



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.”

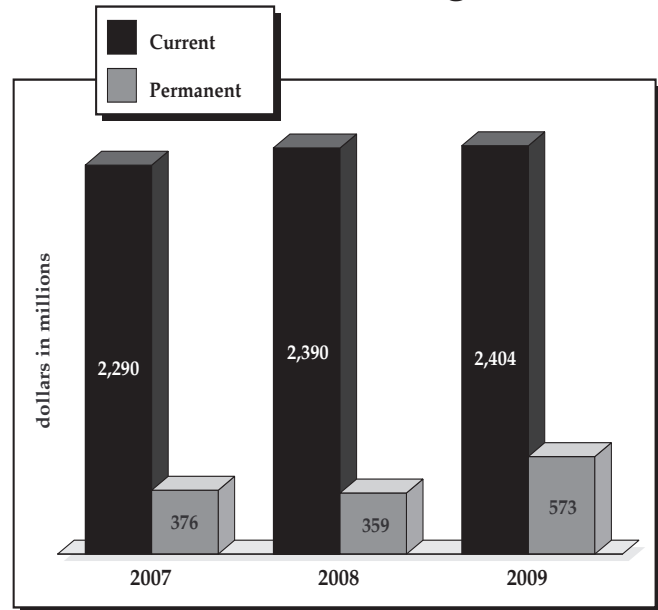
Program Overview — Since 1872, the stewardship responsibilities of NPS have become more complex. The national park system has experienced significant growth over the past 30 years, with the addition of more than 100 new parks since 1973. Currently, the national park system includes 391 units encompassing 84 million acres in 49 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In its entirety, the national park system represents and interprets the story of human history and natural sciences and preserves both the natural and cultural sites that are testaments to 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 2007, over 274 million people visited the Nation’s national parks.

Employees are central to carrying out the Park Service mission. Almost 80 percent are employed in parks, with the remainder in headquarters, regional offices, and Service-wide programs. The NPS estimates that staffing will total 21,649 full time equivalents in 2009.

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, curators, archeologists, and conservators. In the natural

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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 steps down from the goals found in the Department’s strategic plan. This 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.

In recent years, NPS has developed multiple tools to aid all levels of the Park Service in integrating budget and performance and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations. These tools include the Program Assessment Rating Tool, budget cost projection module, the core operations analysis, the business planning initiative, and the NPS scorecard. Since 2006, NPS has used the core operations analysis tool to determine potential efficiencies and to implement those that are determined

to be most feasible. 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.

Budget Overview—The NPS 2009 budget request for current appropriations is \$2.4 billion, which is \$13.9 million above the 2008 enacted level. The budget also eliminates unrequested 2008 congressional earmarks.

The budget includes a reduction of \$4.0 million for travel and \$2.0 million for savings resulting from converting contracts to performance-based contracts. These reductions enable the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

National Parks Centennial Initiative — In August 2006, as NPS celebrated its 90th anniversary, President Bush directed the Secretary to begin a ten-year effort to strengthen visitor services and other programs in parks and to prepare to address the needs of the public in time for the NPS centennial in 2016. With the funding appropriated in 2008, NPS will take the first steps in attaining new levels of distinction in park stewardship, recreational and educational opportunities, environmental leadership, and management and partnership excellence. These funds will allow NPS to hire 3,000 more seasonal national park rangers, guides, and maintenance workers; repair buildings; enroll more children in Junior Ranger and Web Ranger programs at the parks; and expand the use of volunteers in parks.

The 2009 President's budget, the second in the ten-year effort to strengthen visitor services and other programs in parks, will allow NPS to address the needs of the public in time for the NPS centennial in 2016. The NPS will capitalize on the enthusiasm and the momentum gained in 2008, giving the parks the opportunity to preserve our Nation's most precious resources, foster increased educational efforts with a focus on America's youth, and prepare a new generation of leaders to guide NPS in the 21st century. The initiative will result in increased visitor satisfaction, increased visitor understanding and appreciation of the parks, and improved condition of park assets.

The request continues support for the 2008 Centennial Challenge Fund, which is pending action by the Congress. As proposed in the 2008 budget, the Challenge invites individuals, foundations, businesses, and the private sector to contribute at least \$100 million annually to support signature programs and projects in our national parks. To encourage these public-private partnerships, the legislative proposal will match cash donations with up to \$100 million of mandatory funding annually.

