

Byers Lake Campground Rehabilitation Phase 2**FY2007 Request: \$200,000****Reference No: 40005****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Trapper Creek**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Rural Mat-Su (HD 15)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Byers Lake Campground is located next to the Alaska Veterans Memorial, MP 147 of the Parks Highway. Due to its proximity to Denali State Park and the associated recreational opportunities at Byers Lake, the 73 unit campground is heavily used during the warm summer months. The late 1970s, vintage campground is in dire need of a major upgrade to replace worn facilities. The project would refurbish the campsites, upgrade the campground roads and parking areas, and replace the toilets.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$200,000						\$200,000
Total:	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FSSLA05/CH3 - \$100,000

Project Description/Justification:

Alaska Statute 41.21.020 states that one of the duties of the Department of Natural Resources is to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to annually maintain Park facilities, these facilities have been steadily declining. Rehabilitation of campgrounds require specific funding through the capital process. Construction contracts for repairs will provide private sector jobs. Many repairs, such as to cabins, volunteer housing, and picnic shelters can and will be done with volunteer labor.

Byers Lake Campground was established in 1967. All together there are over 90 campsites, including five walk-in group campsites. The park also has numerous picnic sites and two picnic shelters. In addition, areas have been set aside for activities such as baseball, volleyball and horseshoes with equipment available at the ranger station. Hiking along nature trails is another activity available at Byers Lake.

A boat launch facility gives access to the lake for those having canoes, motorized boats, jet skis or other watercraft. Activities around this boat launch provide the state with over \$20.0 in annual revenue.

Why is this Project Needed Now:

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These facilities are old, requiring higher levels of annual maintenance and repair. This particular State Recreation Area has had previous requests for rehabilitation not be funded. The majority of this camping area had 6 high priority needs health & sanitation, building & structures, and other repairs and 7 medium priorities in the same categories in 2001. Now all 13 items are high priorities. The specific needs are:

Phase I In Progress	
Byers Public Use Cabin	ADA Compliance.
Drinking Water System	Current well system needs new well parts and pad to reduce water contamination problems.
Boat Launch Parking Area	Recondition, surfacing, parking bumpers.
ADA Compliance	Modify park facilities for ADA access.

Phase II FY 2007	
Overflow Parking	Recondition, surfacing, parking bumpers.
Trails	Recondition campground and Lake Loop trails.
Visitor Signing	Replace/install directional and public information signs.
Relocate Interpretive Amphitheater	Old facility is rotting away; relocate away from PUC #1.

Specific Spending Detail: This project will begin to address the specific maintenance and repair needs of Byers Lake State Recreation Area:

Repairs will be accomplished by force account using State Park maintenance staff and procured materials, and by construction contracting. Force account work is typically 50 percent labor and 50 percent materials. Construction contracting is typical 20 percent design, procurement, and contract administration and 80 percent contractual cost.

Line Item Expenditures:**FY07**

Personal Services	\$ 44.0	State Park maintenance staff performing force account work and State Park development staff performing design and contract administration.
Travel	\$ 4.0	State Park staff travel for project sites that require travel.
Services	\$140.0	Construction contracting using small procurement procedures
Commodities	\$ 12.0	Materials for force account work.
Capital Outlay	\$ 0.0	None
	<u>\$200.0</u>	

Project Support: State Park visitors, Alaska Travel Industry Alliance, Alaska Wilderness Recreation Tourism Association, State Park Advisory Boards, local Chambers of Commerce, recreational user groups, and highway travelers, 78.7% of the individuals surveyed statewide for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Project Opposition: None