

South Denali Visitor Center Phase 2

FY2015 Request: \$1,235,000
Reference No: 57282

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development
Location: Denali **House District:** Rural Mat-Su (HD 7)
Impact House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-11) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The South Denali Visitor Center will provide a year-round destination on Curry Ridge in Denali State Park at milepost 135 of the Parks Highway. The full build out for the project includes a 15,000 to 16,000 square foot visitor center, a shuttle station, campground, trails, interpretive media, and parking/trailhead. This phase will design and construct a network of trails at the visitor center and day-use areas to manage visitor foot traffic and prevent adverse impacts to the natural surroundings.

Funding:	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
Gen Fund	\$1,235,000	\$8,485,000	\$8,000,000	\$7,000,000			\$24,720,000
Total:	\$1,235,000	\$8,485,000	\$8,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$24,720,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L27 SB 18 \$7,000,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L32 SB 160 \$1,500,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L21 SB 46 \$3,000,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P53 L28 SB 221 \$8,900,000

Project Description/Justification:

What is the issue or problem to be solved?

Phase one construction of the project is underway. It includes design and construction of a campground with 32 RV campsites and 15 walk-in campsites, four public use cabins, a maintenance/ranger station and six miles of trails. It also provides a 34-mile power extension and upgrade along the Parks Highway and the design of the access road between the campground, shuttle station and visitor center. Phase one is expected to be completed the summer of 2014, and the site will be open to park users, requiring a trail network to transport people throughout the complex without adversely impacting the natural surroundings. The FY2015 project will begin phase two of the project, to design and construct trails around the visitor center area and day-use areas, and providing the trail access needed for implementation of phase one.

What is the scope of the project to be performed?

The project scope includes design and construction of trails at the visitor center site and day-use areas.

What results will be achieved or products produced?

This project will construct a network of trails to provide sustainable hiking opportunities at the South Denali Visitor Center Complex.

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

The first phase of the project will be completed in summer 2014 and the site will be open to park users. Established trails are needed to manage visitor foot traffic and prevent trampling of the vegetation. Remaining status quo will force the public to pioneer trails resulting in degradation of the natural surroundings and vegetative resources.

What accomplishments have been achieved with prior year funding?

FY2009 funds (\$8,900,000) are being used to design and construct phase one of the overall project. FY2012 and FY2013 funds (\$3,000,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively) are being used to construct the electrical extension component of the project. FY2014 funds (\$7,000,000) are being used to initiate phase two of the overall project, which includes designing the access road to visitor center, shuttle station, and visitor center.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 200,000	Project Administration
Travel	\$ 20,000	Project Travel
Services	\$ 20,000	Surveys
Commodities	\$ 5,000	Supplies
Capital Outlay	\$ 970,000	Contracts
Project Total	\$ 1,215,000	

Personal Services Detail:

(If you have included Personal Services dollars in the spending detail please answer the following)

Number of new position(s) : Type of Position(s): PFT T
 Number of existing position(s): Type of Position(s): PFT T

Maintenance Sub Journey II, Range 56, LTNP, Denali
Natural Resource Tech II, Range 12, LTNP, Denali