

**Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Northern Region**

**FY2014 Request: \$607,000**  
**Reference No: 51713**

**AP/AL:** Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)  
**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5) **Contact:** Jean Davis  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422  
**Appropriation:** Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (Parks) is striving to protect visitor health and safety by providing safe, clean, and well maintained parks. Parks has over \$60 million in deferred maintenance needs which are causing health and safety concerns and are generating significant public comments. This request will fund projects within each of the seven regional areas managed by Parks. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will have funds to decrease their specific deferred maintenance, including upgrades, repairs or replacement of roads, trails, shelters, toilets, drinking water systems, parking areas and other facilities.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Total
Gen Fund	\$607,000	\$3,262,734	\$3,262,734	\$3,262,734	\$3,262,734	\$656,926	\$14,314,862
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$607,000</b>	<b>\$3,262,734</b>	<b>\$3,262,734</b>	<b>\$3,262,734</b>	<b>\$3,262,734</b>	<b>\$656,926</b>	<b>\$14,314,862</b>

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

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

AS 41.21.020, directs the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state park areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. The Alaska State Park system is a key player in the state's tourism industry, providing outdoor recreation opportunities for over 5 million visits annually. The importance of maintaining park infrastructure so that it is safe, accessible and meets the needs of a variety of park users is a key element of the division's mission.

This proposal is part of a ten year phased approach to catch-up on the deferred maintenance needs within Alaska State Parks. It will eliminate the deferred maintenance backlog and restore the quality and safety of state park facilities for Alaskans and visitors.

**WHAT IS THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED?**

While the division’s staff is able to do minor repairs to annually maintain park facilities, the overall condition of park facilities has declined so much that the backlog of deferred maintenance work totals \$59.6 million. It takes approximately \$3 million in deferred maintenance funds just to keep up with the growing maintenance needs.

For Parks to fulfill its agency mission and implement the 2007-2017 Strategic Plan, reducing and ultimately eliminating this backlog of deferred maintenance is critical.

**WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED?**

Deferred maintenance has increased over the years and has resulted in a state park system where many facilities are “vintage 70’s and 80’s”. Examples of park infrastructure that need repairs are; campsites that are unlevel and undersized for today’s modern recreational vehicles, worn out and pot-holed roads, muddy and dangerous trails, old and difficult to maintain restrooms, and fallen and unstable picnic shelter and structures.

**WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW – WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF REMAINING STATUS QUO?**

Because park facilities are used so regularly and so heavily, routine maintenance, repairs and replacement will always be required to keep parks safe and to make sure that park facilities provide the amenities visitors need. A detailed deferred maintenance list is prepared every year and park managers identify the most critical needs so that when funding is available the broken facilities that pose the greatest threat to the public are fixed.

**WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH PRIOR YEAR FUNDING?**

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2010		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Northern Deferred Maintenance	\$36,000.00	100
Chena SRA Upgrade Trailheads	\$1,230,000.00	90
NRO Headquarters Main. Shop Replace	\$510,000.00	100
Chena Solar Panel	\$30,000.00	100

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2011		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Northern Area State Park and Recreation Facility Repair and Renovation	\$26,600.00	100
Chena River State Recreation Area - rehab campgrounds, 3 multi-use trailheads and trails	\$225,000.00	100
Delta Area parks visitor contact station / volunteer support center	\$225,000.00	100

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Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2012		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
<b>Northern Area</b>		
Northern Area Deferred Maintenance	\$36,100.00	50
Quartz Lake / Lost Lake Rehab	\$15,000.00	100
Health and Sanitation	\$63,900.00	20
Chena Dome Repeater	\$30,000.00	100
Delta Area Visitor Contact Station	\$141,000.00	100
Upper Chatanika Erosion Control	\$70,000.00	20

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2013		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
<b>Northern Area</b>		
Northern Deferred Maintenance	\$32,800.00	90
Chena River SRA Facilities Improvements	\$227,200.00	0
Upper Chatanika River SRS Facility Improvements	\$130,000.00	0
Signage	\$30,000.00	0
Health and Sanitation	\$140,000.00	4

**SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:**

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	140,000	Admin Services/ Design/ Construction Admin.
Travel	7,000	Transportation to/from project site
Services	10,000	Professional Services
Commodities		
Capital Outlay	450,000	Contract Award/ payment(s)
Grants		
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>607,000</b>	

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Location	Site/Area	Description	FY14 Request
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace diesel generator / install solar panel and battery power system	75.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace electrical system: wiring/ lights/panels/switches to 6 bldgs.	60.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace plumbing system: pump/distribution/faucets/upgrade	40.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Dining Hall: Replace sheetrock/flooring/doors/frig/freezer/sink/deck/woodstove	30.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Rec Hall: Replace sheetrock/flooring/doors/deck/woodsto	25.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	2 showerhouses: Replace flooring/sheetrock/doors/showerstalls/ water heater/sinks/ washer& dryer	30.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace 4 decks and boardwalk	25.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Paint exteriors of all buildings (21 total)	15.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Grade roads/ top with 4" D-I and compact	10.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace pit toilets with 2 single cxt's	90.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace old fiberglass roofs with shingles on 3 cabins	7.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace outdoor group fire-ring and benches	5.0
Northern	Twin Bears Camp	Replace front gate and fence with cedar fencing	5.0
Northern	Delta State Recreation Area	Upgrade old water system with new lines & pump.	140.0
Northern	Chena River SRA - Rosehip Campground	Ranger Contact Station at Rosehip - cabin.	50.0