Park Operations — Funding for park operations, as represented by the Operation of the National Park System account is \$2.1 billion in current appropriations. These appropriations provide funds for visitor services, resource protection, and other critical park programs. Including fixed cost increases of \$35.8 million, the request is a net increase of \$160.9 million, or eight percent, above the 2008 enacted level.

The 2009 budget and the National Parks Centennial Initiative provide funding to build park operational capacity, including increases for core operations, facility management, U.S. Park Police operations, and youth partnership programs; conduct critical stewardship programs through a combination of flexible park base dollars and project funding to improve the health of natural and cultural resources; manage park assets in good condition using a predictive maintenance cycle; and enhance organizational capacity and employee development through Service-wide professional development programs, performance management tools, and safety programs.

The funding increases proposed will establish a park system for the 21st century with a wide range of visitor services, including interpretive and educational programs, staffing for visitor centers, appropriate levels of security and safety at parks, and facilities and resources in acceptable or good condition. The Centennial initiative includes an increase of \$44.8 million to support park operations at 218 parks. An additional \$5.2 million will provide 34 additional law enforcement FTEs at parks along the southwest border. In addition to targeted park base funding, an increase of \$20.0 million in flexible park base funding will be used to accomplish specific goals for enhancing core visitor services and resource stewardship at approximately 40 parks. The budget also includes a \$13.9 million increase to provide additional capacity to parks by centrally funding information technology, security, and employee development programs. The budget also proposes an increase of \$2.0 million to fund the 2009 presidential inaugural activities.

The NPS continues to focus resources on effective facility operations and management under the Centennial initiative. A total increase of \$22.8 million is provided for cyclic maintenance so that parks can adhere to their preventive maintenance schedules. Another \$6.0 million is included so that parks can more effectively use the Facility Management Software System. The President's budget includes an additional increase of \$800,000 to fund increased water and sewage costs at Washington, D.C.-area parks.

The most valuable assets available to the Park Service are its more than 22,000 dedicated employees. An efficient and effective park system requires that NPS invest in

the safety of its employees and deploy organizational tools that will allow the Service to become one of the top ten employers in America. The 2009 President's budget includes \$1.0 million for structural fire safety activities designed to ensure comprehensive employee and visitor protection. While preparing for its second century, NPS will also use \$2.0 million to establish a structured professional development curriculum that will provide park managers with the skills to apply best business practices and superior leadership associated with increasingly complex park management. An increase of \$1.0 million will enhance the capacity of the Service to execute contracts in a timely manner and to improve accountability in this arena. The budget also invests \$4.6 million to automate the labor-intensive processes involved in providing human resources services critical to recruiting new and diverse employees, ensuring conduct and discipline and performance management. A further increase of \$340,000 will provide the Park Service with the ability to more effectively collect, manage, and interpret performance data needed to make appropriate decisions about the priorities of the national park system.

The U.S. Park Police operations are funded at \$94.4 million in the 2009 budget, an increase of \$7.6 million above 2008. An additional \$4.8 million will be used to increase the number of sworn officer recruits. The Department completed a mission review of the Park Police in 2005. The review concluded that a sworn officer force of 639 officers was needed to meet the critical mission responsibilities of the USPP. Although increases were provided in previous years to meet the staffing needs, recent pay cost increases and across-the-board reductions have undermined the force's ability to fully adopt the staffing plan. At the proposed funding level, the USPP will remain aligned with its core mission responsibilities and the long-term staffing plan developed in 2006. The request also includes a one-time increase of \$1.0 million for law enforcement costs related to events surrounding the January 2009 presidential inaugural.

Asset Management — The 2009 budget request builds upon the investments made in previous years to effectively maintain NPS facilities. An increase of \$22.8 million is requested for the cyclic maintenance program. An additional \$6.0 million will provide support at the park level for using and maintaining the Facility Maintenance Software System. In combination with funding requested for repair and rehabilitation projects, \$471.5 million will be available for facility maintenance programs in 2009. An additional \$172.5 million in construction funding provides a total of \$644.0 million for construction and facility maintenance projects in 2008.

