

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance - Southeast Region

FY2015 Request: \$104,000
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)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Appropriation: Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The deferred maintenance backlog for state park infrastructure is estimated to be \$59.7 million. This project will fund multiple projects within each of the seven regional areas managed by Alaska State Parks. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will receive funding to decrease their specific deferred maintenance, including repairs or replacement of roads, trails, shelters, toilets, drinking water systems, parking areas and other facilities. The project list may change due to any unforeseen circumstances affecting area priorities.

Funding:	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
Gen Fund	\$104,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$240,000	\$5,112,000
Total:	\$104,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$1,192,000	\$240,000	\$5,112,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P74 L12 18 \$185,000

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 by providing a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the state. 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.

What is the issue or problem to be solved?

The parks backlog of deferred maintenance is estimated to be \$59.7 million. Examples of park infrastructure that need repairs are;

- campsites that are unlevel and undersized for today's recreational vehicles,

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- worn out and pot-holed roads, and
- poorly drained, unsustainable trails.

What is the scope of work to be performed?

Discreet projects will be undertaken to address specific deferred maintenance issues in state parks areas. Most of the work will be performed by local contractors.

What results will be achieved and/or products produced?

The ability to maintain state park areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state, by providing a better quality of park facilities and safer recreational opportunities.

How does this project contribute to the division and/or department mission?

In order to be successful in providing outdoor recreation opportunities within state park managed areas, park infrastructure in good working order is needed.

Why is this project needed now – What is the impact of remaining status quo?

Because park facilities are used regularly and heavily, routine maintenance, repairs and replacement are required to keep parks safe and to ensure 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. When funding is available, deferred maintenance issues that pose the greatest threat to the public are addressed. The impact of remaining status quo is a continuing growth of deferred maintenance backlog, and facilities that will continue to deteriorate and create unsafe and unhealthy conditions.

What accomplishments have been achieved with prior year funding?

Deferred Maintenance		
Project Title	Amount	Percent Complete
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2010		
Totem Bight Restoration/Facility Replace	\$890,500	95%
Totem Bight Pole	\$27,500	94%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2011		
Chilkat State Park Rehabilitation	\$295,000	92%
Gruening Cabin/Wickersham House Renovation	\$75,000	80%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2012		
Southeast Area Deferred Maintenance	\$15,000	100%
Old Sitka State Historic Site Rehabilitation	\$101,000	20%
Old Sitka State Historic Site Interp	\$100,000	98%
Area Signage	\$4,000	54%
Health and Sanitation	\$136,000	10%

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PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2013		
Southeast Deferred Maintenance	\$20,000	37%
Chilkat State Park Campground Improvements	\$175,000	100%
Old Sitka State Historic Park Improvements	\$20,000	10%
Wrangell Petroglyph	\$30,000	35%
Oliver Inlet State Historic Park Tram Repairs	\$49,700	0%
Oliver Inlet State Historic Park	\$20,300	0%
Health and Sanitation	\$120,000	20%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2014		
Southeast Deferred Maintenance	\$20,000	0%
Ernest Gruening State Historic Park	\$69,700	0%
Castle Hill Interp (Signs and Standards)	\$60,000	0%
Ernest Gruening	\$35,300	0%

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 48,000	Project Administration
Capital Outlay	\$ 160,000	Contracts
Project Total	\$208,000	

Site/Area	Description	FY2015 Request
Baranof Castle Hill State Historical Park	Replacement of three flag poles.	\$48,000
Baranof Castle Hill State Historical Park	Trex benches (ten) trash cans (ten).	\$30,000
Totem Bight State Historical Park	Replace visitor information center	\$130,000