



Our National Parks By STATE

**Sept. 2025 Update:
National Park
Conditions**



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AN UPDATE ON OUR NATIONAL PARKS CONDITIONS

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report organizes the data presented by a [National Park Service spreadsheet](#), which details park conditions as of July 2025, in the aftermath of the hiring freeze, terminations and early retirement offers, and reduced staffing and funding for America's National Parks.



In this summary, each state has a chart of its national parks' economic benefits and employment implications, such that decision-makers, leaders, senators, and congressional staff can easily discern the direct effects that national parks provide in terms of the number jobs, the value of conservation, and the effects of budget cuts.



For this report, however, not all parks reported in with the budgetary effects, so the information here presents a partial view into the outcome of terminating thousands of rangers, offering early retirement, and instituting a hiring and funding freeze.

To fund our national parks, takes only 1/2000 a percent of the federal budget on average and keeps 415,000 people at work via associated consumer spending while preserving and protecting America's great landscapes.

KEY FINDINGS OF JULY 2025 REPORT

- **38 States were affected by budget or staff cuts** to the National Park Service – 76 Percent.
- **Parks lost millions of dollars** because they were unable to staff entrances and collect fees, including major parks such as Grand Canyon, Glacier & Zion.
- **20 percent of the country's 433 parks** were strained and understaffed.
- **The NPS lost 24 percent of its permanent employees.**
- **More than 90 national parks reported problems** between April- July.
- **Routine work went undone**, like cleaning and stocking the bathrooms, taking out the trash. Visitor Centers were closed or hours were reduced.



PARK HIGHLIGHTS



- Nine Washington DC Parks were affected by cuts including the popular Rock Creek and the National Mall – Bathrooms were closed. Trash wasn't regularly picked up. Homeless encampments weren't cleaned up. Hundreds of hazard trees were not removed.

- At Zion National Park in Utah, the lack of staffing at fee entrance stations is projected to add up to \$2 million in lost revenue this year,

according to park figures as of late July.

- Glacier National Park in Montana is now relying on the honor system to collect entrance fees, asking visitors to pay using a QR code.
- At Harpers Ferry National Historic Park in West Virginia, the park can't bring on willing volunteers because it can't hire someone to manage them. Each year, nearly 300,000 volunteers collectively contribute more than 6.5 million hours of volunteer service at our national parks.
- Lassen Volcanic National Park, in the mountains of Northern California, was unable to hire custodians, leaving the maintenance staff to handle custodial, trash, water, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry needs.
- At Fort Scott National Historic Park in Kansas, Children's Programs and Educational Tours, & School Field Trips were cancelled. Restrooms closed.
- At Mount Rainier in Washington State, campgrounds and visitor centers delayed openings, and visitor services were reduced.

Please note: Some vacancies at parks predate the Trump administration, but the hiring freeze prevents parks from filling them. In addition, parks typically hire about 8,000 seasonal employees each year, a process that starts in the winter. But as they contended with the push to reduce permanent staff, the parks hired a little more than half of the workers they usually bring on during the busy summer season.

No one has been nominated to run the National Park Service, an agency that is part of the Interior Department.



KEY FACTS ABOUT OUR NATIONAL PARKS

- For every dollar invested in the Park Service - \$11 go back into the economy.
- In 2023, the NPS generated \$55.6 billion in economic output and supported 415,400 jobs.
- The NPS operating budget is only 1/2000 a percent of the average U.S. annual budget.
- American patriotism and trust in institutions—especially those of government—have plummeted in recent years,¹ but not for the National Park Service. The park system enjoys more public support than any other federal agency or department.
- More than 75 percent of Americans view the Park Service favorably, an approval rating that is impressive in light of its consistency across the political spectrum.
- Both Republicans and Democrats have supported, endorsed and helped create and grow the National Park System;² national parks are a bipartisan ideal and value, from Abraham Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt to George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, all have contributed to its growth.



