

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Kenai Area

FY2013 Request: \$560,000
Reference No: 51716

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Kenai Areawide **House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35)
Impact House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422
Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The division is striving to protect visitor health and safety by providing safe, clean, and well maintained parks. State Parks has over \$60 million in deferred maintenance needs which are causing serious health and safety concerns and are generating copious public comments that are embarrassing to the State of Alaska. This request will fund multiple projects within each of the seven regional park areas. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will have funding to decrease their specific deferred maintenance, including upgrades, repairs or replacement of roads, trails, shelters, toilets, drinking water systems, parking areas and other facilities to keep them from becoming even greater hazards.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$560,000						\$560,000
Total:	\$560,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2011/CH5	\$2,880,000	9% complete
SLA2010/CH41	\$2,280,000	43% complete
SLA2009/CH15	\$1,200,000	83% complete
SLA2008/CH29	\$1,200,000	98% complete
SLA2007/CH30	\$1,880,000	complete

Project Description/Justification:

Detailed Project 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 five 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. While the division's staff is able to do minor repairs to annually maintain park

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facilities, the overall condition of park facilities has declined so much that the backlog of deferred maintenance work totals \$60 million.

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. The emergency repairs funding will keep the new critical issues that arise under control.

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Years of deferring maintenance because funds were not available to take care of problems has resulted in a state park system where many facilities are “vintage 70’s and 80’s”. Campsites that are unlevel and undersized for today’s modern recreation vehicles, worn out and pot-holed roads, muddy trails, and old, difficult-to-maintain restrooms are examples of park infrastructure that need repairs. For the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to fulfill our agency mission and implement the 2007-2017 Strategic Plan, reducing and ultimately eliminating the backlog of deferred maintenance is critical.

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.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$88.0	State Park Design and Construction staff and maintenance staff designing and contracting for construction.
Travel	\$5.0	
Services	\$467.0	Construction contracting using procurement procedures

Location	Election District	Site/Area	Description of Repairs	FY13 Request
Kenai	Kenai Area-wide (HD33-35)	Kenai River Special Management Area	Kasilof River bank stabilization - 75.0 Halibut Cove Dock - 250.0 Public Use Cabin Rehab - 50.0	375.0
Kenai	Kenai Area-wide (HD33-35)	Kenai Area Park Facilities	Health and sanitation replacement and repairs	140.0
Kenai	Kenai Area-	Kenai Area Park	Park signage replacement and repairs	45.0

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Project Support:

- State Park Advisory boards in the following areas, parks or communities:
 - Kachemak Bay State Park
 - Southern Kenai Peninsula
 - Valdez
- Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board,
- Kenai Peninsula Borough,
- Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park,
- Homer Chamber of Commerce,
- Nikiski Chamber of Commerce,

Project Opposition:

None.