

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The project title and backup are being amended to correct the scope of work specific to ANCSA 17b and RS2477 trailhead access. No change in funding is being requested. This project will improve trailhead parking and signing where certain RS2477 and ANCSA 17b easements start off the highway system to improve public access, increase safety and decrease trespass on private property. Some acquisition of additional parking areas on private property may be evaluated and pursued. Rural trailhead standards will be employed when possible; however some paving may be necessary. Some trail improvements may be necessary near the trailheads to improve the access and to keep the public on the legally designated trails.

Funding:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Total
Gen Fund	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

No prior funding history

Project Description/Justification:

WHAT IS THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED?

Certain RS2477 and ANCSA 17b trails begin from highway rights of way. Some are poorly marked, or do not provide adequate parking area. This can become a safety hazard as people park along the shoulder of the highway. Without adequate signing some of the public inadvertently trespass on the private lands while accessing the trail easements. Some of the access needs to be improved to provide adequate access to the trails that are used to access public lands.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED?

Land ownership research and survey may be necessary to identify the exact location of the legally established easements. Some negotiation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the private land owners may be necessary to either identify the site of the easements or to acquire additional site control. Where possible, parts of the highway rights of way may be used. Appropriate signing will be provided at the trail head identifying the legal access right and location of the trail. Trailhead parking improvements will be made where necessary to provide for safe parking areas. In one or two cases, some trail improvements need to be made to remove physical obstacles that prevent or limit public use of the easements. Further research will determine the best candidates for trailhead development out of those proposed. Actual costs of development will determine how many sites may be improved.

WHAT RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED AND/OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED?

Improved trailhead parking areas will be developed with appropriate signing. This will increase public safety, reduce trespass, and improve the public's ability to use the legally established easements.

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVISION AND/OR DEPARTMENT MISSION?

This improves public access, use and enjoyment of state lands.

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

Access at some of the identified sites has not been well documented and it leads to access disputes. Additionally there is general parking and use of the trailheads that present safety hazards, especially during hunting season. Certain state lands and waters remain inaccessible or access is challenged without appropriate trailhead management.

WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED TO SOLVE THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM, AND WHY WERE THEY NOT SELECTED?

No alternatives were considered because without trailhead improvements there will continue to be problems.

WHAT DIVISION CORE SERVICE(S) DOES THIS PROJECT SUPPORT?

Defend access to state land and water.

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL:

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Personal Services	\$ 30,000	Title research, survey, appraisal, negotiations
Travel	\$ 10,000	Site inspections and construction oversight, survey, and meetings
Services	\$ 650,000	RSAs or contracts for construction
Commodities	\$ 60,000	Signs, kiosks, monuments
PROJECT TOTAL	\$750,000	