

DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Mission: Provides outdoor recreation opportunities and conserves and interprets natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

FY2017 Operating Budget: \$16.5M (\$3.1M UGF) | **Positions:** 177 | **Director:** Ben Ellis

The *Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR)* operates and provides public safety in the largest state park system in the United States (3.3 million acres), including more than 120 park units and 900 miles of hiking trails.

The division administers federal recreational trail grants and oversees the statewide programs for boating safety and historic preservation.



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In 2016, the division...

- Completed South Denali construction – 3,300-square-foot interpretive center, 35 full-hook-up campsites, 10 walk-in campsites, 3 public-use cabins, and a contact station opening Summer 2017
- Continued initiative to reduce reliance on general funds for state park operations
- Provided 4,041 loaner life jackets, taught 16,475 students through Kids Don't Float Life program
- Issued 57 archaeology survey permits and reviewed over 1,600 projects for impacts to historic properties
- Awarded \$360,000 in historical grants and more than \$1.4M in recreational grants.

