

**Eagle River Nature Center Planning and Design Study****FY2008 Request:****\$117,194****Reference No:****45661****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Eagle River (Eagle River)**Contact:** Leta Simons**House District:** Eagle River (HD 17)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3379**Estimated Project Dates:** 01/01/2008 - 12/31/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funding will be used to accomplish planning and complete a feasibility study, site planning and environmental research on a community/visitor center to replace the dilapidated Eagle River Nature Center, in accordance with a Letter of Agreement from the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. The funding for this project comes from a HUD Grant #B-05-SP-AK-0009, through the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc., to the Design and Construction Section of Alaska State Parks.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Stat Desig	\$117,194						\$117,194
<b>Total:</b>	\$117,194	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$117,194

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

This is a new project request.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The existing Eagle River Nature Center (ERNC) is in poor shape. Funding for the planning and design of a new facility was obtained through the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. to be passed to Alaska State Parks which has expertise in rehabilitation of existing state park structures.

Timing is critical as this project was not forwarded to the Parks Design and Construction Section until late 2007. The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant was signed in January 2007 and expires in 2010. The three-part assignment of tasks requires that data collection including Needs and Objectives, Cultural Resources, Environmental Resources, and Construction Option Inventory be completed by November 30, 2008. The data analysis including the development of a base map of the preferred site location and master plan alternatives must be completed by December 31, 2009. The Environmental Document/Master Plan/Interpretive Plan will be completed by December 31, 2010.

This project lays the groundwork for the ERNC to solicit support through additional federal funds and/or private donations for new facility construction, based on the results of these planning studies.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION (text)</u>
Personal Services	\$ 85,000	Planning, design, environmental
Travel	\$ 3,000	Travel for outside consultant
Services	\$ 27,194	Consultants, survey, mapping
Commodities	\$ 2,000	Rental survey equipment

**Project Support:**

Friends of Eagle River Nature Center  
Housing and Urban Development  
Alaska State Parks

**Project Opposition:**

None identified.