



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mission — In 1872, the Congress designated Yellowstone National Park as the Nation's first "public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." The subsequent establishment of the National Park Service on August 25, 1916, reflected a national consensus that natural and cultural resources must be set aside for public enjoyment and preserved for future generations. As stated in the original authorizing legislation, the Park Service mission is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

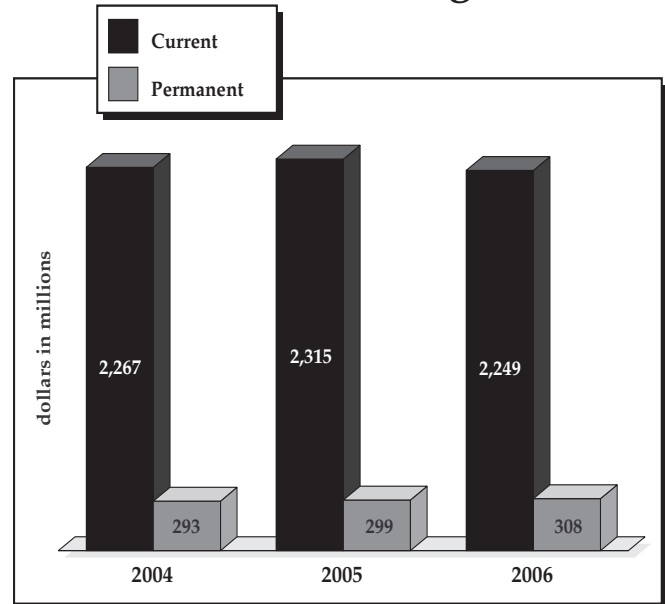
Program Overview — Since 1872, the stewardship responsibilities of NPS have become more complex. The national park system has experienced significant growth over the past 30 years, with the addition of more than 100 new parks since 1973. Currently, the national park system includes 388 units covering 88 million acres in 49 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

In its entirety, the national park system represents and interprets the story of human history and natural sciences that together equal modern day America. The system preserves both the natural and cultural sites that are ingrained in the Nation's history. The parks offer an array of rewarding opportunities for much needed respite, reflection, and outdoor recreation to the American public. In 2004, 280 million people visited the Nation's national parks.

Employees are central to carrying out the Park Service mission. Almost eighty percent are employed in parks, with the remainder in headquarters, regional offices, and Service-wide programs. The NPS estimates that staffing will total 20,680 full time equivalents in 2006.

Park employees serve a diverse clientele of visitors and function in multiple roles, including stewards of the public trust, interpreters of natural and cultural sites, and guarantors of visitor safety. In the area of cultural resource preservation, park employees serve as historians,

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curators, archeologists, and conservators. In the natural resource programs, park employees serve as biologists, hydrologists, geologists, and general resource management specialists.

Management Excellence — The Park Service continues to pursue a management strategy that integrates the President's management agenda and the Secretary's vision of citizen-centered governance. The Park Service has worked diligently to step down from the goals found in the Department's strategic plan, which fosters a cohesive approach to mission performance with improved program and service delivery, new technological capabilities, enhanced inter-bureau cooperation, and improved standards of accountability that stretch across the entire Interior Department.

In 2006, NPS will continue specific reforms to improve management of the deferred maintenance backlog and the effectiveness of its facility management programs. For 2006, the effectiveness and efficiency of the Cultural Resources Stewardship program was reviewed using the Program Assessment Rating Tool and the results will be

discussed later in this section. The NPS is also closely examining park budgets and current management practices to enhance visitor services and streamline operations. Activities underway are discussed below.

Budget Overview — The 2006 NPS budget supports the Administration's goals to: protect park resources through the Natural Resource Challenge and the Cooperative Conservation Initiative; manage the NPS deferred maintenance backlog; and achieve improved efficiencies while maintaining or improving program effectiveness. The NPS budget request is \$2.2 billion in current appropriations, a net decrease of \$65.6 million below the 2005 level.