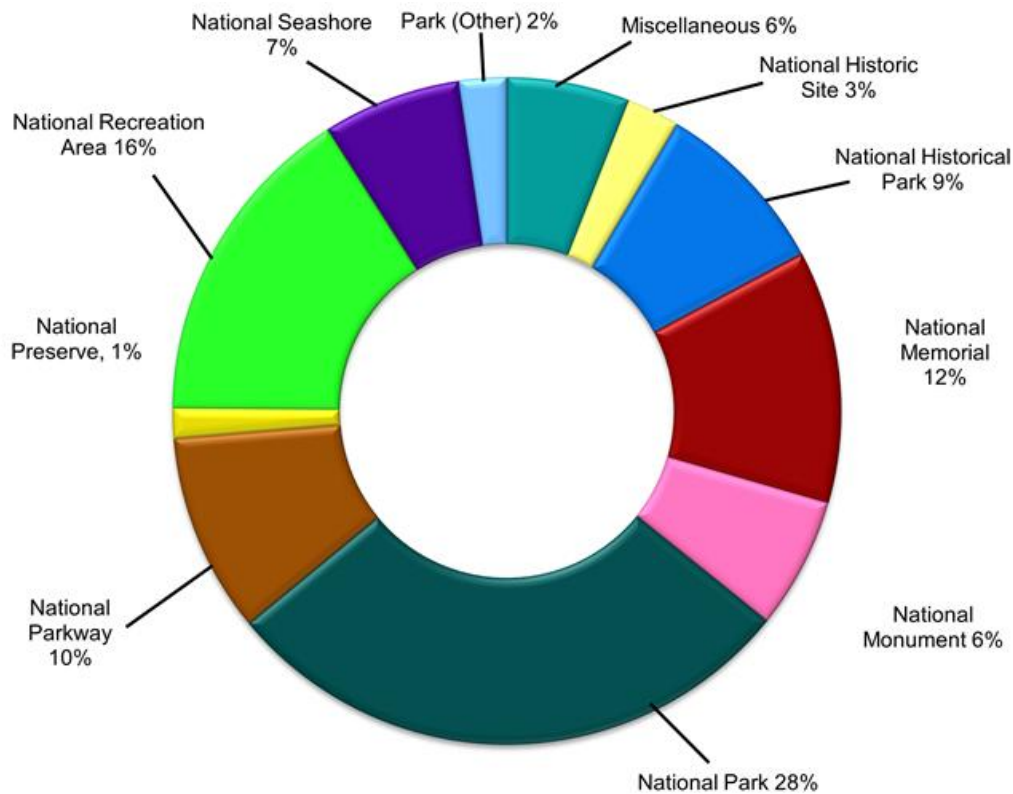
USER VISITATION DATA 2024 UPDATE³

- The National Park Service reported a record 331.9 million recreation visits in calendar year 2024. This is an increase of 6.36 million recreation visits, or 2% from 2023.
- There was a 2.6% increase from 2023 for overnight stays in concession and NPS operated facilities. Overnight stays at concession operated lodging alone were up 11.7%.
- 404 of the 433 National Parks report visitor use. Four new parks began reporting in 2024.
- 28 parks, 7% of reporting parks, set a record for annual recreation visits.
- Visitors are spreading out their visits throughout the year. 55% of parks experienced an above average number of visits in February-June and October-December.
- 38 parks experienced visitation above the 10-year average in every month of the year.

¹ September 28, 2023, <https://www.americansurveycenter.org/research/americas-crisis-of-confidence-rising-mistrust-conspiracies-and-vaccine-hesitancy-after-covid-19/> (accessed June 8, 2025).

² August 12, 2024, <https://pewrsr.ch/3ZynD4u> (accessed June 8, 2025).

³ Excerpt from visitation update. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/visitor-use-statistics-dashboard.htm>



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Park Unit Type	Percent of Visits
National Park	28%
National Recreation Area	16%
National Memorial	12%
National Parkway	10%
National Historical Park	9%
National Seashore	7%
Miscellaneous	6%
National Monument	6%
National Historic Site	3%
Park (Other)	2%
National Preserve	1% ⁵

⁴ Excerpt from visitation update. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/visitor-use-statistics-dashboard.htm> (accessed June 15, 2025).

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OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNITS BY STATE FOR 2023