During the past six years, NPS has made tremendous progress in developing asset management tools. For the

first time in its history, NPS has a full asset inventory. The NPS is also establishing a Service-wide baseline for facility conditions; prioritizing projects by utilizing the Facility Condition Index and the Asset Priority Index; and instituting performance measures to monitor progress made in addressing the deferred maintenance backlog. This investment has allowed NPS to target funds to the highest priority deferred maintenance needs and to set goals using a Facility Condition Index. During 2009, NPS intends to improve the FCI for industry standard non-road assets from 0.175 to 0.171. For 2009 and future years, NPS is working to determine acceptable FCI targets by focusing on critical systems to ensure that the most important assets are properly maintained as efficiently and effectively as possible. Using this method, NPS intends to improve the FCI for industry standard non-road assets from 0.063 to 0.060 during 2009.

The 2009 budget also proposes to use an estimated \$105 million in recreation fee revenue for facility maintenance projects. It also assumes an investment of \$240.0 million from the Highway Trust Fund for park roads and builds on progress made to improve road conditions.

Cooperative Conservation — The NPS traditional Challenge Cost Share program is funded at \$2.3 million in 2009, the same as 2008. 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.

Natural Resource Programs — The 2009 budget request continues funding of \$77.0 million for natural resource programs that monitor the health of the Service's 272 natural resource parks. These networks provide park managers with critical information about the ecosystems they manage, so that they have a scientific base of knowledge when measuring the health of flora and fauna and the quality of air and water in and around park lands. This is complimented by the \$20.0 million increase requested in flexible park base funding, which will support resource stewardship activities.

Land Acquisition and State Assistance — 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. The 2009 budget proposes funding the Federal land acquisition and administration program at \$21.8 million, \$22.5 million below the 2008 enacted level but almost equal to the 2007 budget request. Included within the proposal is \$4.0 million to provide grants to States and local communities to preserve and protect Civil War battlefield sites. In 2009 NPS funding is focused first on capacity building rather than on acquisition of additional lands.

As proposed in the 2008 budget, no funds are requested for LWCF State Assistance grants in order to concentrate NPS funding on its parks and their resources. The request does include \$1.4 million for the administration of the existing LWCF State Assistance program within the National Recreation and Preservation appropriation account, where the administrative costs for other grant programs are covered as well.

Construction— In the 2009 budget request, the Construction and Major Maintenance account is funded at \$172.5 million, \$46.1 million below the 2008 enacted level. In combination with increased funding that is budgeted for cyclical maintenance and the funding provided for repair and rehabilitation, a total of \$644.0 million will be available in 2009 for facility maintenance and construction projects. Utilizing these funds, together with recreation fees and park roads funding, the Park Service will continue to provide substantial resources toward protecting and maintaining existing NPS assets. Line-item construction projects are funded at \$90.2 million, or \$32.4 million below 2008. The Everglades Modified Water Deliveries project is funded at \$10.0 million. Construction planning is funded at \$10.1 million and special programs are funded at \$25.0 million.

National Recreation and Preservation— This appropriation funds programs connected with local community efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources. For 2009, these programs are proposed at \$45.5 million, \$21.9 million below the 2008 level. The budget proposes \$7.1 million for national heritage areas, a decrease of \$8.2 million from 2008, and eliminates \$7.5 million for Statutory and Contractual Aid. The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is reduced by a net amount of \$314,000, while funding for Preserve America grants is requested within the Historic Preservation Fund account.

National Inventory of Historic Properties— The 2009 request includes funding to initiate a national inventory of historic properties, which was the top recommendation from historic preservation experts at the 2006 Preserve America Summit. Such an inventory would be maintained and managed by State, tribal, and local governments, but coordinated nationally to integrate information in an accessible format. This would provide long-term savings and better outcomes for cities, transportation departments, and others that need information on historic properties for planning and environmental

reviews. Program funds total \$3.0 million in 2009, with \$1.0 million requested in the National Recreation and Preservation appropriation and \$2.0 million requested under the Historic Preservation Fund appropriation.

Historic Preservation— The NPS plays a vital role in preserving the Nation's cultural history through a variety of stewardship programs that address preservation needs nationwide. The 2009 budget for the Historic Preservation Fund is \$66.1 million, including \$10.0 million for Preserve America, an increase of \$2.6 million over the 2008 level, and \$15.0 million for Save America's Treasures, at or above the amount of non-earmarked grants enacted in the last three fiscal years.