Park Operations — Funding for the Operation of the National Park System appropriation that includes funds for visitor services, resource protection, and other park programs is \$1.7 billion in current appropriations. The request is a net increase of \$50.5 million above the 2005 enacted level, including increases of \$40.0 million in pay, benefits and other fixed costs, \$5.4 million for the Challenge Cost-Share program, and \$3.4 million for repair and rehabilitation of historical buildings. The increase for fixed cost fully funds additional pay and benefits costs that parks will require in 2006 to maintain current capacity.

The primary source of funding to support park recreational activities comes from the park operating base. With these funds, parks offer services such as interpretive ranger programs, staffing at visitor centers, daily maintenance activities, and other programs designed to enhance visitor services. The 2006 budget request maintains the funding levels provided in the 2005 appropriation, which included a net increase of more than \$60.0 million over 2004 recurring park base funding. The addition of pay costs for 2006 will ensure the continuation of enhancements to visitors and other services provided in 2005.

The NPS is also enhancing visitor services by rigorously examining base budgets Service-wide. Regional offices and park units have been focusing on initiatives that will streamline processes, lower costs, and increase productivity. The Intermountain Regional Office, for example, is currently working to standardize a mission critical workforce management analysis. The process ensures that the best management practices are implemented, and provides a sound, logical approach for park units to establish priorities as they relate to each individual park unit's mission. Management reviews are currently scheduled for several parks including Chiricahua National Monument, Grand Canyon National Park, and Dinosaur National Monument. Innovative approaches such as this effect organizational efficiency gains and have allowed NPS to sustain its commitment to providing superior, uninterrupted visitor services within fiscal constraints.

The NPS recently developed the park scorecard, an indicator of park financial, operational, and managerial health, to aid in the allocation of resources for park units, and the identification and evaluation of base budget increases. It is being developed in conjunction with numerous other tools, such as park performance against goals, to best determine relative park needs and the potential for individual parks to improve performance in the event they receive a base funding increase. The scorecard consists of five categories with 24 equally weighted measures. The scorecard was recently used as a tool for assisting in determining the highest priority needs of various parks to target the \$12.5 million provided in the 2005 appropriations act for visitor services. Over time, the scorecard will become more instrumental in assisting NPS in selecting and validating regional requests for park base increases.

Cooperative Conservation — The NPS Challenge Cost Share program is funded at \$12.8 million in 2006, a net increase of \$5.4 million above the 2005 enacted level. Included within this amount is \$2.4 million for traditional challenge cost share grants, the same as the 2005 appropriation. Also included is an increase of \$7.9 million for resource restoration challenge cost-share grants. These competitively selected projects provide opportunities for NPS managers to work with local communities and private landowners to achieve a variety of natural resource restoration objectives. The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial challenge cost share is funded at \$2.5 million in 2006, a reduction of \$2.4 million below the 2005 level. Funding requirements are expected to decrease as the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery expedition comes to a close at the end of 2006.

Repair and Rehabilitation of Park Facilities — The 2006 budget request meets the President's commitment to invest \$4.9 billion over five years to reduce the park maintenance backlog and continues to provide critical tools to improve accountability within the NPS facility maintenance program. A program increase of \$3.4 million is requested in the ONPS account for the repair and rehabilitation program, resulting in a total of \$392.2 million for facility maintenance. This amount, together with a \$22.2 million increase in construction, provides \$716.6 million for construction and facility maintenance projects in 2006.

The centerpiece of the President's approach to addressing the backlog—focusing on priorities and performance accomplishments through a comprehensive asset management strategy—has enabled NPS, for the first time in its history, to inventory its assets and measure the condition of its facilities. During the past three years, NPS has implemented this management reform process to provide a comprehensive asset inventory and establish

a Service-wide baseline for facility conditions. This investment has allowed NPS to target funds to the highest deferred maintenance priority needs and to set goals using a Facility Condition Index. With the funds expected through 2009, park assets will be improved to acceptable condition overall, as measured by the FCI. Through 2004, NPS has undertaken over 4,000 infrastructure and facility improvement projects nationwide. As a result, visitors to the parks are seeing improved trails, more accessible campgrounds, rehabilitated visitor centers, better roads, stabilized historic structures, and reduced environmental threats through better sewer, water, and drinking systems.

With an increase of \$3.4 million, the proposed repair and rehabilitation program now totals almost \$100.0 million. During 2004, NPS completed a PART review of its park cultural resource stewardship program, which protects and preserves historic and prehistoric structures, archeological sites, museum collections, and other cultural resources within the national park system. The review found that "NPS collects extensive amounts of data, but has not demonstrated how it uses this information to adjust program priorities, allocate resources, or take appropriate management actions." The 2006 budget increase for the repair and rehabilitation program will be used to target funds at high-priority historic buildings and other historic structures in several small historical parks that have a comprehensive preventive maintenance program and have robust asset inventories. The NPS has found that relatively small amounts of funds can improve the average condition of all of a park's historic structures from "fair" or "poor" to "good" over a two year period.

The Administration's proposed reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century would provide \$1.9 billion over six years for the park roads and parkways program. The 2006 budget assumes an investment of \$320.0 million from the reauthorization for park roads and builds on progress made to improve road conditions. This investment would bring over 80 percent of park roads into good or excellent condition and would leave virtually no road in poor condition.

Natural Resource Challenge — Initiated in 2000, the Natural Resource Challenge is an integral part of NPS efforts to ensure that the natural resources under its purview continue to flourish. The goal of this program is to develop a scientific base of knowledge to create a framework for measuring performance based on the health of flora and fauna and the quality of air and water in and around park lands.

The 2006 budget request continues this program at the historically high level of \$77.6 million, a net increase of

\$1.0 million above the 2005 enacted level. Within the budgeted amount, an increase of \$4.9 million is provided for Inventory and Monitoring activities. The additional funding will complete establishment of inventory and monitoring programs for all 270 natural resource parks and equip managers with critical information about the ecosystems they manage. This increase is partially offset by a decrease of \$3.9 million in the Natural Resource Preservation program in order to focus resources on the inventory and monitoring networks.

Land Acquisition and State Assistance — The budget proposes funding land acquisition and State assistance at \$54.5 million in current appropriations. The request includes \$52.9 million for the NPS portion of the Federal land acquisition program. The Federal land acquisition program provides funding to acquire land, or interests in lands, for inclusion in the national park system in order to preserve nationally important natural and historic resources. Included within the proposal is \$4.3 million to acquire land to preserve for future generation a site that honors the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who gave their lives thwarting a planned attack on Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001. The Department will also continue discussions with the Collier family regarding a possible acquisition of mineral rights at Big Cypress Natural Preserve and may reorder land acquisition priorities if an agreement is reached.

The 2006 request does not include funds for State assistance grants. As the Administration strives to trim the Federal deficit, focusing on core Federal agency responsibilities is imperative. The LWCF State grants support State and local parks that have alternative sources of funding through State revenues and bonds. In addition, a PART review in 2003 found that the current program could not adequately measure performance or demonstrate results. The 2006 request does include \$1.6 million for the administration of the LWCF State assistance program. This will allow staff to focus on accountability and performance of existing grants rather than issuing new grants. Staff will conduct selective evaluations among the 40,000 State planning, acquisition, and development projects and an estimated 32,000 park sites nationwide to ensure each assisted site remains in public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Construction — The Construction and Major Maintenance account is funded at \$324.4 million in current appropriations, \$22.2 million above the 2005 appropriation. This amount, together with facility maintenance, recreation fees, and park roads funding, meets the President's commitment to invest \$4.9 billion in the NPS maintenance backlog over five years. Within the total proposed for construction, line-item construction projects are funded at \$221.2 million. This includes \$25.0 million for the

Everglades Modified Water Deliveries project, \$17.0 million of which will be provided by transfer of previously appropriated NPS land acquisition funds.

U.S. Park Police — In December 2004 the Department's Office of Law Enforcement Services, NPS, and the Park Police concluded an internal review clarifying the mission and responsibilities of the Park Police. This review was based on the methodology recommended by the National Academy of Public Administration for setting USPP priorities and targeting resources in accordance with the core law enforcement needs of NPS. Based upon this review, the highest priority functions of the USPP were determined to be: 1) icon protection, 2) patrol of the National Mall and adjacent parks, 3) special events and crowd management, 4) criminal investigations, and 5) traffic control and parkway patrol. The 2006 budget for the USPP reflects these priorities. The budget is \$80.4 million in current appropriations, basically level with 2005.

