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**Agency: Department of Natural Resources** 

Project Title: Project Type: Planning and Research

# Funny River Community / Alaska State Parks - Funny River-River Access

State Funding Requested: \$35,000 House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)

Future Funding May Be Requested

### **Brief Project Description:**

Planning and Design for River Access Through Alaska Parks

**Funding Plan:** 

Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000
Funding Already Secured: (\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request: (\$35,000)
Project Deficit: \$1,965,000

Funding Details:

n/a

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Provide funds for Alaska State Parks to plan for development of lands owned by DNR and managed by Alaska State Parks Dept. This land was previously owned by The Hansen's and known as The River Ranch.

This will begin the process of planning and development of this property for day camping and riverbank fishing access to the Kenai River. At this time there is no public access to the Kenai River from near the Soldotna Airport to the end of Funny River Road as distance of approx. 22miles.

When this property was purchased by the DNR using Exxon Valdez money, the Alaska State Parks Dept. promised the residents of The Funny River Community that this property would be developed to provide river access to the Kenai River.

#### **Project Timeline:**

FY15

## **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska State Parks

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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