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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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**FY 2017 PARK BASE OPERATIONS FUNDING**

As noted above, the fundamental purpose of the NPS is to conserve park resources while providing a safe and enjoyable visitor experience for present and future generations. NPS has made many adjustments to operate more efficiently over the past few years, while still meeting this mission. This includes re-focusing funding on programs with the closest, most basic ties to the NPS mission. During this time, NPS has also gained additional responsibilities. Two new units were added in 2011 (Fort Monroe NM and Paterson Great Falls NHP) one new unit was added in 2012 (César E. Chávez NM), three new units were added in 2013 (Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM, First State NM, and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad NM), four new units were added in 2014 (Blackstone River Valley NHP, Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM, Valles Caldera NP, and World War I Mem), and four new units were added in 2015 (Pullman NM, Honouliuli NM, Waco Mammoth NM, and Manhattan Project NHP) .

The NPS welcomed increased visitation at many park units during commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and expects record visitation in 2016 for the Centennial anniversary of the creation of the NPS. These new responsibilities and ongoing commemorations reaffirm the NPS' role as one of the most visible, and positive faces of the federal government.



*Waco Mammoth NM is a paleontological site that represents the nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths. Visitors can view "in situ" fossils including female mammoths, a bull mammoth, and a camel that lived approximately 67,000 years ago.*

**Targeted Park Base****Support New Areas and Critical Responsibilities (FY 2017 Request: +\$10,672,000 / +36 FTE) –**

Funding is requested to support new park areas and critical responsibilities, including units established in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015 such as Manhattan Project NHP, as well as Pullman NM, Honouliuli NM, and Waco Mammoth NM. Of the \$10.7 million requested, \$4.0 million would support visitor services, facility operations, and resource management and protection needs at these and other new units, and \$0.4 million would provide consistent support to partnership wild and scenic rivers, such as Missisquoi and Trout WSR. Additionally, \$2.0 million would ensure parks and programs across the system do not lose capacity due to new and expanded locality areas in 2016; finally, \$4.2 million would support the law enforcement and visitor service operations of the US Park Police and National Capital area parks during the 2017 Presidential inauguration. Specific increases are shown in the following table and described in detail below.

	<b>Amount (\$000)</b>
<b>PARK BASE INCREASE</b>	
<b>Maintain Capacity at Parks Impacted by Locality Changes</b>	<b>2,041</b>
Multiple Parks	[2,041]
<b>Support 2017 Presidential Inauguration</b>	<b>4,200</b>
National Capital Region – visitor services	[1,800]
United States Park Police – law enforcement	[2,400]
<b>Support Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>	<b>439</b>
Eightmile WSR	[103]
Missisquoi and Trout WSR	[45]
Musconetcong WSR	[59]
Taunton WSR	[140]
Wekiva WSR	[56]
Westfield WSR	[36]
<b>Support New Units and Critical Responsibilities</b>	<b>3,992</b>
Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM	[150]
First State NM	[350]
Fort Monroe NM	[490]
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad NM	[110]
Honouliuli NM	[137]
Kalaupapa NHP	[360]
Manhattan Projects NHP	[350]
Oregon Caves NM	[100]
Paterson Great Falls NHP	[310]
Port Chicago Naval Magazine NMem	[100]
President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home	[290]
Pullman NM	[340]
River Raisin NBP	[200]
Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM	[310]
Waco Mammoth NM	[195]
Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT	[200]
<b>Total, Support New Areas and Critical Responsibilities</b>	<b>10,672</b>

**Maintain Capacity at Parks Impacted by Locality Changes (FY 2017 Request: +\$2,041,000 / +0 FTE)** – Funding is requested to implement recently established adjustments of certain rates of pay across the Federal Government. On December 18, 2015, Executive Order 13715 was issued, ordering locality pay increases amounting to approximately 0.3 percent of basic payroll. The authorization of this increase occurred subsequent to the calculation of 2016 pay costs included in the FY 2016 President’s Budget Request. As a result, funding for this increase was not provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, and is requested in FY 2017 to provide parks with the resources necessary to sustain workforce levels commensurate with the record visitation levels which are currently being achieved. Funding would support all aspects of park operations across the entire NPS, and would particularly assist those parks

located within newly established locality areas. These parks include Harry S. Truman NHS, Ulysses S. Grant NHS, and the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the St. Louis, MO region, and Chaco Culture NHP, Petroglyph NM, and Valles Caldera NP in the Albuquerque, NM area.

