

**State Park Electronic Fee Stations**

**FY2023 Request: \$650,000**  
**Reference No: 61854**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation

**Category:** Natural Resources

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project seeks to fund the purchase, engineering costs, and installation of 20 electronic fee stations in State Parks with the goal of increasing fee revenue, decreasing loss from vandalism, and increasing administrative efficiency.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>Total</u>
1004 Gen Fund	\$650,000						\$650,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000

<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"/> Ongoing
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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec8 Ch1 SLA2021 P75 L14 HB 69 \$220,000  
 Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P8 L20 SB142 \$310,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will purchase and install 20 electronic fee stations. These fee stations will be strategically located at the Division’s highest demand day-use areas, boat launches, and campgrounds based on revenue generating potential in the specific facility. The electronic pay stations will provide safer, cashless fee payment transactions.

Prior year funding in FY 2019 provided for installation of 20 stations statewide. The transition to a statewide cashless electronic payment system to date has shown many benefits:

- Decreased administrative fees related to fee envelopes,
- Decreased staff time for cash accounting (collecting, transporting, counting and depositing fees and producing revenue reports),
- Decreased staff time for field compliance and security, while providing an increase in revenue collection.

Electronic pay stations require field maintenance and one dedicated staff position to manage the statewide distribution and operations of fee stations. The electronic pay stations will support management decision to move away from iron rangers (traditional pipe safes), which have been

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regularly vandalized and broken into resulting in loss of State revenue. Cashless fee stations also have the benefit of reduced likelihood of vandalism to vehicles at trailheads, increase program receipt revenue, and reduce parking lot compliance monitoring.

Overall, this increment will reduce administrative and staff costs while increasing program receipt revenue. Installation of additional units has been a priority of the Division and the Department. However, due to impacts of recent natural disasters (earthquakes, fires, bark beetles, COVID), there has not been sufficient revenue generated through program receipts funds to allocate the purchase of new electronic pay station units.

**What was accomplished with prior funding?**

- Angel Rocks
- Bings Backline
- Bing's Boat Launch
- Bird Creek Campground
- Buskin
- Chena River
- SRS Crooked Creek
- Eagle Rock 2
- Eagle Rock Boat Launch
- Eklutna ATV Lot
- Eklutna Lake Finger Lake
- Glen Alps Parking
- Independence Mine
- Kasilof Boat Launch
- K'esugi Ken McHugh Creek
- Nancy Lake
- Olnes Pond Prospect Heights
- Rosehip Campground
- Rosehip Campground 2 South Fork
- South Rolly Campground
- The Pillars Boat Launch
- Thunderbird Falls
- Willow Creek

More are being engineered for installation.

**Line Item Detail**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 Personal Services	125,000.00
2000 Travel	52,500.00
3000 Services	10,000.00
4000 Commodities	
5000 Capital Outlay	462,500.00
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$ 650,000.00</b>