In addition to the \$2.0 million in this account for grants to support a national inventory of historic properties, the budget requests \$39.7 million for the Historic Preservation Fund matching grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to preserve historically and culturally significant sites. This is \$6.1 million below the 2008 enacted level, but level with the 2008 President's budget request.

Recreational Fee Program— In January 2007 the new interagency recreation pass, the "America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass," was introduced. The new pass covers entrance or standard amenity fees associated with recreation opportunities on public lands managed by the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Forest Service. The NPS estimates that it will collect \$175.2 million in recreation fees in 2009.

Offsetting Reductions and Cancellations— The budget includes a reduction of \$4.0 million for travel and \$2.0 million for savings resulting from converting contracts to performance-based contracts. It also proposes permanent cancellations of balances in five accounts, for a total savings of \$4.3 million. These reductions and cancellations enable the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

Fixed Costs— Fixed costs totals \$39.4 million, of which \$37.9 million are budgeted and \$1.5 million are absorbed through cost saving methods. The request funds most pay costs and fully funds health care and costs paid to other agencies and the Department's Working Capital Fund.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2009 Request with 2008 Enacted:

	2008 Enacted		2009 Request		Change from 2008	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Operation of the National Park System*	16,155	1,970,581	16,945	2,131,529	+790	+160,948
Centennial Challenge	50	24,610	0	0	-50	-24,610
United States Park Police*.....	0	0	0	-808	0	-808
National Recreation and Preservation	256	67,413	261	45,488	+5	-21,925
Urban Park and Recreation Fund	0	0	0	-1,300	0	-1,300
Historic Preservation Fund.....	4	70,385	4	66,142	0	-4,243
Construction and Major Maintenance	576	218,522	537	172,459	-39	-46,063
Land Acquisition and State Assistance	75	68,977	59	20,832	-16	-48,145
LWCF Contract Authority (rescission).....	0	-30,000	0	-30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Appropriations (<i>without fire</i>)	17,116	2,390,488	17,806	2,404,342	+690	+13,854
Fire Repayment	0	61,021	0	0	0	-61,021
Subtotal, Appropriations (<i>with fire</i>)	17,116	2,451,509	17,806	2,404,342	+690	-47,167
Mandatory Appropriations						
Recreation Fee Permanent Appropriations	1,472	181,676	1,497	182,865	+25	+1,189
Other Permanent Appropriations	302	120,361	302	127,221	0	+6,860
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	163	27,004	363	227,004	+200	+200,000
Outer Continental Shelf Oil Lease Revenue.....	0	0	0	6,314	0	+6,314
LWCF Contract Authority.....	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Mandatory Appropriations.....	1,937	359,041	2,162	573,404	+225	+214,363
Allocations and Reimbursables						
Allocations	941	0	936	0	-5	0
Reimbursables	745	0	745	0	0	0
Subtotal, Allocations and Reimbursables.....	1,686	0	1,681	0	-5	0
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (<i>w/o fire</i>).....	20,739	2,749,529	21,649	2,977,746	+910	+228,217
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (<i>w/ fire</i>).....	20,739	2,810,550	21,649	2,977,746	+910	+167,196

* Funding for the United States Park Police in 2008 and 2009 has been transferred to the Operation of the National Park System appropriation account.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES
By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Operation of the National Park System

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Park Management				
Resource Stewardship	362,891	373,039	410,421	+37,382
Visitor Services	349,330	397,974	432,936	+34,962
Facility Operations and Maintenance ..	603,693	656,692	712,184	+55,492
Park Support	312,228	316,748	333,543	+16,795
Subtotal, Park Management	1,628,142	1,744,453	1,889,084	+144,631
Park Police.....	[85,213]	86,747	94,390	+7,643
External Administrative Costs	135,066	139,381	148,055	+8,674
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,763,208	1,970,581	2,131,529	+160,948

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Cost

Fixed costs for this appropriation total \$37,211, of which \$35,830 are budgeted and \$1,381 are absorbed.

Park Management

Resource Stewardship

A net increase of \$37,382 is proposed, which includes increases to support park base increases for core operations (+\$9,817), restore resources at Southwest Border parks (+\$1,000), provide flexible increases to improve park health (+\$20,000), enhance Underground Railroad to Freedom Program Management (+\$165), and support park operations through centralized funding of information technology, security, and employee development programs (+\$3,074). The budget includes reduced funding for travel (-\$841), and reduces support for the Underground Railroad to Freedom grants (-\$738). Fixed cost estimates total \$5,130, of which \$4,905 is budgeted and \$225 will be absorbed.

