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National Park of American Samoa

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Vision Statement

This park was created to protect the only paleotropic rainforest ecosystem in the National Park Service. We aspire to work with other government agencies, villages, and schools, and lead the island in the protection of the marine and terrestrial resources.

We cannot deal with non-native plants and animals alone, and so to be successful, we need to educate, inspire, and work with others to manage the island ecosystem. The island ecosystem is in good enough condition that we have hope to maintain it in a healthy state. The park was created to preserve the Samoan culture, and is the only NPS area that presents this culture. We will work with local people to present and preserve the Samoan culture, past, present, and future. The enabling legislation gives us authority to hire local Samoan people to develop Samoan leaders for the future of all NPS areas. We will hire and train local people, both in villages and park staff, to be educators and leaders in the protection of the cultural and natural resources of American Samoa. We hope that these leaders will also serve in other areas of the National Park Service.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Roger Moder

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

There is little public land in American Samoa. This park can provide recreational opportunities that are not otherwise possible.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

We will take the lead in eradicating targetted species such as tamaligi, strawberry guava, rubber tree, and other non-native species throughout the islands.

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STEWARDSHIP

Encourage children to be future conservationists.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

This park has no park rangers. We hope to hire and train park rangers to conduct programs in schools and in the park to promote conservation.

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ENVIRONMENT

Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

We will implement proposed legislation that would allow us to work on resources issues outside of the park boundary. We will work with partners to eradicate targetted non-native plants, such as tamaligi, and feral pigs, island-wide. We will coordinate funding sources and train people from villages and other agencies to accomplish the work. We will educate people on global warming as it affects a Pacific island, and promote ways to reduce greenhouse gases. We will educate and encourage people to protect our ocean resources and implement ocean stewardship.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

We will develop trails to provide opportunities to get out into the rainforest resources, and for recreation. There is no public land on the islands except for the park, so the park will assist villages and other agencies to provide trails anywhere on the islands where assistance is requested.

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

We do not have any park rangers. We will hire and train local people to be park rangers and provide cultural and natural resource programs both in the schools and in the park. We will hire local people as a means to educate and train them in the protection of natural resources. We do not have any maintenance staff. We will hire maintenance staff to build and maintain trails.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Our park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government. for 50 years We will work with them to jointly manage the marine and terrestrial resources. We can provide overall management of invasive non-native plants and animals that are beyond the capabilities of the villages.

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