

State Parks Deferred Maintenance and Equipment Replacement

FY2011 Request: \$3,480,000
Reference No: 49370

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015
Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Equipment Replacement, and Emergency Repairs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

State Parks has over \$67.0 million in deferred maintenance needs, resulting in health and safety concerns and reduced usefulness and accessibility for park visitors. This request will help implement the State Parks Strategic Plan by addressing maintenance and safety problems in park units with the highest priority concerns. Funds will also be used to replace necessary equipment and repair seasonal damage due to flooding, heavy snow, vandalism, and other incidents.

Funding:	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
Gen Fund	\$3,480,000	\$33,642,000	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$59,122,000
Total:	\$3,480,000	\$33,642,000	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$59,122,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2009/CH15	\$6,000,000	20% complete
SLA2008/CH29	\$ 5,100,000	80% Complete
SLA2007/CH30	\$ 1,880,000	Complete
SLA2006/CH82	\$ 2,281,600	Complete
SLA2005/CH3	\$ 350,000	Complete

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. Maintaining park infrastructure to provide safe, accessible recreation facilities and areas that meet the needs of a variety of park users is a key element of our agency's mission. While the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is able to do minor repairs and painting to maintain park facilities annually, many facilities have declined to a point that there is now a \$67.0 million backlog of deferred maintenance.

Funding for deferred maintenance over the last several years has finally slowed the growth in the maintenance backlog. However, continued funding is needed to repair roads, cabins, water systems,

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toilets, various other structures, equipment, and areas. The request for FY11 will address the most pressing problems in the state park system, and improve safety and accessibility for park visitors.

As park facilities age, they will continue to require higher levels of maintenance and repair. The effects of Alaska's extreme weather, vandalism and normal wear and tear produce varying levels of damage to park infrastructure every year. This request will mainly address damage that cannot be ignored if we are to continue to provide safe and well-maintained park facilities for visitors and keep facilities open to the public.

Why is this Project Needed Now?

Many park facilities have not been upgraded since the 1970's and 1980's. Campsites are unlevel and undersized for today's modern recreation vehicles. Roads are worn out and filled with pot holes. Trails are muddy. Older restrooms are difficult to maintain. Replacement of the park airplane engine is mandatory as per safety standards. This is just an example of park infrastructure that is in serious need of repair for daily operations and for search and rescue efforts. In order to keep existing state park areas open for the public, it is essential to address the most critical repair needs as soon as possible.

Specific Spending Detail:

Park repairs will be accomplished by force account using State Park maintenance staff, volunteers and procured materials, and by construction contracts using small procurement procedures. Force account work is typically 50 percent labor and 50 percent materials. Projects with volunteer participation are typically 15 percent labor and 85 percent materials. Construction contracting is typical 30 percent design, procurement, and contract administration and 70 percent contractual costs.

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$700,000	State Park Design and Construction staff and maintenance staff designing and contracting for construction.
Services	\$ 2,780,000	Construction contracting

Number	Title	Amount
1	Emergency repairs, statewide as needed	\$ 400,000
2	Chena River SRA - Rehab campgrounds, 3 multi-use trailheads and trails	\$ 200,000
3	Delta Area parks visitor contact station / VIP support center	\$ 200,000
4	Chugach - Middle Fork, Flat Top, Hillside Trails	\$ 200,000
5	Chugach - Canyon Road trailhead access	\$ 200,000
6	Nancy Lake - public use cabin safety	\$ 130,000

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7	Independence Mine - historic building stabilization, painting, restoration, utilities	\$ 230,000
8	Slikok Creek parking, bridge, and stairs	\$ 280,000
9	Kachemak Bay - trails, bridges and docks	\$ 60,000
10	Ninilchik Beach SRA	\$ 20,000
11	Refuge Cove SRS rehabilitation	\$ 15,000
12	Salmon House restoration	\$ 25,000
13	Chilkat SP rehabilitation	\$ 295,000
14	Gruening cabin restoration	\$ 25,000
15	Health and sanitation projects	\$ 500,000
16	Equipment replacement	\$ 200,000
17	Park furnishings and maintenance	\$ 200,000
18	Park access projects	\$ 300,000
Total		\$3,480,000

Project Support:

Ketchikan Area State Parks Advisory Board, Chugach State Park Citizens Advisory Board, Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Anchorage Ski Club, Municipality of Anchorage, Chugach Access Coalition, Great Land Trust, Anchorage Snowmobile Club, Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board, Friends of Kachemak Bay, Homer Chamber of Commerce, Nikiski Chamber of Commerce, US Coast Guard, The Kodiak State Parks Citizens Advisory Board, Haines Borough, Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce, Mat-Su Visitors and Convention Bureau, Mat-Su Borough, Mat-Su Parks Citizens Advisory Board, Friends of Mat-Su

Project Opposition:

None