



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mission – As stated in the Organic Act of 1916, the National Park Service purpose “is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

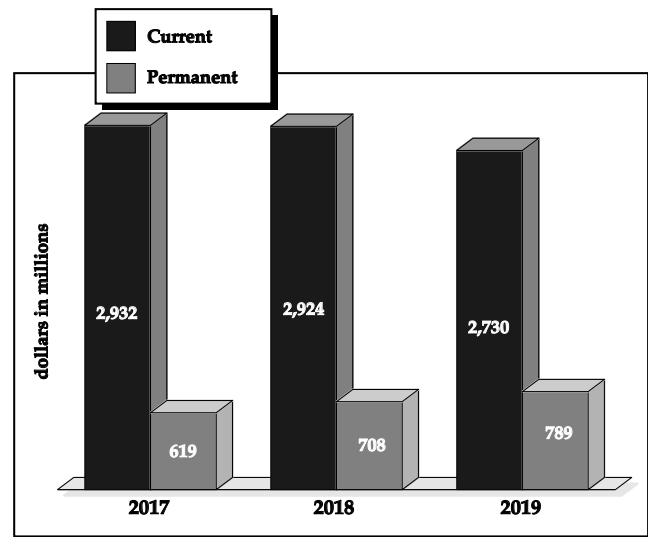
Budget Overview – The 2019 budget request for NPS is \$2.7 billion. The NPS estimates total staffing will equal 17,685 full time equivalents in 2019. The budget proposes an increase of \$18.0 million for fixed costs. The amounts presented here reflect an additional \$299.0 million provided in the Budget Policy Addendum for 2019, which include an increase for the National Park Service, Operation of the National Park System of \$270.9 million and an adjustment to the LWCF Contract Authority Cancellation of \$28.1 million. These changes are not reflected in the 2019 President's Budget documents.

Program Overview – The national park system covers 85 million acres and is comprised of 417 sites. These include 129 historical parks or sites, 87 national monuments, 59 national parks, 30 national memorials, 25 battlefields or military parks, and 87 otherwise designated national park units. The NPS also helps administer dozens of affiliated sites, the National Register of Historic Places, National Heritage Areas, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Historic Landmarks, and National Trails. Additionally, NPS staff work with communities across the Nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund – The National Park Service has a deferred maintenance backlog of over \$11 billion. The Administration proposes legislation to establish a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund, to address deferred maintenance requirements in the national parks, national wildlife refuges, and Bureau of Indian Education schools. In addition to the annual request for funding, the Fund will provide up to a total of \$18.0 billion to protect these important American treasures.

Construction – The 2019 request includes \$241.3 million to fund construction projects, equipment replacement,

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management, planning, operations, and special projects. This funding level will help address deferred maintenance and allow for targeted and measurable upgrades to a number of the NPS's highest priority assets.

The budget provides funding to help address the NPS deferred maintenance backlog, including \$157.0 million for the line-item construction activity. This covers a variety of projects, for example \$20.0 million is included to fund the North Shore Road settlement agreement, as well as other major construction projects, such as reconstructing an unsafe cave trail at Mammoth Cave National Park and replacing the roof of the Eielson Visitor Center at Denali National Park and Preserve. It also funds \$4.0 million for demolition or disposal projects to address NPS assets that are no longer needed or create a risk within parks due to poor facility conditions and \$4.0 million for projects that mitigate public safety hazards on abandoned mine lands within the national park system. The budget also includes programmatic increases of \$9.5 million for construction project planning, \$1.5 million for construction oversight provided by the Denver Service Center, and \$3.9 million for regional facility project support. These increases are

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FACTS

- In 1916 Congress created the National Park Service also known as “America’s Best Idea.”
- There are 417 park units, which encompass 85 million acres in all 50 States and four Territories.
- In 2016, over 324 million people visited the Nation’s national parks, breaking previous visitation records.
- In 2017, over 20,000 individual full and part-time employees and 315,000 volunteers worked to preserve, protect, and share the history of this land and its people.
- The NPS workforce is made up of archeologists, engineers, curators, biologists, hydrologists, historians, law enforcement officers, landscape architects, and many other disciplines.
- The NPS collaborates with Tribes, States, local governments, non-profits, and historic property owners who share in preserving the Nation’s shared heritage.

partially offset by \$7.7 million in reductions to equipment replacement, management planning, Harpers Ferry Center operations, and construction program management.