**Support 2017 Presidential Inauguration (FY 2017 Request: +\$4,200,000 / +0 FTE)** – Funding is requested to support security and visitor services needs relating to the Presidential Inaugural Celebration in 2017 as authorized by the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 724). The Presidential Inauguration serves as an enduring symbol of American democracy, and it is anticipated that the inauguration will be designated as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), which will dictate increased security efforts such as a full force commitment by the United States Park Police, augmented by assisting Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners. Other large scale activities have also historically taken place on inauguration day at NPS sites such as Lafayette Park, the Ellipse, the National Mall (including the Washington Monument grounds and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials), and the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. This increase will provide for essential law enforcement personnel; safety and security support for the Presidential Motorcade and all spectators, the majority of which will be gathered along NPS owned sidewalks during the 15-block Inaugural Procession from the U.S. Capitol to the White House; security needs at the main viewing areas for the Swearing in Ceremony on the National Mall and the reviewing stand at the White House, both of which are NPS areas; support of a comprehensive crowd management and overcrowding mitigation plan along the National Mall and parade route, to ensure visitor safety and mitigate risk associated with overcrowding; logistical and material support of inaugural activities; administrative expenses associated with facilitating these historic events; and support visitor and employee safety and resource protection during inauguration events. Funding will also ensure a ranger presence at the inauguration site to provide visitors with safety and interpretive information.

**Support Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers (FY 2017 Request: +\$439,000 / +0 FTE)** – Funding is requested to provide consistent partnership wild and scenic river funding. The NPS administers these rivers through legislatively established partnerships, which leverage the federally appropriated funding available to these rivers. There are over 200 rivers that comprise the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; of this total, the National Park Service has responsibilities for 60. Funding is requested for the Eightmile WSR, Missisquoi and Trout WSR, Musconetcong WSR, Taunton WSR, Wekiva WSR, and Westfield WSR.

**Provide Support to New or Expanded Units (FY 2017 Request: +\$3,992,000 / +36 FTE)** – Funding is requested to provide operating support to new units, as well as units with expanded responsibilities:

**Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument (FY 2017 Request: +\$150,000)** – Funding is requested to support facility maintenance and operations at Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM in Ohio, which was established by Presidential Proclamation in March 2013. The monument preserves the home of Colonel. Charles Young (1864–1922), a distinguished officer in the US Army who was the third African American to graduate from West Point and the first to achieve the rank of Colonel. Young also served as one of the early Army superintendents of Sequoia and General Grant NPs, before the establishment of the NPS.

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM	FY 2015 Park Base FTE <sup>1</sup>	FY 2015 Total FTE <sup>2</sup>	FY 2015 Final <sup>3</sup>	FY 2016 Enacted (Ops Plan) <sup>7</sup>	Fixed Costs and Internal Transfers	Program Changes	FY 2017 Request
<b>National Trail System<sup>1</sup></b>							
New England NST	0	0	127	127	0	0	127
North Country NST	2	2	895	901	3	0	904
Old Spanish NHT	0	0	242	243	0	0	243
Oregon NHT	0	0	424	431	3	0	434
Overmountain Victory NHT	0	1	336	336	1	0	337
Pony Express NHT	0	0	248	251	0	0	251
Santa Fe NHT	16	20	711	713	4	0	717
Selma to Montgomery NHT	6	6	1,023	1,431	6	0	1,437
Star Spangled Banner NHT	0	0	148	151	0	0	151
Trail of Tears NHT	0	0	486	490	2	0	492
Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT	1	1	100	104	2	201	307
National Trail System Program	0	2	369	373	3	7	383
<b>Subtotal, National Trail System</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>10,422</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>11,208</b>
[Total, National Trail System with Park Units]	[54]	[72]	[12,380]	[12,915]	[69]	[216]	[13,200]
<b>Partnership Wild &amp; Scenic Rivers</b>							
Eightmile WSR	0	0	67	67	0	103	170
Farmington (West Branch) WSR	0	0	172	172	0	0	172
Lanprey WSR	0	0	171	171	0	0	171
Lower Delaware WSR	0	0	172	172	0	0	172
Maurice WSR	0	0	173	173	0	0	173
Missisquoi and Trout Rivers WSR	0	0	0	125	0	45	170
Musconetcong WSR	0	0	111	111	0	59	170
Sudbury, Assabet, Concord WSR	0	0	173	173	0	0	173
Taunton WSR	0	0	30	30	0	140	170
Wekiva WSR	0	0	114	114	0	56	170
Westfield WSR	0	0	134	134	0	36	170
White Clay Creek WSR	0	0	173	173	0	0	173
Wild & Scenic River Program	0	0	53	54	0	0	54
<b>Subtotal, Partnership W&amp;S Rivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2,108</b>
<b>Affiliated Areas</b>							
American Memorial Park	13	13	1,562	1,580	11	0	1,591
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church NHS	0	0	33	33	0	0	33
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve	0	0	740	740	0	0	740
Lower Eastside Tenement Museum	0	0	249	249	0	0	249
Oklahoma City NMem	6	6	779	787	5	0	792
Pinelands NR	0	0	302	302	0	0	302
Roosevelt Campobello International Park	0	0	1,492	1,492	0	0	1,492