

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Southeast Region

FY2014 Request: \$185,000
Reference No: 51718

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Southeast Alaska **House District:** Southeast Region (HD 31-34)
Impact House District: Southeast Region (HD 31-34) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422
Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (Parks) is striving to protect visitor health and safety by providing safe, clean, and well maintained parks. Parks has over \$60 million in deferred maintenance needs which are causing health and safety concerns and are generating significant public comments. This request will fund projects within each of the seven regional areas managed by Parks. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will have funds to decrease their specific deferred maintenance, including upgrades, repairs or replacement of roads, trails, shelters, toilets, drinking water systems, parking areas and other facilities.

Funding:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Total
Gen Fund	\$185,000	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$200,216	\$4,362,848
Total:	\$185,000	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$994,408	\$200,216	\$4,362,848

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P127 L14 160 \$475,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P95 L6 46 \$356,000

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. 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.

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.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED?

While the division's staff is able to do minor repairs to annually maintain park facilities, the overall condition of park facilities has declined so much that the backlog of deferred maintenance work totals \$59.6 million. It takes approximately \$3 million in deferred maintenance funds just to keep up with the growing maintenance needs.

For Parks to fulfill its agency mission and implement the 2007-2017 Strategic Plan, reducing and ultimately eliminating this backlog of deferred maintenance is critical.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED?

Deferred maintenance has increased over the years and has resulted in a state park system where many facilities are "vintage 70's and 80's". Examples of park infrastructure that need repairs are; campsites that are unlevel and undersized for today's modern recreational vehicles, worn out and pot-holed roads, muddy and dangerous trails, old and difficult to maintain restrooms, and fallen and unstable picnic shelter and structures.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW – WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF REMAINING STATUS QUO?

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.

WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH PRIOR YEAR FUNDING?

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2010		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Southeast Deferred Maintenance	\$15,000.00	100
Sitka Boat	\$40,000.00	100
Southeast Maintenance Truck	\$45,000.00	100
Settlers Cove Improvements & Rehab	\$360,000.00	100
Refuge Cove Infrastructure Improv.	\$45,000.00	100
Totem Bight Restoration/Facility Replace	\$918,000.00	90

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2011		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Southeast Area State Park and Recreation Facility Repair and Renovation	\$15,000.00	100
Refuge Cove State Recreation Site	\$15,000.00	100
Salmon House Renovation, Old Sitka State Historic Site	\$25,000.00	100
Chilkat State Park Rehabilitation	\$295,000.00	100
Gruening Cabin/Wickersham House Renovation	\$75,000.00	100

Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2012		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Southeast		
Southeast Area Deferred Maintenance	\$15,000.00	50
Old Sitka SHS Rehabilitation	\$101,000.00	20
Old Sitka SHS Interp	\$100,000.00	20
Area Signage	\$4,000.00	20
Health and Sanitation	\$136,000.00	20

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Deferred Maintenance PROJECT STATUS FOR FY 2013		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Southeast Area		
Southeast Deferred Maintenance	\$20,000.00	10
Chilkat SP Campground Improvements	\$175,000.00	90
Old Sitka SHP Improvements	\$100,000.00	0
Oliver Inlet SMP Tram Repairs	\$50,000.00	0
Site Furnishings	\$10,000.00	0
Health and Sanitation	\$120,000.00	0

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	50,000	Admin Services/ Design/ Construction Admin.
Travel	5,000	Transportation to/from project site
Services		Professional Services
Commodities		
Capital Outlay	130,000	Contract Award/ payment(s)
Grants		
PROJECT TOTAL	185,000	

Location	Site/Area	Description	FY14 Request
Southeast	Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve	Repair ADA access for boardwalk.	15.0
Southeast	Ernert Gruening State Historical Park	Recondition & surface .25 miles roadway with pullouts with drainage improvements, parking bumpers and gate.	85.0
Southeast	Ernert Gruening State Historical Park	Upgrade septic system.	25.0
Southeast	Baranof Castle Hill State Historical Park	Replace interpretive fiberglass signs and standards.	60.0