all public safety in Nevada.
- State general funds will provide funding for any public safety activity conducted by game wardens in the State of Nevada.



# Habitat Division

## 4467



**FY2026 - \$16,260,530**

**FY2027 - \$16,331,118**

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## 4467

Decision Unit	FY2026	FY2027	Description
E710 – Equipment Replacement	\$10,804	\$0	Replacement a hauling trailer that has reached the end of its useful life.
E711 – Equipment Replacement	\$64,064	\$218,100	Replacement of four vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life.
E720 – New Equipment	\$181,438	\$22,800	New skid steer, forklift, and farm tractor.
E361 & E362 – Rural & Natural Resources	\$822,662	\$821,412	Ongoing contract costs.
E901 – Transfers	(\$293,596)	(\$298,618)	Transfer the Technical Guidance program from the Habitat Division, budget account 4467 to the Biodiversity Division, budget account 4466 in order to enhance technical guidance program support, streamline the program's operations, and expand the program across all divisions.

# Habitat Restoration and Rehabilitation

From 2017-2023 over 700,000 acres were treated!

Some benefits from these actions are:

- ▶ Reduced wildfire risk
- ▶ Improved ecosystem services such as water filtration, air purification and carbon sequestration
- ▶ Flood and erosion control by reducing flood impacts, preventing soil erosion and maintaining climate stability
- ▶ Not only wildlife, but the public at large benefit from restoration with greater wildlife/plant species diversity and abundance, useable forage for wildlife and agricultural production, and reduced wildfire threats.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME**