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SENATE BILL 337

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SALT CEDAR REMOVAL AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION AND FOREST HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to the following entities in the following amounts:

(1) eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for the soil and water conservation commission to manage and administer a salt cedar removal and riparian restoration program; and

(2) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the forestry division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department for the forest health management program.

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B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

C. The soil and water conservation commission shall report to the legislative finance committee on the management and administration of the salt cedar removal and riparian restoration program no later than October 31, 2006.