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Alaska State Parks upgrades on the Kenai Peninsula in 2025

(Anchorage, AK) — Alaska State Parks is excited to announce 11 construction projects on the Kenai Peninsula in 2025, and provide details on these ongoing and upcoming efforts so community members and business owners can plan for possible impacts. Following is a list of projects that will begin or continue during the upcoming summer. More concrete dates will be provided as we plan for the upcoming season.

These projects are funded by state Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOS) funds, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program through the National Park Service. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA):

- **KRSMA: Kenai River Flats.** Design is wrapping up for improvements to the existing wayside and river access facility near the Warren Ames Memorial Bridge on Bridge Access Road. Improvements include an elevated walkway with river access stairs and paving the existing wayside parking and turnaround. This project is in partnership with DOT&PF and EVOS funds. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2025.
- **KRSMA: Eagle Rock.** Design work is in progress to develop the recently acquired Bookey Parcel. The proposed development is intended to increase parking capacity at the Eagle Rock boat launch facility and help prevent parking spill over into the Kenai Spur Highway. Parking will be increased by as much as 60 truck-and-trailer and 68 passenger car parking stalls. The project also includes a roadway and stairs to connect the upper facility with the existing, lower facility. The project is funded in whole by EVOS funding. Construction is scheduled for 2025/2026.
- **KRSMA: Big Eddy.** Design work is taking place to develop and upgrade the Big Eddy facility. The project includes construction of a new parking facility, paving the main road through the park, replacing the existing elevated walkway and boat dock, and constructing new elevated walkway with river access stairs. The project is in partnership with ADFG and EVOS funding. Construction is scheduled for 2025/2026.
- **KRSMA: Morgan's Landing.** Design is in progress for a project to pave the Morgan's Landing facility, riverbank restoration work, and elevated walkway with river access stairs. Funding for the project was secured from grants with the LWCF grant program and the EVOS Habitat Enhancement program. Construction is scheduled for 2026/2027.

Old Kasilof Landing State Recreation Site. Construction is underway for developing a boat retrieval facility including parking, boat retrieval system, trails, scenic overlook, and park

amenities. Construction completion is scheduled for Summer 2025. Parking includes 47 stalls for truck-and-trailer vehicles and 12 passenger cars. This project is funded by state funds and an LWCF grant.

Crooked Creek State Recreation Site. Design is progressing for sanitation improvements at Crooked Creek SRS. The existing, dilapidated vaulted toilets will be replaced with concrete vaulted toilets, with CIP funds. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

Kasilof River State Recreation Site. Design work is almost complete for a project to pave and stripe the Kasilof River SRS facility. The project is aimed at enhancing user experience and alleviating maintenance burdens at this facility. This project is funded by CIP funds and the LWCF grant program. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

Deep Creek Special Recreation Area. Design is almost complete for improvements for the existing tractor launch. Improvements consist of paving and striping to improve tractor launch capacity and traffic flow efficiency. This project is funded by CIP funds and the LWCF grant program. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

Anchor River Special Recreation Area. Design for sanitation improvements at Anchor River SRA is in progress. The improvements include replacing six, outdated vaulted toilets with new concrete vaulted toilets, with LWCF funding. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

Anchor River Special Recreation Area. A damage assessment was completed after the recent flood and severe storm events along the Anchor River. Repair work for the damage is estimated at approximately \$915,000. Damages include rip rap armoring and slope failure, eroded road/parking embankments, eroded trails, and structural damage on elevated and on-grade walkways. The division is working to secure funding for the repair efforts. Design and construction schedules are unknown currently.

Eveline State Recreation Site. Design is in progress replacing the existing, under-capacity pit latrine with a concrete vaulted toilet, with CIP funds. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.

The public's patience is appreciated as we work to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and improve access for all Alaskans and visitors. We recognize that these projects can be inconvenient for business owners especially and we will strive to find alternative access points when needed or warranted.

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