Park Operations – The 2019 NPS budget request for operations is \$2.4 billion. The budget supports roughly 13,279 FTEs to continue operations of America’s national park system. The budget prioritizes funding for park unit operations, proposing savings from project specific funding and narrowly focused activities; central, regional and program offices; and changes in externally driven costs.

The budget includes \$289.2 million for natural and cultural resource stewardship of the parks’ treasured resources. To support the visitor experience and ensure public safety at the national park areas, the budget includes \$222.5 million for Visitor Services to provide interpretation, educational, and park management programs; and \$331.1 million for law enforcement and protection, and health and safety programs.

The request assumes \$22.2 million as part of the Department-wide effort to achieve cost savings from administrative efficiencies including the more aggressive use of shared services and multi-agency procurement vehicles. These savings will identify administrative efficiencies to meet broader fiscal objectives and maintain programmatic funding.

The budget provides resources for new requirements at existing park units and \$900,000 to support the Department’s migration to common regional boundaries to improve service and efficiency. Organizing bureaus along common geographic areas will allow for more integrated and better coordinated decision making across the Department.

The budget totals \$666.3 million for park facility operations and maintenance across the national park system, including \$99.5 million for repair and rehabilitation proj-

ects, which address the deferred maintenance backlog, as well as \$112.9 million for cyclic maintenance projects, which ensures maintenance is conducted in a timely fashion and does not become deferred.

Centennial Challenge – The National Park Service Centennial Act established a permanent National Park Centennial Challenge Fund in December 2016. Amounts exceeding \$10.0 million from the sale of age-discounted Federal Recreational Lands Passes, commonly known as Senior Passes, will be deposited into this Fund to be used as the Federal match for projects or programs that enhance the visitor experience. The budget estimates this Fund will be \$15 million in 2019, which when matched on at least a 50:50 basis from private donations, will leverage for a total of at least \$30 million for park projects.

National Recreation and Preservation – This appropriation supports local community efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources. The 2019 budget request includes \$32.2 million. The request reflects the funding priority given to national park service core operations and identifies savings from support, including grants, for programs and areas outside of the national park system, such as the Heritage Partnership Programs. The 2019 budget includes focused funding for activities such as the National Register Programs and the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program, which provides technical assistance supporting local communities, and the International Park program.

Historic Preservation – The Historic Preservation Fund supports Historic Preservation Offices in States, Territories, and tribal lands to preserve historically and culturally significant sites and provides competitive grants to other, non-Federal entities. The 2019 budget request for the Historic Preservation Fund is \$32.7 million. This level prioritizes funding within the core grants-in-aid programs to States and Territories at \$26.9 million and

Tribes at \$5.7 million. These grants provide State, territorial, and tribal governments with resources to meet preservation responsibilities required by the National Historic Preservation Act to protect and preserve historic resources, based on their understanding of local needs and priorities. To protect these core activities, the budget does not fund other competitive grant programs.

Land Acquisition and State Assistance – One of the overarching priorities of the Department’s 2019 budget request is an emphasis on taking care of the resources Interior already owns. The budget requests \$8.8 million to administer both ongoing Federal land acquisition projects and American Battlefield Protection grants. The budget also assumes the cancellation of \$10.0 million in available prior year balances, for a net total of -\$1.2 million for land acquisition.

The 2019 budget continues a shift in funding that began in 2018 for the NPS State grants program from current to permanent funding. Starting in 2009, the current LWCF appropriations for the State Assistance program have been supplemented by revenues from certain oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico, as authorized by Section 105 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. These GOMESA receipts increased significantly in 2017

and are projected to continue. In 2019, the amount that will be available to NPS for State grants is estimated at \$89.3 million.

