

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Statewide Emergency Repairs

FY2013 Request: \$300,000
Reference No: 51786

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **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:

This funding is used to fix unexpected damage in state parks caused by winter snows, floods, vandalism, systems failures or wear from use. It is essential in keeping parks open, safe, clean and well maintained. Project repairs can include buildings, walkways, roads, boat launches, latrines, drinking water and waste systems, trails, shelters, campgrounds, aircraft repairs and bridges.

| Funding: | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | Total |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Gen Fund | \$300,000 | | | | | | \$300,000 |
| Total: | \$300,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$300,000 |

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

The asset value of State Park facilities is over \$100 million. Alaska Statute 41.21.020 requires the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to maintain these facilities, larger repairs require funding through the capital process. This year's request for \$300,000 will fund the most critical park emergency repairs needed as the result of weather events, systems and equipment failures, vandalism and heavy use. Parks contracts with private sector contractors for this work wherever possible, and some repairs to cabins, volunteer housing and picnic shelters is done with volunteer labor.

Alaska's State Parks are a source of pride for Alaskans and provide for road accessible fishing, camping, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, wildlife viewing, cultural and historic site visitation, and other outdoor recreational pursuits. Alaskans and our visitors participate in outdoor activities at a much higher level than the national average with 5.4 million annual visits to State Parks. Because most State Park facilities are on the road system and easily accessible they receive over three times the visitation of the National Park system, with nearly 80% of the visitation coming from Alaskan residents.

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| Park Emergency Repair | | |
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| Projects Funded in FY 2011 | | |
| Project Title | Award Amount | Percent Complete |
| Buskin Road Safety Repair | \$10,000 | 100 |
| Ram Site Road Repair | \$10,000 | 100 |
| Chena Septic Repair | \$20,000 | 100 |
| Northern Area Bank Stabilization | \$10,000 | 50 |
| Harding Lake Road Repairs | \$10,000 | 90 |
| Wickersham SHS Repairs | \$38,000 | 100 |
| Gruening Deck Replacement | \$5,000 | 60 |
| Aleknagik Ramp Repair | \$13,000 | 100 |
| Ketchikan Tree Removal | \$3,000 | 100 |
| Vet Memorial Generator Shed Repair | \$12,000 | 100 |
| Interpretive Panel Replacement | \$20,000 | 100 |
| Ninilchik Ranger Station Repair | \$2,500 | 100 |
| Kenai Area PUC Repairs | \$22,500 | 100 |
| Eagle River Water | \$29,000 | 100 |
| Bike Path Paving | \$20,000 | 0 |
| Kenai Boat | \$3,000 | 100 |
| Northern Area Maintenance | \$70,000 | 100 |
| Wood Tik-Chik SP | \$46,000 | 50 |
| Lake Gertude Trail | \$25,000 | 20 |
| Ram Site Renovation | \$20,000 | 25 |
| Blueberry Lake | \$19,500 | 100 |
| Worthington Glacier | \$24,500 | 75 |
| Gruening Heat | \$8,000 | 100 |
| Oliver Tram Repairs | \$15,000 | 60 |
| Lost Lake Campsite | \$15,000 | 90 |
| Quartz Lake Roof | \$10,000 | 70 |
| Blueberry Lake | \$10,500 | 100 |
| Worthington Glacier | \$6,500 | 20 |
| TOTAL | \$452,000 | |
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Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Addressing park emergency repairs is essential to keeping parks open, clean, safe, and in good repair. As park facilities get older they are more prone to unexpected damage from wind, snow, floods, vandalism and systems failures, and they require higher levels of maintenance and repair. This project ensures funds are available to address repairs to those facilities that pose the largest threat to the public.

Whether park users are from Alaska or Outside, local communities benefit greatly from the economic impact of park visitors buying groceries, gas, fishing tackle, souvenirs, restaurant meals, showers, guidebooks, fishing guides, and sightseeing tours. To continue attracting these visitors, facilities must be repaired and maintained and meet basic health and safety requirements.

Specific Spending Detail:

| <u>LINE ITEM</u> | <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION (text)</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| Personal Services | \$47.0 | State Park staff performing emergency repairs, design, and construction administration. |
| Travel | \$3.0 | Staff travel to project sites requiring repairs. |
| Services | \$250.0 | Construction contracting for repairs. |

State Match Required:

- NO**
- YES**

Project Support:

State Park visitors, Alaska Travel Industry Alliance, Alaska Wilderness Recreation Tourism Association, State Park Advisory Boards, local Chambers of The asset value of State Park facilities is over \$100 million. Alaska Statute 41.21.020 requires the Department of Natural Resources to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to maintain these facilities, larger repairs require funding through the capital process. This year's request for \$300,000 will fund the most critical park emergency repairs needed as the result of weather events, systems and equipment failures, vandalism and heavy use. Parks contracts with private sector contractors for this work wherever possible, and some repairs to cabins, volunteer housing and picnic shelters is done with volunteer labor.

Project Opposition:

None