

Remote Recreational Cabins Survey and Appraisals

FY2008 Request: \$618,200
Reference No: 38480

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2013

Project Type: Planning
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

DNR appraises and contracts for surveys of Remote Recreational Cabin Site properties. This program contributes to the development of Alaska's land through the transfer of land into private ownership. This CIP authorizes DNR to spend money already being collected from applicants. Remote Rec Cabin Sites is a stake-it-yourself land sale program. After applicants stake their parcels, DNR issues a lease and collects lessee's money to pay for surveys and appraisals. In addition, approximately 250 staking authorizations will be offered in FY08 through auction.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
State Land	\$618,200	\$707,800	\$757,300	\$810,300	\$867,000	\$927,700	\$4,688,300
Total:	\$618,200	\$707,800	\$757,300	\$810,300	\$867,000	\$927,700	\$4,688,300

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA06/CH82 - \$618,200
 FSSLA05/CH3 - \$577,500
 SLA04/CH159 - \$550,000
 SLA03/CH82 - \$430,000

The Remote Recreational Cabin Program was initially funded through Chapter 63 SLA 00. In FY 01-03, DNR received approximately \$430,000/year from the operating budget to conduct the program. This did not include the money need for surveys and appraisals of parcels. Starting in FY04, DNR was appropriated authorization in the CIP budget to pay for survey and appraisal costs.

Project Description/Justification:

The Remote Recreational Cabin Sites land sale program was established in statute (AS 38.05.600) in 1997. The program was initially not funded. In FY 01, the program was funded through Ch. 63 SLA 00 (SB 283) as part of the Land Disposal Income Fund. Starting in FY 04, it became necessary to use the CIP in order to receive and expend funds for survey and appraisals.

DNR requests this CIP to spend the remote recreation cabin sites program deposits that the state is already receiving to pay for survey and appraisal. DNR is already billing the lessees for these costs, with the money going into the Land Disposal Income Fund, although the receipts from the lessees come in over a three-year period while the initial expenditures go out in one year. Survey and appraisal costs are generally incurred in the year following the staking period. In FY 08, DNR expects to spend about \$618,175 on the surveys and appraisals for parcels staked in FY 07.

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Why is this Project Needed Now: The project is needed now because the program is already authorized by the legislature and parcels need to be surveyed and appraised within three years of lease issuance by regulation, 11 AAC 67. If the program is not funded, survey and appraisal costs for parcels offered in prior years will need to be paid from the operating budget, and DNR will not be able to offer this program in future years.

Specific Spending Detail:

Line Item Expenditures (for FY 07):

Personal Services \$75,525
Travel \$11,235
Contractual Services \$530,315
Supplies \$1,125
Equipment \$0

Line Item Detail Description:

Personal Services – per year: 7 months Appraiser I, 5 months Appraiser II
Travel – field inspections of parcels for survey contract compliance and appraisals
Contractual Services – contracts for land surveys of staked parcels and possibly appraisal and access
Supplies –brochures, ads, postage, printing supplies, survey monuments

Project Support: Public who has participated in remote recreational cabin sites program. Surveyors. Borough planning and platting authorities.

Project Opposition: None