

FY 2025 NPS LWCF Land Acquisition Requested Project List
(Dollars)

Priority	Project Name	State(s)	Funding¹	Acres
1	Grand Teton National Park	WY	\$34,780,000	357
2	Historic Preservation Training Center	MD	\$1,100,000	10
3	Statue of Liberty National Monument	NY/NJ	\$5,000,000	3
4	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	CA	\$7,000,000	1,106
5	San Juan Island National Historical Park	WA	\$5,920,000	460
6	Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	CA	\$2,890,000	287
7	Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park	Multi - GA, TN	\$500,000	42
8	Catoctin Mountain Park	MD	\$300,000	29
9	Ozark National Scenic Riverways	MO	\$335,000	154
	FY 2025 Requested Project List		\$57,825,000	2,448

¹ Bureau line-item funding amounts are Net Budget Authority, the amount available to execute after sequester and pop-up adjustments. All mandatory LWCF funding is subject to a sequestration reduction of -5.7% across all programs.

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
Project Data Sheet**

Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Grand Teton National Park

Priority: 1

State(s): WY

Congressional District(s): WY-At Large

Location: Teton County

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	357	\$34,780,000
Acquired to Date	8,943	\$128,609,080
Remaining to be Acquired	746	\$75,520,000

Project Description:

Grand Teton National Park was established in February 1929 to showcase the awe-inspiring Teton mountain range, pristine glacial lakes, the expansive sage-covered valley of Jackson Hole, and the wild and scenic Snake River. Grand Teton National Park is in the heart of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, one of Earth's largest intact temperate ecosystems. The park is home to some of the greatest populations of wildlife in the world: elk, moose, bison, pronghorn, mule deer, grizzly and black bears, gray wolves, coyotes, otters, wolverines, and about 300 bird species. The central feature of the park is the Teton Range, an active, fault-block mountain front that is 40 miles long that includes 12 peaks over 12,000 feet. The park protects seven morainal lakes along the base of the Teton Range and more than 100 alpine and backcountry lakes. The Snake River bisects the valley of Jackson Hole and is the headwaters of the Columbia River system.

Purpose / Need:

On December 16, 2010, the United States executed an agreement with the State of Wyoming for a phased conveyance of four parcels of approximately 1,400 acres of State-owned land within Grand Teton National Park. Phase one, completed in April 2011 conveyed 39.59 acres of mineral rights. The second phase was completed in 2012 when the NPS acquired the 86.32-acre Snake River tract. Phase three of this effort was completed in 2016 with the acquisition of Antelope Flats. The fourth phase, the "Kelly Parcel" will create protected Federal lands within the heart of the park, increasing the viability of wildlife corridors for many threatened and endangered species as well as ensuring recreational access for visitors in this part of the park. This request is for a portion of the funding to acquire this fourth parcel. Completion of this phase by the NPS is subject to the State providing a path to acquisition of the parcel. The total acreage of the Kelly Parcel is 640, currently valued at \$62.425 million.

Cooperator(s):

The State of Wyoming; National Park Foundation; Grand Teton National Park Foundation.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$0	\$0

Describe O&M:

There are neither costs nor savings associated with this acquisition.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Historic Preservation Training Center

Priority: 2

State(s): MD

Congressional District(s): MD-06

Location: Frederick County, MD

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	10	\$1,100,000
Acquired to Date	n/a	n/a
Remaining to be Acquired	n/a	n/a

Project Description:

The Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) has been working to consolidate its operations from multiple separate facilities to one location for efficiency of management and economies of scale to conserve fiscal resources. The City of Frederick, MD, has agreed to sell an approximate 10-acre parcel of land to the National Park Service for this purpose.

The proposed property includes a farmstead which the National Park Service has been using through a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Frederick. The agreement includes a clause to renovate and occupy the existing farmstead structures and to construct a multi-purpose campus of buildings with offices, workshops, training rooms, warehousing, and other operations structures. In addition, public use of portions of the site and facilities are included as "Partnering Opportunities" in the agreement between all parties. This effort furthers the NPS needs and future requirements and supports the City's strategic plan.

Purpose / Need:

The acquisition of this parcel will allow the NPS to continue its historic preservation efforts in a more effective and efficient manner. Economies of scale for fiscal and physical purposes will be realized. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328) authorized this acquisition.

