

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: TFAC - November 24, 2021

This item was put forward because I listened in on the 2022 budget update webinar last night and heard that some service cuts were being made to programs that would overlap with the TFAC mandate. Specifically, the costs associated with cutting of grass, tree removal etc. in certain locations.

These are good cuts because less maintenance allows undisturbed habitats to flourish, they absorb more carbon and small grass land species thrive which in turn support predators species such as hawks. So while it is a 'cut' it is a 'cut' that should be permanent.

There may be other areas that are currently over managed that would benefit if these service areas were also cut. The conversation I am hoping to create is where others service areas can be cut for a positive ecological outcome as it relates to trees and forests.

As the budget office is just now opening up the discussion, it is still early enough that recommendations can be made at the committee level and from a committee perspective.

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