Recreation Fee Program – This permanent funding program operates under the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. The Act authorizes NPS to collect recreation fees at select parks and requires fee revenues be used to improve visitor services and enhance the visitor experience at those parks and throughout the national park system. The NPS estimates in 2019, it will collect \$312.4 million in recreation fee revenues. In 2017, 54 percent of NPS recreation fee obligations addressed asset repair and maintenance projects, 18 percent addressed interpretation and visitor services, and five percent addressed habitat restoration. The remaining 23 percent of recreation fee obligations were spent on operational activities such as law enforcement, cost of collecting fees, and visitor reservation services. Current authority for the program extends through September 30, 2019. The 2019 budget proposes appropriations language to extend the program through September 30, 2021, as well as a separate legislative proposal to permanently authorize the program.

Fixed Costs – Fixed costs of \$18.0 million are fully funded.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2019 Request with 2018 CR

	2018 CR		2019 Request ^{1/}		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Operation of the National Park System	15,000	2,420,818	13,279	2,425,117	-1,721	+4,299
Centennial Challenge.....	12	19,864	0	0	-12	-19,864
National Recreation and Preservation	218	62,213	197	32,199	-21	-30,014
Historic Preservation Fund.....	0	80,361	0	32,672	0	-47,689
Construction (and Major Maintenance).....	306	207,931	308	241,333	+2	+33,402
Land Acquisition and State Assistance ^{2/}	83	160,929	56	-1,212	-27	-162,141
LWCF Contract Authority (cancellation)	0	-28,020	0	0	0	+28,020
Subtotal, Current	15,619	2,924,096	13,840	2,730,109	-1,779	-193,987
Permanent						
Construction (and Major Maintenance).....	10	18,680	10	30,000	0	+11,320
Land Acquisition and State Assistance	3	62,562	3	89,338	0	+26,776
Visitor Experience Improvements Fund	0	0	0	20,000	0	+20,000
Recreation Fee Permanent Appropriations	1,694	309,792	1,694	338,649	0	+28,857
Land and Water Conservation Fund	0	28,020	0	28,140	0	+120
Other Permanent Appropriations.....	447	218,098	447	202,256	0	-15,842
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	208	71,003	208	81,003	0	+10,000
Subtotal, Permanent.....	2,362	708,155	2,362	789,386	0	+81,231
Allocation and Reimbursable						
Allocation	763	0	707	0	-56	0
Reimbursable	776	0	776	0	0	0
Subtotal, Allocation and Reimbursable.....	1,539	0	1,483	0	-56	0
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	19,520	3,632,251	17,685	3,519,495	-1,835	-112,756

^{1/} Amounts presented in this table reflect an additional \$299.020 million provided in the Budget Policy Addendum for 2019, which includes an increase for the National Park Service, Operation of the National Park System of \$270.880 million and an adjustment to the LWCF Contract Authority Cancellation of \$28.140 million. These changes are not reflected in the 2019 President's Budget documents.

^{2/} The 2019 request for the current Land Acquisition and State Assistance account is a total of -\$1.2 million, comprised of \$8.8 million in new budget authority offset by a \$10.0 million cancellation of prior year balances.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Operation of the National Park System

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
Park Management				
Resource Stewardship	328,575	328,575	289,201	-39,374
Visitor Services.....	260,061	260,061	222,502	-37,559
Park Protection	367,112	362,912	331,106	-31,806
Facility Operations Maintenance	780,782	780,782	666,332	-114,450
Park Support	507,756	507,756	459,663	-48,093
Subtotal, Park Management.....	2,244,286	2,240,086	1,968,804	-271,282
External Administrative Costs	180,732	180,732	185,433	+4,701
Budget Policy Addendum	0	0	270,880	+270,880
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o transfers)	2,425,018	2,420,818	2,425,117	+4,299
Transfers.....	+102	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ transfers).....	2,425,120	2,420,818	2,425,117	+4,299