National Recreation and Preservation — This appropriation funds programs connected with local community efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources. For 2006, these programs are proposed at \$36.8 million, a decrease of \$24.2 million from the 2005 appropriation. The budget proposes \$5.0 million for national heritage areas, a decrease of \$9.6 million from 2005 and eliminates \$11.2 million in funding for Statutory and Contractual Aid. The request for these programs reflects the NPS focus on its core missions.

Historic Preservation — The NPS plays a vital role in preserving the Nation's cultural history through a variety of stewardship programs that address unmet preservation needs nationwide. The budget includes a request of \$38.7 million, the same as the 2005 appropriation, for the Historic Preservation Fund matching grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to preserve historically and culturally significant sites.

In 2006, the Save America's Treasures initiative to protect nationally significant cultural artifacts is funded at \$15.0 million. The Department intends to focus on awarding these grants through a competitive process. The 2006 budget request also includes an additional \$12.5 million for matching grants to advance the goals of Preserve America. The Preserve America initiative is designed to

complement Save America's Treasures grants by providing one-time assistance to help communities demonstrate long-term approaches to using historic resources in an economically sustainable manner.

Recreational Fee Program — In 2005, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which will enable the land management agencies to provide and improve recreation and related visitor amenities to enhance the visitor experience on NPS, FWS, BLM, and Reclamation public lands. The Act extends the authority to collect recreation fees until 2014 and establishes important parameters for the fee program to ensure that fees are charged only in appropriate locations and fee revenues are appropriately spent on infrastructure and services that directly benefit the public. In 2006, the Department will continue its transition from the Recreational Fee Demonstration program to fully implement FLREA.

Information Technology — The Department is migrating its portfolio to enterprise business processes and technologies. A key component for successful implementation of this strategy is the Enterprise Services Network, a modern, integrated network backbone that will provide the infrastructure to integrate resources within the Department. Additionally, the 2006 budget request supports implementation of the Administration's high pay-off e-government initiatives to integrate agency operations and information technology investments.

These initiatives eliminate redundant systems and significantly improve the government's quality of customer service for citizens and businesses. The NPS budget proposes a net increase of \$5.4 million for information technology improvements.

Other Program Changes — The 2006 request includes a decrease of \$1.3 million for anticipated savings related to improved fleet management, a decrease of \$1.3 million resulting from space consolidations, and a decrease of \$1.4 million due to the implementation of other management efficiencies.

Fixed Costs — The 2006 budget request includes an increase of \$43.0 million to fully fund non-discretionary fixed cost increases anticipated for the upcoming fiscal year.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2006 Request with 2005 Enacted:

	2005 Enacted		2006 Request		Change from 2005	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Operation of the National Park System	15,759	1,683,564	15,807	1,734,053	+48	+50,489
United States Park Police	709	80,076	703	80,411	-6	+335
National Recreation and Preservation	287	60,973	252	36,777	-35	-24,196
Urban Park and Recreation Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Historic Preservation Fund	4	71,739	4	66,205	0	-5,534
Construction and Major Maintenance	442	302,180	447	324,362	+5	+22,182
Land Acquisition and State Assistance	143	146,349	140	54,467	-3	-91,882
LWCF Contract Authority (Rescission).....	0	-30,000	0	-30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Appropriations ^{1/}	17,344	2,314,881	17,353	2,266,275	+9	-48,606
South Florida Transfer ^{2/}	0	0	0	-17,000	0	-17,000
Subtotal, Appropriations.....	17,344	2,314,881	17,353	2,249,275	+9	-65,606
Mandatory Appropriations						
Recreation Fee Permanent Appropriations	1,212	158,299	1,212	159,994	0	+1,695
Other Permanent Appropriations.....	236	95,746	236	102,913	0	+7,167
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	122	15,008	122	15,008	0	0
Construction Trust Fund	3	0	3	0	0	0
LWCF Contract Authority.....	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Mandatory Appropriations.....	1,573	299,053	1,573	307,915	0	+8,862
Transfers, Reimbursables and Allocations						
Transfers	1,066	0	1,066	0	0	0
Reimbursables	688	0	688	0	0	0
Allocations to Other Agencies.....	[42]	[0]	[42]	[0]	[0]	[0]
Subtotal, Other.....	1,754	0	1,754	0	0	0
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (w/o transfer)	20,671	2,613,934	20,680	2,574,190	+9	-39,744
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (w/ transfer)..	20,671	2,613,934	20,680	2,557,190	+9	-56,744

^{1/} The total for 2005 does not include \$50.8 million for disaster supplemental.