Cooperator(s):

NPS and the City of Frederick, MD, have worked collaboratively to move this effort forward with this acquisition following Congressional authorization.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$8,000,000	\$2,400

Describe O&M:

Start-up costs associated with this acquisition include maintenance of the property, primarily involving utilities and mowing of the open field. During the first five years of NPS ownership, the design-build steps will utilize efficient off-the-shelf building designs to provide an operational structure not achieved in the current facility footprint. Estimated O&M start-up costs reflect estimated costs of design and construction.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Statue of Liberty National Monument

Priority: 3

State(s): NY and NJ

Congressional District(s): NY-10, NJ-8

Location: Liberty Island in Upper New York Bay, Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan Island.

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	3	\$5,000,000
Acquired to Date	n/a	n/a
Remaining to be Acquired	n/a	n/a

Project Description:

The 152-foot copper statue bearing the torch of freedom was a gift of the French people in 1886 to commemorate the alliance of the two nations in the American Revolution. The Statue of Liberty is located on what is now known as Liberty Island and approximately 4.5 million visitors come each year. All visitors undergo security screening at embarkation facilities, with 80 percent using a temporary facility located in Battery Park, Lower Manhattan. Ferries move visitors from the “mainland” to Liberty Island following the screening procedure.

Purpose / Need:

This request supports critical land acquisition projects at the Statue of Liberty National Monument necessary for uninterrupted operational and visitor services. In New Jersey, LWCF acquisition funding will be used to acquire a real estate interest for an easement in Liberty State Park. This easement is necessary to support the future construction of a replacement bridge to Ellis Island. The request also supports pre-acquisition due diligence work needed to identify a location for a new, permanent security screening facility location in Lower Manhattan.

In 1985, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation (Foundation) leased and installed the Ellis Island service bridge to facilitate and enable cost-effective access for their restoration of the Main Immigration Building on Ellis Island on behalf of the NPS and the American people. The Foundation’s lease of the LSP lands and permits with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) have since expired. NPS and New Jersey have not subsequently entered into a new legal authorization to allow for continued use of the lands.

The Foundation transferred ownership of the bridge to the NPS in 1991. Although the bridge was initially meant to be temporary and was permitted by the State of New Jersey as such, it has become integral to ongoing construction and historic preservation and rehabilitation projects on Ellis Island, including repairing damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and future preservation of the south side of Ellis Island. The bridge also supports post-9/11 icon security, concession services, trash removal, and emergency response operations for both Liberty and Ellis Islands. NPS intends to negotiate with NJDEP and LSP to convey a real estate interest to allow for the future construction of a new mission critical bridge adjacent to the current bridge.

Additionally, this request supports due diligence efforts needed to begin exploring a permanent security screening facility location in Lower Manhattan. The Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project, an undertaking of New York City, is underway and will raise the Battery seawall by five feet. During construction, the NPS facility established after 9/11 to institute pre-boat boarding airport-style security screening of visitors going to Liberty and Ellis Islands will have to be relocated, at least temporarily, though a permanent solution is preferred. Eighty percent

of park visitors travel via the Manhattan embarkation site. Any disruption of operations at Battery Park will significantly impair visitor access to the park and reduce park revenue.

An amendment to the existing Ellis, Governors, and Liberty Islands General Provision in the NPS Budget Submission is an accompaniment to this project. In accordance with 54 USC 200306(a), Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding is authorized for the acquisition of land, water, or an interest in land or water within the exterior boundary of an authorized or established unit of the National Park System. The additional proviso is necessary and assumes that any acquisition undertaken for the purposes authorized by the General Provision shall be considered within the exterior boundary and appropriate for LWCF funds.

Cooperator(s):

New York City Parks, New York City Economic Development Commission, Battery Park Conservancy.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	TBD	\$0

Describe O&M:

Annual Operations and Maintenance costs related to the existing bridge and the new replacement bridge are minimal, and include snow removal, light bulb replacements and other incidental items. The O&M costs will be covered from park funds. Start-up costs associated with the permanent facility at the Manhattan embarkation site are unknown at this time and future annual costs will be determined by the site selection.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Priority: 4

State(s): CA

Congressional District(s): CA-2, CA-11, CA-15, CA-16

Location: In and around San Francisco, California in the counties of Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo.