Detail of Budget Changes

	<u>2019 Change from 2018 CR</u>		<u>2019 Change from 2018 CR</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+4,299		
Park Management	-271,282	Flex Park Projects.....	-9,710
Resource Stewardship	-39,374	Cyclic Maintenance Projects	-13,689
Park and Program Operations.....	-28,682	Repair and Rehabilitation Projects.....	-25,000
Natural Resource Projects	-2,215	Emergency Storm Damage Projects.....	-350
Cultural Resource Projects	-7,000	Environmental Management	
Administrative Savings	-3,335	Program Projects	-1,500
Fixed Costs	+1,858	Administrative Savings	-5,991
Visitor Services.....	-37,559	Fixed Costs	+2,860
Park and Program Operations.....	-24,763	Park Support	-48,093
Nat'l Capital Area		Park and Program Operations.....	-46,850
Performing Arts Program.....	-2,227	Connect Trails to Parks Program.....	-104
Volunteers in Parks Program	-4,000	Department-wide Reorg. Plan.....	+900
Youth Partnership Programs.....	-5,000	New Responsibilities at Existing	
Interpretation and Education Projects..	-500	Park Units	+1,080
Administrative Savings	-2,740	Administrative Savings	-6,016
Fixed Costs	+1,671	Fixed Costs	+2,897
Park Protection	-31,806	External Administrative Costs	+4,701
Park and Program Operations.....	-29,803	Adjustment for Continuing Resolution ...	-1,160
Southwest Border Resource		Fixed Costs	+5,861
Restoration Program	-109	Budget Policy Addendum	+270,880
Administrative Savings	-4,127		
Fixed Costs	+2,233	Subtotals for Changes Across	
Facility Operations Maintenance	-114,450	Multiple Subactivities	
Park and Program Operations.....	-60,684	Fixed Costs	[+17,380]
Challenge Cost Share Program.....	-386	Administrative Savings	[-22,209]
		Park and Program Operations.....	[-190,782]

APPROPRIATION: Centennial Challenge

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	20,000	19,864	0	-19,864

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-19,864
Centennial Challenge Projects.....	-19,864

APPROPRIATION: National Recreation and Preservation

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
Recreation Programs.....	589	585	0	-585
Natural Programs.....	13,581	13,489	11,139	-2,350
Cultural Programs.....	24,562	24,396	19,333	-5,063
Environmental Compliance and Review.....	433	430	387	-43
Grants Administration	2,004	1,990	0	-1,990
International Park Affairs	1,648	1,637	970	-667
Heritage Partnership Programs				
Commissions and Grants	18,839	18,711	0	-18,711
Administrative Support	982	975	370	-605
Subtotal, Heritage Partnerships	19,821	19,686	370	-19,316
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	62,638	62,213	32,199	-30,014

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR		2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-30,014		
Recreation Programs.....	-585	American Battlefield Protection	
Transfer to Natural Programs.....	-590	Program Assistance Grants	-1,190
Fixed Costs	+5	Grants Administration.....	-34
Natural Programs.....	-2,350	Transfer from Grants Administration.....	+2,006
Rivers, Trails and		Fixed Costs	+109
Conservation Assistance.....	-903	Environmental Compliance and Review.....	-43
National Natural Landmarks	-90	Environmental Compliance and Review .	-45
Hydropower Recreation Assistance	-14	Fixed Costs	+2
Chesapeake Gateways and Trails.....	-2,006	Grants Administration	-1,990
Federal Lands to Parks	-6	Transfer to Cultural Programs.....	-2,006
Transfer from Recreation Programs.....	+590	Fixed Costs	+16
Fixed Costs	+79	International Park Affairs	-667
Cultural Programs.....	-5,063	Office of International Affairs.....	-683
National Register Programs.....	-1,201	Fixed Costs	+16
National Center for Preservation		Heritage Partnership Programs	-19,316
Technology and Training.....	-222	Commissions and Grants	-18,711
Native American Graves Protection		Administrative Support	-610
and Repatriation Grants	-1,646	Fixed Costs	+5
Japanese American Confinement			
Site Grants.....	-2,885	Subtotals for Changes Across	
		Multiple Subactivities	
		Fixed Costs	[+232]