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Alabama	1287291	\$88,900,000	1338	\$39,200,000	\$63,600,000	\$121,900,000
Alaska	3254809	\$1,504,900,000	21274	\$838,700,000	\$1,292,400,000	\$2,307,600,000
Arizona	10809520	\$1,225,000,000	17319	\$684,200,000	\$1,156,700,000	\$1,997,000,000
Arkansas	4447751	\$288,800,000	4015	\$110,700,000	\$198,100,000	\$375,300,000
California	36211847	\$3,162,900,000	39678	\$2,022,500,000	\$3,229,300,000	\$5,146,100,000
Colorado	7280580	795, 900,000	11133	\$471,500,000	\$769,400,000	\$1,279,100,000
Connecticut	36313	\$2,400,000	28	\$1,400,000	\$2,200,000	\$3,508,000
Delaware	126414	\$8,500,000	118	\$4,200,000	\$6,800,000	\$11,700,000
Florida	13309144	\$870,900,000	12082	\$457,700,000	\$776,600,000	\$1,352,800,000
Georgia	6781835	\$403,900,000	5742	\$203,300,000	\$341,400,000	\$605,400,000
Hawaii	4808385	\$586,500,000	6131	\$284,200,000	\$540,500,000	\$819,100,000
Idaho	769552	\$44,200,000	622	\$19,000,000	\$31,700,000	\$59,800,000
Illinois	188138	\$13,000,000	170	\$7,800,000	\$12,600,000	\$20,800,000
Indiana	3040462	\$156,600,000	2016	\$68,300,000	\$115,000,000	\$204,400,000
Iowa	171523	\$11,900,000	172	\$5,100,000	\$8,400,000	\$15,800,000
Kansas	106700	\$6,000,000	80	\$2,500,000	\$4,400,000	\$8,000,000
Kentucky	1975538	\$114,900,000	1690	\$53,900,000	\$85,300,000	\$158,900,000
Louisiana	300411	\$20,100,000	276	\$8,900,000	\$15,200,000	\$27,300,000
Maine	3930777	\$478,800,000	6819	\$254,500,000	\$434,000,000	\$752,400,000
Maryland	6305727	\$225,700,000	2669	\$118,100,000	\$195,200,000	\$313,900,000
Massachusetts	8732682	\$862,900,000	10482	\$539,700,000	\$849,600,000	\$1,349,100,000
Michigan	2820169	\$273,400,000	3730	\$139,400,000	\$237,300,000	\$413,000,000
Minnesota	1090134	\$67,500,000	915	\$34,500,000	\$56,400,000	\$99,600,000
Mississippi	9065256	\$590,100,000	8245	\$235,000,000	\$401,200,000	\$757,400,000
Missouri	4170417	\$262,900,000	4082	\$144,800,000	\$231,600,000	\$418,100,000
Montana	5656618	\$716,300,000	10880	\$362,000,000	\$551,200,000	\$1,057,500,000
Nebraska	314896	\$22,500,000	330	\$11,200,000	\$18,100,000	\$32,900,000

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Nevada	4552349	\$238,800,000	2487	\$108,200,000	\$187,100,000	\$301,900,000
New Hampshire	30537	\$1,700,000	23	\$1,000,000	\$1,700,000	\$2,700,000
New Jersey	5195543	\$192,800,000	2488	\$116,400,000	\$176,900,000	\$286,400,000
New Mexico	2265573	\$141,800,000	1855	\$55,900,000	\$95,700,000	\$177,100,000
New York	17197346	\$724,900,000	7394	\$378,000,000	\$632,000,000	\$965,900,000
North Carolina	20893208	\$2,587,400,000	38828	\$1,525,800,000	\$2,432,100,000	\$4,126,100,000
North Dakota	767938	\$56,000,000	711	\$22,500,000	\$38,300,000	\$70,500,000
Ohio	3195784	\$163,700,000	2525	\$98,800,000	\$154,400,000	\$267,600,000
Oklahoma	2094232	\$41,400,000	396	\$12,800,000	\$20,500,000	\$40,000,000
Oregon	1045772	\$86,800,000	1199	\$48,100,000	\$75,900,000	\$130,600,000
Pennsylvania	8300004	\$426,300,000	6157	\$251,800,000	\$382,400,000	\$662,600,000
Rhode Island	37707	\$2,526,000	31	\$1,493,000	2,350, 000	\$3,790,000
South Carolina	1281602	\$80,900,000	1058	\$34,400,000	\$60,500,000	\$106,900,000
South Dakota	4423548	\$599,900,000	8327	\$287,900,000	\$477,100,000	\$834,600,000
Tennessee	10545648	\$1,400,600,000	20021	\$832,100,000	\$1,309,300,000	\$2,166,100,000
Texas	5339503	\$322,700,000	4464	\$172,100,000	\$272,200,000	\$487,600,000
Utah	15678160	\$1,899,600,000	26507	\$985,400,000	\$1,702,000,000	\$2,981,200,000
Vermont	71799	\$4,800,000	61	\$2,100,000	\$3,700,000	\$6,400,000
Virginia	23263467	\$1,494,300,000	21159	\$769,300,000	\$1,301,300,000	\$2,274,400,000
Washington	8294749	\$565,100,000	6106	\$278,000,000	\$495,300,000	\$780,200,000
Wisconsin	650296	\$64,600,000	929	\$31,100,000	\$50,700,000	\$93,000,000
West Virginia	2343355	\$120,500,000	1599	\$47,800,000	\$79,200,000	\$146,000,000
Wyoming	7683019	\$1,098,600,000	14522	\$479,300,000	\$796,200,000	\$1,425,000,000
Total	282,144,028	\$24,325,226,000	340,883	\$13,662,593,000	\$22,368,700,000	\$38,044,998,000

