

**Parks and Outdoor Recreation Deferred Maintenance -
Chugach Region**

**FY2015 Request: \$416,000
Reference No: 51714**

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Anchorage Areawide

House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 11-27)

Impact House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 11-27)

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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. On a percentage basis, each area across the state will receive funding to reduce 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	\$416,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$480,000	\$10,432,000
Total:	\$416,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$2,384,000	\$480,000	\$10,432,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P73 L23 18 \$360,000

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P126 L25 160 \$635,000

Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P94 L17 46 \$351,000

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 FY2011		
Chugach State Park Trails(Mid Fork, Flat Top, Hillside)	\$124,359	27%
Hillside Trails	\$99,993	78%
Chugach State Park Canyon Rd trailhead access	\$225,000	2%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2012		
Chugach Area Deferred Maintenance	\$34,100	10%
Health and Sanitation	\$236,300	20%
Emergency repairs engineering services	\$15,613	30%
Design and construction services	\$28,987	10%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2013		
Chugach Deferred Maintenance	\$30,000	100%

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Eagle River Campground Stream Bank Restoration	\$150,000	0%
Signage	\$30,000	0%
Health and Sanitation	\$320,000	55%
PROJECT STATUS FOR FY2014		
Chugach Deferred Maintenance	\$30,000	18%
Bird Creek to Girdwood Pathway	\$75,000	0%
Penguin Creek ATV Crossing	\$220,000	0%
Eagle River Trail	\$35,000	0%

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 62,700	Project Administration
Capital Outlay	\$353,300	Contracts
Project Total	\$416,000	

Site/Area	Description	FY2015 Amount
Indian to Girdwood Bike Path	Repair Drainage Issues	\$126,000
Eklutna Lake Campground	Lower Lakeside Trail Repairs	\$100,000
McHugh Creek Picnic Area /Trailhead	Replace three toilets pairs with two double concrete restrooms	\$190,000