

State Parks Deferred Maintenance and Equipment Replacement

FY2010 Request: \$3,480,000
Reference No: 49370

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Category: Development

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 04/19/2010 - 06/30/2014

Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Equipment Replacement, and Emergency Repairs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project is amended to clarify the project descriptions. 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. The project description has been amended from the original submission.

| Funding: | <u>FY2010</u> | <u>FY2011</u> | <u>FY2012</u> | <u>FY2013</u> | <u>FY2014</u> | <u>FY2015</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Gen Fund | \$3,480,000 | | | | | | \$3,480,000 |
| Total: | \$3,480,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,480,000 |

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| <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> |
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| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

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| 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.

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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, 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. 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.

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| 1 | Chugach Area - Repair parking barrier posts and cables, Potter Section House and Eklutna toilets, and area kiosks, roads, trails, fire pits, signs, and picnic tables. | \$244.0 |
| 2 | Kenai Area - Repair Kenai River patrol boats and trailers, Captain Cook toilets, and area campground roads, signs, picnic tables, windows, decks, and public use cabin stove. | \$261.0 |
| 3 | Kodiak Area - Repair Buskin River fishing platform, and area signs, picnic tables, and fire pits | \$75.0 |
| 4 | Matsu Area - Repair Finger Lake furnace, Independence Mine volunteer housing, Lake Louise and Nancy Lake toilets and area signs, roads, trails, picnic tables, water well, public use cabin windows and doors. | \$256.0 |
| 5 | Northern Area - Repair Chena River toilets, and area signs, campground roads, trails, picnic tables, and water wells. | \$244.0 |
| 6 | Southeast Area - Repair Halibut Point toilets, and area observation decks, picnic shelter roofs, handrails, stairways, signs, campground roads, trails, picnic tables, and bulletin boards. | \$219.0 |
| 7 | Wood Tikchik Area - Rebuild airplane engine, repair signs and boat launch. | \$51.0 |
| 8 | Chena River State Recreation Area - Renovate uneven campsites, eroded roads, failing wells, level and recap trailhead parking areas and eroding trails. | \$225.0 |
| 9 | Delta Area Parks - visitor contact station / volunteer support center - Renovate showers, laundry and office space. | \$225.0 |
| 10 | Chugach State Park - Middle Fork, Flat Top, Hillside trails - Renovate trails that have become unsafe due to erosion, mud and steep | \$225.0 |

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| | locations. | |
| 11 | Chugach State Park - Canyon Road trailhead access - Renovate eroded trailhead parking and access road. | \$225.0 |
| 12 | Nancy Lake State Recreation Area - public use cabins - Replace 10 failing woodstoves and chimney systems, renovate 6 failing outhouses, repair roofs, steps and other needs. | \$130.0 |
| 13 | Independence Mine State Historical Park - Historic building stabilization, painting, and utilities upgrade. | \$280.0 |
| 14 | Slikok Creek - parking, bridge, and stairs - Renovate rough parking area, failing bridge and stairs for fishing access. | \$330.0 |
| 15 | Kachemak Bay State Park -Renovate eroded trails, failing bridges and sinking dock. | \$60.0 |
| 16 | Ninilchik Beach State Recreation Area - Renovate eroded campsites, roads and parking. | \$20.0 |
| 17 | Refuge Cove State Recreation Site - Renovate eroded parking and trails | \$15.0 |
| 18 | Salmon House renovation - Repair rotted walls, chimney, windows, water pump and other problems. | \$25.0 |
| 19 | Chilkat State Park - Renovate uneven campsites, eroded roads, failing wells, rotted picnic tables and other problems. | \$295.0 |
| 20 | Gruening Cabin/Wickersham House - Repair damaged walls, floors, and add insulation. | \$75.0 |
| | Total | \$3,480.0 |

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