^{2/} Transfer of \$17.0 million in prior year balances from NPS land acquisition to construction.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Operation of National Park Service

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Park Management				
Resource Stewardship	335,306	348,036	354,116	+6,080
Visitor Services	319,763	338,454	346,181	+7,727
Facility Operations and Maintenance ..	559,211	582,739	595,586	+12,847
Park Support	282,330	290,400	307,613	+17,213
Net Transfers.....	10,067	0	0	0
Subtotal, Park Management	1,506,677	1,559,629	1,603,496	+43,867
External Administrative Costs	112,951	123,935	130,557	+6,622
TOTAL APPROPRIATION ^{1/}	1,619,628	1,683,564	1,734,053	+50,489

^{1/} Does not include \$702,000 transferred in 2005 from prior year NPS Land Acquisition balances for Everglades restoration.

Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Fixed Costs	[+39,992]
Park Management	
Resources Stewardship	+6,080
<p>An increase is requested for Natural Resource Challenge vital signs to establish inventory and monitoring programs in all 270 natural resource parks (+\$4,931). Decreases are requested for projects accomplished through the Natural Resources Preservation program (-\$3,931) and fleet management reform (-\$648). Fixed cost increases total \$5,728.</p>	
Visitor Services	+7,727
<p>An increase is requested for one additional FTE to support the collection and analysis of data from the recreation fee program (+\$119). Decreases are requested for the 2005 Presidential Inaugural (-\$986) and fleet management reform (-\$129). Fixed cost increases total \$8,925. A transfer of concessions appraisers to the Department (-\$247) and a transfer from the Park Police to cover their portion of the centrally paid aircraft services costs (+\$45) are also included.</p>	
Facility Operations and Maintenance	+12,847
<p>An increase is requested for repair and rehabilitation of historic buildings (+\$3,400). A decrease is requested for fleet management reform (-\$388). Fixed cost increases total \$9,835.</p>	
Park Support	+17,213
<p>Increases are requested for the Jamestown 2007 commemoration (+\$400), various improvements to the security of the NPS information technology environment and to support bureau costs for the Department's enterprise services network (+\$5,355), the Headquarters Partnership Office (+\$310), and re-establish the Resource Restoration Challenge Cost Share program which was unfunded in 2005 (+\$7,871). Decreases are requested for Wild and Scenic River funding (-\$247), Lewis & Clark Challenge Cost Share, which is nearing completion (-\$2,427), management efficiencies (-\$1,416), and fleet management reform (-\$129). Fixed cost increases total \$7,545. Also included is a transfer to the Department to support appraisers (-\$49).</p>	
External Administrative Costs	+6,622
<p>A decrease is requested for GSA space rental costs reduction due to central office space consolidation (-\$1,337). Fixed cost increases total \$7,959.</p>	

APPROPRIATION: United States Park Police

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	77,887	80,076	80,411	+335

Highlights of Budget Changes

	Amount
Fixed Costs	[+1,366]
United States Park Police Operations	+335
<p>A decrease is requested for the 2005 Presidential Inaugural (-\$986). Fixed cost increases total \$1,366. Also included is a transfer to Visitor Services to cover the Park Police's portion of the centrally paid aircraft services costs (-\$45).</p>	

