

**Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance -
Wood Tikchik Region**

**FY2014 Request: \$55,000
Reference No: 51720**

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Bethel **House District:** Bethel/Aleutians (HD 37)
Impact House District: Bethel/Aleutians (HD 37) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **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:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$55,000						\$55,000
Total:	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

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?

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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 2013		
Project Title	Award Amount	Percent Complete
Wood Tikchik Area		
Wood-Tikchik SP Airplane	\$70,000.00	10
Emergency Repairs	\$300,000.00	10

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	15,000	Admin Services/ Design/ Construction Admin.
Travel	5,000	Transportation to/from project site
Services		Professional Services
Commodities		
Capital Outlay	35,000	Contract Award/ payment(s)
Grants		
PROJECT TOTAL	55,000	

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Location	Site/Area	Description	FY14 Request
Wood Tikchik	Wood-Tikchik State Park	Nuyukuk Lake Ranger Station, relocate, move 200 yards, site enhancement, dismantle delapidated cabin	25.0
Wood Tikchik	Wood-Tikchik State Park	Lake Aleknagik SRS - construct rain-resistant fee station kiosk w/ concrete sidewalk reconditioning.	30.0