Limitation Amount: Statutory ceiling of \$77,110,000. Annual over-ceiling authority (54 U.S.C. 200306) of ten percent or \$1 million, whichever is greater, permits this request.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	1,106	\$7,000,000
Acquired to Date	30,069	\$113,401,058
Remaining to be Acquired	2,516	\$39,750,000

Project Description:

Golden Gate National Recreation Area was authorized October 27, 1972, to preserve outstanding historic, scenic, and recreational values. The national recreation area encompasses shoreline areas of San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo Counties, including ocean beaches, redwood forest, lagoons, marshes, military properties, a cultural center at Fort Mason, and Alcatraz Island. Intense pressure to develop open space in the San Francisco area threatens the integrity of the national recreation area.

The NPS and the local authorities work cooperatively to establish connections between national and local landscapes. This effort allows preservation of watersheds, viewsheds, open spaces, recreational trails and fields throughout a significant portion of the Bay Area in a collaborative manner.

Purpose / Need:

These lands will help complete an important and much larger conservation picture for the park in San Mateo County. They provide new options to connect Rancho Corral de Tierra, a significant landscape, to the surrounding network of protected lands and greatly expand opportunities for the region's network of scenic hiking trails. With more than 27,000 acres of protected open space in the area, acquisition of these properties would help prevent inappropriate development from occurring next to these sensitive natural lands. In addition to its strategic location, the properties contain a portion of the Denniston Creek watershed as well as a tributary to Locks Creek in the Frenchman's Creek watershed. The land's natural resources are an extension of the unique and fragile habitats found on Rancho Corral de Tierra, where several threatened and endangered species have been documented.

Cooperator(s):

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST).

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$0	\$10,000

Describe O&M:

Acquisition would enhance resource and visitor management with a seamless expanse of open space.

Annual operational costs will increase by \$10,000 to maintain the land and the small, modern residence that is typically leased by a park Law Enforcement Ranger.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: San Juan Island National Historical Park

Priority: 5

State(s): WA

Congressional District(s): WA-02

Location: San Juan County

Limitation Amount: There is an authorization of appropriations of \$13,575,000 (P.L. 111-88).

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	460	\$5,920,000
Acquired to Date	2,115	\$9,510,670
Remaining to be Acquired	5	\$250,000

Project Description:

San Juan Island National Historical Park is on San Juan Island, the second largest island in the San Juan Archipelago in Washington State. The park was established by an Act of Congress in 1966 (Public Law 89-565) for the purpose of “interpreting and preserving the sites of the American and English camps on the island, and of commemorating the historic events that occurred there from 1853 to 1871 in connection with the final settlement of the Oregon Territory boundary dispute, including the so-called “Pig War of 1859”. San Juan Island National Historical Park illustrates, in its dramatic and largely intact physical setting, how war can be averted, and peace maintained through positive action by individuals and governments. This narrative also provides a window into the little-known multicultural and international communities that clashed and coexisted on this shared landscape during the early Territorial period of western Washington.

Purpose / Need:

This request is to acquire 460 acres on northwest San Juan Island adjacent to English Camp and the property known as Mitchell Hill, which was added to the park in 2010. Acquisition will protect these acres from development and ensure that the land is available for recreation, visitor enjoyment, and preservation of the area’s historic nature. Acquisition of this land would preserve access to the Mitchell Hill area, which contains excellent trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The area is desirable for developers to build second homes or vacation rentals for many people in the area, with the potential of 132 new residences, and will likely be developed if the NPS does not acquire the land. The landowner controls many commercial properties in the area and has the capability of financing a large-scale development if the NPS does not acquire the parcels.