Visitor Services

A net increase of \$34,962 is proposed, which includes increases to support park base core operations (+\$17,489), enhance law enforcement at the Southwest Border (+\$3,800), enhance Southwest Border radio communications (+\$400), meet structural fire safety responsibilities (+\$1,000), enhance distance learning capability (+\$190), provide support for the Presidential Inaugural (+\$1,000), and support park operations through centralized funding of information technology, security, and employee development programs (+\$3,426). A decrease is requested for travel (-\$591). Fixed cost estimates total \$8,625, of which \$8,248 is budgeted and \$377 will be absorbed.

Facility Operations and Maintenance

A net increase of \$55,492 is proposed, which includes increases to support park base increases for core operations (+\$13,316), enhance the cyclic maintenance program (+\$17,812), enhance cultural cyclic maintenance for historical properties (+\$5,000), support FMSS workload at parks (+\$6,038), cover increased DC water and sewer bills (+\$800), and support park operations through centralized funding of information technology, security, and employee development programs (+\$5,653). Decreases are requested for travel (-\$550) and to reflect savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract mechanisms (-\$1,612). Fixed cost estimates total \$9,448, of which \$9,035 is budgeted and \$413 will be absorbed.

Park Support

A net increase of \$16,795 is proposed, which includes increases to support park base increases for core operations (+\$4,153), enhance youth programs (+\$175), reinvigorate Service-wide training (+\$1,830), build organizational capacity (+\$5,600), enhance Activity Based Costing and Performance Management capability (+\$340), provide support for the Brown vs. Board of Education Foundation (+\$300) and the Lower Eastside Tenement Commission (+\$50), and support park operations through centralized funding of information technology, security, and employee development programs (+\$1,722). Decreases are requested for travel (-\$1,574), to eliminate support for Jamestown 2007 (-\$142), to reduce support for National Mall concerts (-\$295), and to reduce support for Wild and Scenic Rivers (-\$632). Park Support intends to transfer funds to GSA Space - External Administrative Costs (-\$832). Fixed cost estimates total \$6,377, of which \$6,100 is budgeted and \$277 will be absorbed.

United States Park Police

A net increase of \$7,643 is proposed, which includes increases to provide support for the Presidential Inaugural (+\$1,000) and to sustain the USPP force organizational capacity (+\$4,775). A decrease is requested for travel (-\$41). Fixed cost estimates total \$1,998, of which \$1,909 is budgeted and \$89 will be absorbed.

External Administrative Costs

An increase of \$8,674 is proposed including an increase to support park operations through centralized funding of information technology, security, and employee development programs (+\$2,209). This activity is slated to receive transferred funds from Park Support (+\$832). Fixed cost estimates total \$5,633 and the full amount is budgeted.

APPROPRIATION: United States Park Police*

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
USPP Operations	85,213	0	0	0
Cancellation of unobligated balances	0	0	-808	-808
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	85,213	0	-808	-808

* Funding for the United States Park Police in 2008 and 2009 has been transferred to the Operation of the National Park System appropriation account.

Highlights of Budget Changes

Cancellation of Unobligated Balances

Prior year funds totaling \$808 are proposed for cancellation.

APPROPRIATION: Centennial Challenge

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0	24,610	0	-24,610

Highlights of Budget Changes

Centennial Challenge

No funds are requested for the appropriation because this authority will be replaced when legislation is enacted by Congress that will allow the establishment of a mandatory appropriation to be matched by private donations.

APPROPRIATION: National Recreation and Preservation

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Recreation Programs.....	556	565	575	+10
Natural Programs.....	10,378	10,304	10,008	-296
Cultural Programs	23,165	21,403	22,655	+1,252
Environmental Compliance and Review.	403	414	423	+9
Grants Administration	1,948	3,011	3,096	+85
International Park Affairs	1,861	1,593	1,625	+32
Heritage Partnership Programs				
Commissions and Grants.....	13,233	14,274	7,000	-7,274
Administrative Support	102	984	106	-878
Subtotal, Heritage Partnership.....	13,335	15,258	7,106	-8,152