The National Park Service received a regular appropriation of \$3.475 billion in fiscal year 2023. For each dollar spent on the operating budget of the NPS, \$11 is generated. \$1 to \$11 in benefits for conserved lands managed by the NPS

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ALABAMA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Alabama	1,287,291	\$88,900,000	1,338	\$39,200,000	\$63,600,000	\$121,900,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Alabama, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, Freedom Riders National Monument, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail.

ALABAMA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced ranger led-tours. This is a new park that has continued to experience staff hiring and capacity challenges, while visitation to the Civil Rights District has steadily increased. The A.G. Gaston Motel operates with two park rangers. The federal government hiring freeze has prevented BICR from hiring two GS-5 park guides. Due to staffing (2 park rangers), ranger-led tours will be limited.
Cause	Freedom Riders National Monument
Staffing Shortage & Building Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Center Hours Reduced due to short staffing through much of 2024. Regular staff is currently one park ranger. No issues were previously reported but there is a new issue. The Visitor Center was closed due to a failure of the HVAC system and high heat index. A replacement cooling system was ordered but has not yet arrived. It is anticipated the replacement unit will be delivered and installed in the next few weeks. The visitor center will reopen when the cooling has been restored.
Cause	Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
Staffing Shortage & Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Roads Closed. The Tour Road and Nature Trail were destroyed by EF3 Tornado. Visitor safety and resource damage prevent trail from being open. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Priority remains recovery of tour road before addressing nature trail. The tour road is partially closed due to EF3 tornado damage in the park. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park staff have developed plan to mitigate aerial hazards and clear debris by hand that is appropriate for archeological site. Reduced staffing due to deployment to support GRCA and VIIS, staff on military active duty and limitations on travel and budget have hindered recovery timeline. The tour road may open by the end of FY25. The park has been awarded an AmeriCorps team arriving Nov 2025, which will benefit recovery efforts and increase visitor access.

ALASKA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Alaska	3,254,809	\$1,504,900,000	21,274	\$838,700,000	\$1,292,400,000	\$2,307,600,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Alaska, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Alaska Public Land Centers, Aleutian Islands World War II, and Iñupiat Heritage Center

ALASKA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

Cause	National Park and Description of Conditions
	Bering Land Bridge National Preserve
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Visitor Center in Nome, Alaska. Bering Land Bridge National Preserve's Visitor Center is temporarily closed for renovations.
	Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Trail Chilkoot National Historic Trail Center. Chilkoot Trail Center has delayed expansion of hours until late May, but back to normal hours as staffing allows and before the trail season opens June 1st. Personnel that are usually in trail center diverted to Visitor Center until seasonals onboard to reach the greatest number of visitors. Hours of operations were reduced to 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. 7 days a week until staffing allows to expand back to 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for the summer season.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Visitor Center. Hours of operations are reduced to 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 7 days a week until staffing is allowed to expand back to 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for summer season. This issue has been resolved.
	Lake Clark National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours & Port Alsworth Visitor Contact Station. Days of operation from Memorial Day to Labor Day will be reduced from 7 days a week to 3 days a week.
	Bering Land Bridge National Preserve
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Visitor Center for renovations. Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

Cause	Denali National Park and Preserve
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Campgrounds, Eielson Visitor Center, Wonder Lake Campground and Contact Station Closure due to the Pretty Rocks landslide and the closure of the park road at Mile 43.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Denali Visitor Center and Denali Backcountry Adventures. Visitor center hours are reduced, and Denali Backcountry Adventures are canceled in July. • Cancelled Education Programs Denali Discovery Camps are canceled in June. Daytime programming will be offered instead. • Partially Cancelled Education Program Denali Field Camp: Two of the four multi-night camps are canceled in July. • Partially Cancelled Education Program Denali Science School: Two of four sessions are canceled in May. Four of 10 sessions may be canceled in September. • Reduced Ranger-led Tour Campground Program are reduced. Ranger-led Tours are reduced. • Reduced Hours at Walter Harper Ranger Station. Ranger Station with Visitor Center-like area are reduced.