Cooperator(s):

San Juan County Conservation Landbank.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$50,000	\$10,000

Describe O&M:

Some operations and maintenance costs will be necessary to maintain existing trails in the area. Primary costs would be associated with installation of regulatory, NPS boundary, and wayfinding signage. There is a very active San

Juan Trails Committee, which is a subsidiary of Island Rec (and county special taxing district), that will be a critical partner in developing and distributing updated trails maps.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Priority: 6

State(s): CA

Congressional District(s): CA-26, CA-33

Location: Los Angeles County and Ventura County

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	287	\$2,890,000
Acquired to Date	23,129	\$196,980,300
Remaining to be Acquired	4,028	\$70,175,000

Project Description:

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) is one of the Nation's largest urban parks and is accessible to over 17 million people. Sprawling urbanization in the greater Los Angeles area spurred public desire to protect limited coastal mountain resources. The park was established by an Act of Congress in 1978 (Public Law 95-625), which authorized acquisition by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from any Federal agency, exchange, or otherwise. The park's purpose is to preserve and enhance the scenic, natural, and historical setting and its public health value as an airshed for the Southern California metropolitan area while providing for the recreational and educational needs of the visiting public. The boundary encompasses 154,000 acres, including 90,000 acres cooperatively managed by federal, state, and local public agencies.

Purpose / Need:

This request funds the remaining need for a 541-acre acquisition that connects visitors with early African American history in Los Angeles, increases ecosystem resilience for Federally listed species, and expands recreational access that would be undermined by residential development. Acquisition would help in the preservation and study of archaeological sites and may further illuminate Chumash settlement patterns and trade. Ballard Mountain stands near some of the first African American settlements in the Santa Monica Mountains dating back to the 1880s, and it has symbolic importance highlighted by the community-led campaign to rename the mountain previously named after a racial slur. The property protects core chaparral habitat on both sides of a major road and includes two overpass tunnels that serve as wildlife crossings. The property contains the proposed Ballard Mountain Trail and connects existing public open space and trail networks.

Cooperator(s):

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$480,000	\$12,500

Describe O&M:

Out-year costs associated with acquisition would include new trail construction, new interpretive displays, regular trail maintenance, and visitor protection services. A one-time investment of \$480,000 would develop a new trail, including construction, project management, and compliance, in order to open the parcel up for recreational access.

Approximately five miles of trail comprise the proposed Ballard Mountain Trail: Four miles (50% new trail, 50% existing trail) and La Sierra Canyon Loop Trail: One mile (existing trail). New trail construction will rely on NPS labor through the Facilities/Road & Trails division at SMMNRA, as well as a funding and operating partnership with Santa Monica Mountains Fund to hire trail crews. Operations and maintenance costs for administering the newly acquired parcel are expected to be \$12,500 annually.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Priority: 7

State(s): GA, TN

Congressional District(s): GA-14, TN-03

Location: Moccasin Bend National Archeological District in Chattanooga

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	42	\$500,000
Acquired to Date	1,414	\$10,116,764
Remaining to be Acquired	57	\$625,000

Project Description:

Moccasin Bend National Archeological District (MBNAD) is part of a 956-acre National Historic Landmark District that protects archeological sites chronicling 12,000 years of Native American occupation. MBNAD protects over 50 sites associated with Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian cultural periods, and includes the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, which is a 5,043-mile trail that commemorates the removal of Cherokee Indians, who were forcibly evicted from their ancestral homelands. MBNAD also protects a certified site on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and preserves Civil War-era earthworks, which were constructed by Federal forces during the Campaign for Chattanooga.

Purpose / Need:

This acquisition will add 42 acres of land to Federal protection within the MBNAD. The addition of these lands to the park will: a) implement Federal protection of historic resources and archeological sites; b) enhance Tribal relations; and c) preserve the nationally significant lands for the enjoyment of future generations. Acquiring these lands is important for educating visitors on the history of Moccasin Bend, its Tribal association, and importance in history (including the forced removal of the Cherokee via the Trail of Tears). The acquisition will help the park educate visitors on the under-represented story of Native American occupation on Moccasin Bend, and the story of enslaved individuals associated with the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. It is important these lands are added to the park to ensure the viewshed is protected; the landscape is better understood by park visitors; significant habitats are preserved; and Tribal stakeholders have access to and use of the lands for ethnographic and cultural purposes.