APPROPRIATION: National Recreation and Preservation

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Recreation Programs.....	548	543	554	+11
Natural Programs.....	10,875	10,865	9,545	-1,320
Cultural Programs	19,689	19,933	17,722	-2,211
Environmental Compliance & Review	396	391	399	+8
Grants Administration	1,576	1,866	1,913	+47
International Park Affairs	1,606	1,593	1,618	+25
Heritage Partnership Programs				
Commissions & Grants	14,153	14,459	4,904	-9,555
Administrative Support	122	120	122	+2
Subtotal, Heritage Partnership.....	14,275	14,579	5,026	-9,553
Statutory or Contractual Aid				
Alaska National Parks.....	0	740	0	-740
Aleutian World War II Historic Area.....	0	0	0	0
Anchorage Museum	0	0	0	0
Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary				
Commission	198	247	0	-247
Black Jack Battlefield Trust	0	88	0	-88
Blue Ridge Parkway Folk Art Center.....	740	0	0	0
Brown Foundation	198	247	0	-247
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and				
Water Trails	2,469	2,465	0	-2,465
Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission...	85	0	0	0
Flight 93 Memorial.....	294	247	0	-247
French and Indian War	494	0	0	0
Ft. Mandan, Ft. Lincoln, and Northern				
Plains Foundation	0	616	0	-616
George Washington Memorial Bridge	0	99	0	-99
Harry S. Truman Statue.....	50	0	0	0
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve	796	785	0	-785
Jamestown 2007 Commission.....	197	394	0	-394
Johnstown Area Heritage				
Association Museum	49	48	0	-48
Keweenaw NHP.....	0	789	0	-789
Lake Roosevelt Forum.....	50	0	0	0
Lamprey Wild & Scenic River	987	887	0	-887

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Louisiana Purchase Commission				
of Arkansas	0	0	0	0
Lower Eastside Tenement Museum	0	247	0	-247
Mandan Interpretive Center.....	494	0	0	0
Martin Luther King Jr. Center	521	0	0	0
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science .	0	740	0	-740
Mt. Rainier NP	0	690	0	-690
Natchez NHP	0	148	0	-148
National Constitution Center	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program	731	740	0	-740
New Orleans Jazz Commission	65	0	0	0
Office of Artic Studies.....	1,481	0	0	0
Oklahoma City Memorial	1,581	0	0	0
Penn Center National Landmark, SC.....	0	0	0	0
Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission	837	0	0	0
Saint Charles Interpretive Center	0	0	0	0
Sewell-Belmont House National Historic Site	0	394	0	-394
Sleeping Rainbow Ranch, Capitol Reef NP	491	592	0	-592
Vancouver National Historic Reserve.....	0	0	0	0
Virginia Key Miami Beach	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, Statutory / Contractual Aid....	12,808	11,203	0	-11,203
Transfer to Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust.....	-1,580	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	60,193	60,973	36,777	-24,196

Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Fixed Costs	[+\$519]
Recreation Programs	+11
Fixed cost increases total \$11.	
Natural Programs	-1,320
Decreases are requested for Rivers & Trails Studies (-\$512), RTCA (-\$500), and National Natural Landmarks (-\$495). Fixed cost increases total \$187.	
Cultural Programs	-2,211
Decreases are requested for Gettysburg technical assistance (-\$99), Creole Heritage Center (-\$100), and Underground Railroad Grants (-\$296). In addition, the National Center for Preservation Technology & Training is proposed for elimination in 2006 (-\$1,931). Fixed cost increases total \$215.	
Environmental Compliance and Review	+8
Fixed cost increases total \$8.	
Grants Administration	+47
Fixed cost increases total \$47.	
International Park Affairs	+25
Fixed cost increases total \$25.	

Amount

Heritage Partnership Programs -9,553
 The budget included a reduction of -\$9,579 to the Commissions and Grants subactivity. Fixed cost increases total \$26.

Amount

Stautory or Contractual Aid -11,203
 The budget proposes the elimination of direct support to this activity (-\$11,203).

APPROPRIATION: Urban Parks and Recreation Fund

	<u>2004 Actual</u>	<u>2005 Enacted</u>	<u>2006 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2005 Enacted</u>
UPAR Grants.....	0	0	0	0
UPAR Grants Administration	301	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	301	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION: Historic Preservation Fund

	<u>2004 Actual</u>	<u>2005 Enacted</u>	<u>2006 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2005 Enacted</u>
Grants-in-Aid.....	40,496	42,156	38,705	-3,451
Save America's Treasures.....	32,592	29,583	15,000	-14,583
Preserve America	0	0	12,500	+12,500
National Trust.....	494	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	73,582	71,739	66,205	-5,534

Highlights of Budget Changes

Amount

Grants-in-Aid -3,451
 The budget eliminates funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (-\$3,451).

Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures -14,583
 A decrease is requested for this activity in 2006 (-\$14,583).

Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America +12,500
 An increase is requested to provide one-time seed money to communities with innovative approaches to historic preservation and heritage tourism (+\$12,500).

APPROPRIATION: Construction and Major Maintenance

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Line Item Construction & Main. ^{1/}	214,295	189,748	221,183	+31,435
Special Programs				
Emergency, Unscheduled.....	5,432	3,944	3,944	0
Housing	7,901	7,889	7,889	0
Dam Safety	2,667	2,662	2,662	0
Equipment Replacement.....	35,023	36,900	26,900	-10,000
Construction Planning	24,179	20,925	19,925	-1,000
Construction Program Mgmt & Ops.....	27,128	26,984	28,605	+1,621
General Management Planning	13,255	13,128	13,254	+126
Yosemite 1996 emergency supplemental.	22,500	0	0	0
Transfer from Land Acq for Everglades...	2,000	0	0	0
2004 Fort Baker Transfer.....	2,500	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o fire).....	356,880	302,180	324,362	+22,182
Fire repayment.....	52,296	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ fire)	409,176	302,180	324,362	+22,182
Transfer from Ft. Baker, GOGA.....	[0]	[1,900]	[0]	[-1,900]

^{1/} Includes \$17.0 million in prior year balances transferred in 2006 from land acquisition.

Highlights of Budget Changes

	Amount
Fixed Costs	[\$747]
Line Item Construction	+31,435
An increase is requested (+\$14,435). A detailed list of projects is found in Appendix D. Also requested is a transfer from prior year unobligated balances in Land Acquisition to be used for the modified water deliveries project at Everglades National Park (+17,000).	
Special Programs	
Equipment Replacement	-10,000
A decrease is requested for the conversion of radio equipment to narrowband frequency (-\$10,000) as fee receipts will be used to keep the conversion schedule on track.	
Construction Planning	-1,000
Funding in this activity is used to prepare planning documents, drawings, and specifications necessary to complete approved line item construction projects. This program also provides for the completion of tasks before project design and specification work begins, including programming, special studies, and resource analysis. The proposed decrease (-\$1,000) reflects adjustments made for projects that include design development in the gross construction request.	
Construction Program Management and Operations	+1,621
An increase is requested for increased capacity at the Denver Service Center (+\$1,000). Fixed cost increases total \$621.	
General Management Planning	+126
Fixed cost increases total \$126.	

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition and State Assistance

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
Assistance to States				
State Conservation Grants	91,360	89,736	0	-89,736
Administrative Expenses	2,469	1,479	1,587	+108
National Park Service				
Acquisitions	32,446	39,839	35,131	-4,638
Emergencies and Hardships.....	1,975	2,465	4,000	+1,500
Inholdings	1,975	2,465	4,000	+1,500
Acquisition Management.....	10,371	10,365	9,749	-616
Net Transfers.....	-32,215	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o fire).....	108,381	146,349	54,467	-91,882
Fire repayment.....	16,424	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ fire) ^{1/2/}	124,805	146,349	54,467	-91,882

^{1/} Does not include \$1.785 million in prior year balances transferred in 2005 to the ONPS appropriation and the Fish and Wildlife Service for Everglades Restoration.

^{2/} Does not include \$17.0 million in prior year balances to be transferred in 2006 to NPS Construction.

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs	<u>Amount</u> [+\$339]
State Conservation Grants	-89,736
State Conservation Grants are proposed for elimination in 2006 (-\$89,736).	
State Grants Administration	<u>Amount</u> +108
Fixed cost increases total \$108.	
Federal Land Acquisition	-1,638
A decrease is requested (-\$1,638). A detailed project list is found in Appendix F. The 2006 program consists of acquisitions at eleven parks and funding for Civil War battlefield sites, inholdings and exchanges, and emergencies and hardships.	
Acquisition Management	-616
An increase is requested to properly administer the Federal Land Acquisition program (+\$500). Fixed cost increases total \$231. Also included is a transfer to the Department for land appraisers (-\$1,347).	

APPROPRIATION: Land and Water Conservation Fund Contract Authority

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request	Change from 2005 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	0