APPROPRIATION: Historic Preservation Fund

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
Grants-In-Aid				
Grants-In-Aid to States and Territories	47,925	47,600	26,934	-20,666
Grants-In-Aid to Indian Tribes	10,485	10,414	5,738	-4,676
Grants-in-Aid to Historically				
Black Colleges and Universities	4,000	3,973	0	-3,973
Competitive Grants-in-Aid	13,500	13,408	0	-13,408
Subtotal, Grants-In-Aid	75,910	75,395	32,672	-42,723
Grants-In-Aid - Save America's Treasures...	5,000	4,966	0	-4,966
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	80,910	80,361	32,672	-47,689

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-47,689
Grants-In-Aid.....	-42,723
Grants-in-Aid to States and Territories	-20,666
Grants-in-Aid to Indian Tribes	-4,676
Grants to Historically	
Black Colleges and Universities	-3,973
Competitive Grants.....	-13,408
Grants-In-Aid - Save America's Treasures...	-4,966

APPROPRIATION: Construction (and Major Maintenance)

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
Line Item Construction Projects.....	131,992	131,095	157,011	+25,916
Special Programs.....	20,803	20,662	15,664	-4,998
Construction Planning.....	7,966	7,912	17,453	+9,541
Construction Program				
Management and Operations.....	36,771	36,521	41,000	+4,479
Management Planning.....	11,821	11,741	10,205	-1,536
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	209,353	207,931	241,333	+33,402

See Appendix C for proposed 2019 construction projects.

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR		2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+33,402		
Line Item Construction Projects.....	+25,916	Regional Facility Project Support.....	+3,865
Line Item Construction Projects.....	+17,916	Fixed Costs	+237
Abandoned Mineral Lands.....	+4,000	Management Planning.....	-1,536
Demolition and Disposal.....	+4,000	Unit Management Planning.....	-553
Special Programs.....	-4,998	Special Resource Studies.....	-660
Equipment Replacement Program.....	-5,000	Environmental Impact	
Fixed Costs	+2	Planning and Compliance.....	-388
Construction Planning.....	+9,541	Fixed Costs	+65
Construction Program			
Management and Operations.....	+4,479	Subtotals for Changes Across	
Construction Program Management.....	-99	Multiple Subactivities	
Denver Service Center Operations	+1,475	Fixed Costs	[+304]
Interpretive Media.....	-999		

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition and State Assistance

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
Acquisition Management.....	9,679	9,613	8,788	-825
Federal Land Acquisition				
Projects.....	21,488	21,343	0	-21,343
Recreational Access.....	2,000	1,986	0	-1,986
Emergencies, Hardships, Relocations	3,928	3,901	0	-3,901
Inholdings, Donations and Exchanges.....	4,928	4,895	0	-4,895
American Battlefield Protection				
Program Acquisition Grants.....	10,000	9,932	0	-9,932
Subtotal, Federal Land Acquisition	42,344	42,057	0	-42,057
State Conservation Grants				
State Conservation Grants - Formula.....	94,000	93,361	0	-93,361
State Conservation Grants - Competitive	12,000	11,919	0	-11,919
Subtotal, State Conservation Grants.....	106,000	105,280	0	-105,280
State Conservation Grants Administration.	4,006	3,979	0	-3,979
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o cancel).....	162,029	160,929	8,788	-152,141
Cancellation of Prior Year BA.....	0	0	-10,000	-10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ cancel).....	162,029	160,929	-1,212	-162,141

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR		2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-152,141		
Acquisition Management.....	-825	State Conservation Grants	-105,280
Federal Land Acquisition Management..	-915	State Conservation Grants	-93,361
Fixed Costs	+90	LWCF Outdoor Recreation	
Federal Land Acquisition.....	-42,057	Legacy Grants	-11,919
Federal Land Acquisition Projects	-21,343	State Conservation Grants Administration.	-3,979
Recreation Access Projects	-1,986		
Emergencies, Hardships, Relocations	-3,901		
Inholdings, Donations, and Exchanges....	-4,895		
American Battlefield Protection			
Program Acquisition Grants	-9,932		

APPROPRIATION: Land and Water Conservation Fund

	2017 Actual	2018 CR	2019 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (cancellation).....	-27,930	-28,020	0	+28,020

Detail of Budget Changes

	2019 Change from 2018 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+28,020
Budget Policy Addendum	+28,020