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Preserve America	0	7,383	0	-7,383
Statutory or Contractual Aid				
Angel Island Immigration Station	0	1,108	0	-1,108
Brown Foundation	123	295	0	-295
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails.....	739	1,674	0	-1,674
CrossRoads / West Historic District	246	296	0	-296
Ft. Mandan, Ft. Lincoln and Northern Plains Foundation.....	308	197	0	-197
Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial.....	0	492	0	-492
Ice Age Nat'l Scientific Reserve.....	773	0	0	0
Jamestown 2007 Commission.....	394	197	0	-197
Johnstown Area Heritage Assn Museum	48	0	0	0
Keweenaw NHP	0	197	0	-197
Lamprey Wild and Scenic River	296	0	0	0
National Law Enforcement Acts.....	0	738	0	-738
National Voting Rights Interp. Center .	0	492	0	-492
Native Hawaiian Culture And Arts Program.....	296	492	0	-492
Southwest Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission.....	0	1,181	0	-1,181
Yosemite Schools	0	123	0	-123
Subtotal, Statutory / Contractual Aid	3,223	7,482	0	-7,482
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	54,869	67,413	45,488	-21,925

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs for this appropriation total \$747, of which \$714 are budgeted and \$33 are absorbed.

Recreation Programs

An increase of \$10 is proposed, which includes a decrease for travel (-\$1). Fixed cost estimates total \$11 and the full amount is budgeted.

Natural Programs

A net decrease of \$296 is proposed, which reduces funding for Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (-\$445) and for travel (-\$65). Fixed cost estimates total \$224, of which \$214 is requested and \$10 will be absorbed.

Cultural Programs

A net increase of \$1,252 is proposed, which includes an increase to establish the National Inventory of Historic Properties (+\$1,000). A decrease is requested for travel (-\$71). Fixed cost estimates total \$338, of which \$323 is requested and \$15 will be absorbed.

Environmental Compliance and Review

An increase of \$9 is proposed, which includes a decrease for travel (-\$2). Fixed cost estimates total \$11 and the full amount is budgeted.

Grants Administration

An increase of \$85 is proposed, which includes a decrease for travel (-\$6). Fixed cost estimates total \$95, of which \$91 are budgeted and \$4 will be absorbed.

Heritage Partnership Program

A net decrease of \$8,152 is proposed, which reduces funding for Heritage Partnership commissions and grants, and administration (-\$8,183). A decrease is also requested for travel (-\$1). Fixed cost estimates total \$34, of which \$32 is budgeted and \$2 will be absorbed.

Preserve America

The budget transfers \$7,383 for Preserve America grants to the Historic Preservation Fund appropriation.

Statutory or Contractual Aid

The budget decrease of \$7,482 eliminates funding for Statutory and Contractual Aid activities.

APPROPRIATION: Urban Parks and Recreation Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0	0	-1,300	-1,300

Highlights of Budget Changes

Urban Parks and Recreation Fund

The budget includes a cancellation of \$1,300 in prior year balances for grant activities.

APPROPRIATION: Historic Preservation Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Grants-in-Aid.....	42,163	45,775	41,658	-4,117
Save America's Treasures.....	13,000	24,610	15,000	-9,610
Preserve America	[5,000]	0	10,000	+10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/o cancellation)</i>	55,163	70,385	66,658	-3,727
Cancellation of unobligated balances ..	0	0	-516	-516
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/ cancellation)</i>	55,163	70,385	66,142	-4,243

Highlights of Budget Changes

Grants-in-Aid

A net decrease of \$4,117 is proposed, which includes an increase to establish the grants-in-aid program for the National Inventory of Historic Properties (+\$2,000). The budget also reduces support for grants-in-aid to States, Territories and Tribes (-\$6,117).

Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

The budget maintains the Save America's Treasures program at \$15,000, a reduction of \$9,610.

Preserve America

A total of \$10,000 is proposed, which includes a budget transfer of the Preserve America grant program from Natural Recreation and Preservation (+\$7,383) and an increase for additional Preserve America grants (+\$2,617).

Cancellation of Prior Year Balances

The budget includes a cancellation of \$516 of prior year balances for general HPF grant activities.

