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State seeks private contractors to operate Delta Area state parks

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is requesting proposals for private concession operation of five state park units in the Delta Junction area. These park units are no longer being actively maintained by state agency staff due to FY 2018 budget reductions but the goal is to keep them available to the public and maintained under commercial operation.

Four park units will be bundled together under one concession – the Quartz Lake State Recreation Area, the Clearwater State Recreation Site, the Donnelly Creek State Recreation Site, and the Delta State Recreation Site. The division is offering a separate concession for the operation of Big Delta State Historical Park. Authority to operate the park units would be provided under a park permit. The permits will have an initial two-year term, renewable for an additional five years by mutual agreement.

During the transition, Big Delta State Historical Park will remain open, staffed by the Delta Historical Society. Rika's Roadhouse Café and Gift Shop will continue to operate as usual. People will still be able to access the four other park units but services such as bathrooms, garbage, water, and staff will be unavailable until a concessionaire is in place.

Application materials for the two park concessions are available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/> and on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice system, and paper copies also are available at the Alaska State Parks office in Fairbanks located at 3700 Airport Way.

Proposals must be received at the Fairbanks Office no later than 4 p.m. on July 21, 2017.

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