Cooperator(s):

National Park Partners; American Battlefield Trust; State of Tennessee; Tribal Stakeholders.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$40,000	\$25,000

Describe O&M:

Revenue generated from agricultural leases and Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) will assist in managing newly acquired lands. Visitor education programs will be developed and implemented to highlight the significance of these new lands.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Catoctin Mountain Park

Priority: 8

State(s): MD

Congressional District(s): MD-08

Location: Frederick County

Limitation Amount: There is no limitation.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	29	\$300,000
Acquired to Date	127	\$2,092,959
Remaining to be Acquired	2	\$75,000

Project Description:

Catoctin Mountain Park originated during the Great Depression. The Federal government acquired over 10,000 acres and established the Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area in 1936. The program created public parks out of marginal farmland near cities, which eventually became state or national parks. In 1936, a New Deal agency named the Works Progress Administration hired hundreds of local men to create maintenance shops, a visitor center, and cabin camps. Later, in 1939, the Civilian Conservation Corps set up camp in the park, tasked with returning the Catoctin landscape to native eastern hardwood forest.

The purpose of Catoctin Mountain Park is to provide quality recreational opportunities in the Catoctin Mountains while protecting and conserving the park’s natural and cultural environments in the spirit of New Deal conservation programs.

Purpose / Need:

Acquisition of this tract is important to protect a 0.4-mile section of Owens Creek that fills in the gap between two sections currently managed by NPS. Acquisition would create over a mile of continuous ownership of this valuable trout stream. Acquisition would extend park ownership of adjacent land to Sabillasville Road, Rt 550, providing access that does not currently exist. There is no direct access to park land in the vicinity of this tract. The tract contains established driving access to the property, which would eliminate the need for staff to park on private property to access Owens Creek and surrounding park lands. Direct access would allow park personnel to better manage and protect the resources found in the area and prevent dumping and poaching. It would, for the first time, provide opportunities for public access to one of the more remote and scenic areas of the park, allowing the park to extend the public trail system to the northern regions of the park.

Cooperator(s):

National Park Conservation Association.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$10,000
Estimated O&M Costs	\$0	\$0

Describe O&M:

Cost savings would occur from better access and more frequent patrols leading to prevention of dumping, so that current time-intensive cleanup of trash by employees would not be necessary. Since the lands on either side of the parcel are already managed, no additional costs would be incurred; only savings and efficiencies would result from this acquisition.

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Agency: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 2025

Project / Unit: Ozark National Scenic Riverways

Priority: 9

State(s): MO

Congressional District(s): MO-08

Location: Shannon County

Limitation Amount: There is a dollar ceiling of \$10,804,000; an annual over ceiling authority (54 U.S.C. 200306) of ten percent or \$1 million, whichever is greater, permits this request.

Project Estimates

Land/Cost	Acres	Cost
Estimate for FY 2025	154	\$335,000
Acquired to Date	60,613	\$11,590,115
Remaining to be Acquired	5,350	\$11,770,000

Project Description:

Ozark National Scenic Riverways (National Riverways) was established by an Act of Congress in 1964 (Public Law 88-492) to conserve and interpret the scenic, natural, scientific, ecological, and historic values and resources within the National Riverways, and to provide for public outdoor recreational use and enjoyment of those resources. The National Riverways include portions of the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, providing 134 miles of clear, free-flowing, spring-fed waterways. The impressive hydrogeologic character of the National Riverways' karst landscape supports an amazing variety of natural features, including a spring system unparalleled in North America. The cave system is equally impressive with one of the highest densities of caves in any national park.

Purpose / Need:

This property was acquired by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on behalf of NPS to assist in protection of the Current River. This tract fronts nearly one mile of the Current River (both sides) and is located in Pulltite, a high-use area for park visitors. Funding of the acquisition would provide the NPS an opportunity to manage visitor activities and impacts along this important area in the riparian corridor. This area of the river is listed as an "Outstanding Water Resource." Acquisition and ownership by the NPS will ensure protection of the area in perpetuity and preserve the scenic viewshed along the river.

Cooperator(s):

The Nature Conservancy.

Operations & Maintenance

Savings/Cost	Start-up	Annual
Estimated O&M Savings	\$0	\$0
Estimated O&M Costs	\$2,000	\$2,000

Describe O&M:

Upon acquisition, the park would mitigate any existing damage from off-road vehicles, block any illegal roads or access, add the area into the adjacent prescribed fire plot, and implement routine monitoring and law enforcement activities. The costs associated with ownership are generally minimal and may include additional staff time or fuel costs for patrol of the area by law enforcement and groundskeeping crews.