APPROPRIATION: Construction and Major Maintenance

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Line Item Construction and Maint	180,621	122,538	90,161	-32,377
Special Programs				
Emergency, Unscheduled.....	3,290	3,239	2,975	-264
Housing	6,897	4,996	5,000	+4
Dam Safety	2,626	2,585	2,500	-85
Equipment Replacement.....	31,083	14,584	14,516	-68
Construction Planning	19,632	17,084	10,100	-6,984
Construction Program Mgmt and Ops	39,842	40,215	34,552	-5,663
General Management Planning	13,491	13,281	13,292	+11
TOTAL APPROP (w/o Fort Baker, fire, and cancellations)	297,482	218,522	173,096	-45,426
Cancellation of unobligated balances ..	0	0	-637	-637
Fort Baker Transfer.....	2,000	0	0	0
Fire Repayment	54,000	61,021	0	-61,021
Fire Transfer	-61,021	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROP (w/ Fort Baker, fire, and cancellations)	292,461	279,543	172,459	-107,084

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Cost

Fixed costs for this appropriation total \$1,218, of which \$1,164 are budgeted and \$54 are absorbed.

Line-item Construction

A net decrease of \$32,377 is requested in this activity. Funding for the Line Item Construction and Major Maintenance program will focus on high priority assets for deferred maintenance (-\$31,977). The budget request also reflects savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract mechanisms (-\$400). A detailed list of projects is provided in Appendix D.

Special Programs

A net decrease of \$413 is requested in this activity, which includes decreases for reductions in travel (-\$37), the emergency and unscheduled projects program (-\$507), seismic studies program (-\$4), the housing improvement program (-\$19), the dam safety program (-\$88), and the information management equipment replacement program (-\$71). Fixed cost estimates total \$328, of which \$313 is budgeted and \$15 will be absorbed.

Construction Planning

A net decrease of \$6,984 is requested in this activity, which includes reduced funding for travel (-\$6) and the construction planning program (-\$7,000). Fixed cost estimates total \$22 and the full amount is budgeted.

Construction Program Management and Operations

A net decrease of \$5,663 is requested, which includes reductions for Denver Service Center operations (-\$1,000) and the regional facility project support program (-\$5,255). The budget also reduces travel funding (-\$87). Fixed cost estimates total \$711, of which \$679 is budgeted \$32 will be absorbed.

General Management Planning

A net increase of \$11 is requested, which reduces funding for travel (-\$90) and the General Management Planning program (-\$49). Fixed cost estimates total \$157, of which \$150 is budgeted and \$7 will be absorbed.

Cancellations of Prior Year Balances

The budget includes a cancellation of \$637 of prior year balances within Construction and Major Maintenance.

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition and State Assistance

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Assistance to States				
State Conservation Grants	27,995	23,133	0	-23,133
Administrative Expenses	1,627	1,477	0	-1,477
Federal Land Acquisition				
Acquisitions	19,535	30,093	9,000	-21,093
Emergencies and Hardships.....	2,541	2,461	2,000	-461
Inholdings	2,540	2,461	2,000	-461
Acquisition Management.....	9,786	9,352	8,832	-520
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/o fire or cancellation)</i>	64,024	68,977	21,832	-47,145
Fire Repayment	5,000	0	0	0
Cancellation of unobligated balances ..	0	0	-1,000	-1,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/ fire and cancellation)</i>	69,024	68,977	20,832	-48,145

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Cost

Fixed costs for this appropriation total \$175, of which \$167 are budgeted and \$8 are absorbed.

State Conservation Grants

Funding for State conservation grants is eliminated (-\$23,133).

State Grants Administration

Funding for State grants administration is eliminated within this appropriation (-\$1,477).

Federal Land Acquisition

A net decrease of \$22,015 is proposed, which includes an increase for Civil War Battlefield grants (+\$1,047) reductions to Federal land acquisition (-\$22,140), emergencies, hardships and relocation (-\$461), and inholdings, donations, and exchanges (-\$461). A detailed list of requested projects is provided in Appendix F.

Federal Land Acquisition Administration

A net decrease of \$520 is proposed, which includes reductions for Federal land acquisition administration (-\$675) and funding for travel (-\$12). Fixed cost estimates total \$175, of which \$167 is budgeted and \$8 will be absorbed.

Cancellations of Prior Year Balances

The budget includes a cancellation of a portion of prior year balances within the Land and Water Conservation Fund State grants program (-\$1,000).

APPROPRIATION: Land and Water Conservation Fund Contract Authority

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	0