ARIZONA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Arizona	10,809,520	\$1,225,000,000	17,319	\$684,200,000	\$1,156,700,000	\$1,997,000,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Arizona, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Butterfield Overland Trail, Juan Batista de Anza Trail, the Old Spanish Trail, and Grand Canyon Parashant.

ARIZONA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours at Visitor Center: Kris Eggle Visitor Center had reduced hours, and reverted to seasonal hours aligned with normal seasonal operations.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Access to Twin Peaks Campground. The camp is closing to 50% occupancy (75 campgrounds); within normal seasonal operations at the park.
Cause	Pipe Spring National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced hours of the VC/Museum regarding outreach and school on site visits organized for education programs. Reduced hours of the VC/Museum and the 40-acre monument for the summer schedule.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours at Pipe Spring NM Visitors Center. Keeping hours at the Visitors Center the same (8:30-4:30) instead of moving to summer hours (8-5). Looking at closing the Visitors Center 2 days a week (mid-week) due to collection of fees (background), separation of duty, and staffing shortage.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center & Museum. Only 3 permanent full-time staff is less than half of the usual staff to support summer hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. so now it will stay with winter hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance Windsor Castle Historical Pioneer Fort. From 7 days a week & 2 formal programs a day to open 3 days a week when visitation is peak on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Eliminate off-site education programs at the surrounding schools. Reduce number of schools traveling to the park for on-site formal education programs.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel Ranger-led Tours through Winsor Castle. Eliminate ranger-led tours on the trail. Keeping hours at the Visitors Center the same (8:30-4:30) instead of moving to summer hours (8:00-5:00). Might close the Visitors Center 2 days a week (mid-week) due to collection of fees (background) and separation of duty.
Cause	Fort Bowie National Historic Site
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Visitor Center Hours and Facilities. Facility will be closed Mon-Wed weekly from 4/21 to 9/4/25. Facility will have reduced hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thurs-Sun from 4/21 to 9/4/25. All trails, grounds and bathrooms remain open daily. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Visitor center will close Tues-Sat until seasonal staff can be onboarded December 2025. All trails, grounds, and bathrooms remain open.
Cause	Grand Canyon National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours North Rim Entrance Station Hours of operation reduced by 3 hours Wednesday to Sunday (At current staffing of 3). Hours not posted on the park website. This will result in a decrease in park revenue. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. North Rim visitor services are closed for the remainder of the 2025 season due to the Dragon Bravo Fire.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced maintenance public structures and lodging within the park. Reduction in ability to provide pest management services, both immediate needs and preventative in all buildings and park lodging. Also, no monitoring or prevention of zoonotic diseases (plague, rabies, hantavirus, bedbugs). There will also be less response to visitor/wildlife interactions impacting visitor safety. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance of Campgrounds Parkwide (includes Mather Campground, Desert View Campground, North Rim Campground, and the six inner canyon campgrounds where there are visitor use restrooms/composting toilets). Reduced custodial cleaning services result in only maintaining basic stock levels (toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap) and removing trash at some locations. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours at South Entrance Station. There will be reduced staffing at the South Rim Entrance Station by 3 hours daily due to staffing shortages. This will result revenue losses. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced In-Park Field Trips. We would normally fund school field trips from April to June. However, due to a loss of 2 keys positions, we reduced the field trip season by half. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Grand Canyon Village Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., 7 days a week. We normally open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., 7 days a week, but due to staffing shortage, we cannot be open those last 2 hours. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance of all visitor use buildings (Grand Canyon Visitor Center, North Rim Visitor Center, Verkamps Visitor Information Center, Yavapai Geology Museum, Desert View Watchtower, and 36 visitor comfort stations). Any electrical issues may require temporarily closing a facility until a contractor electrician can make corrective repairs. These issues could potentially render a facility unsafe for visitor use until the electrical issue can be resolved. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Programs Interpretive Programs on the South Rim. On the South Rim, we will have 2 - 4 less interpretive programs a day due to the staffing losses. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced maintenance of 36 Visitor restrooms and 14 vault toilet facilities. Reduction in frequency of custodial cleaning services resulting in only replenishing stock levels (toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap) and removing trash at some locations. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced maintenance snowplow operations and solid waste removal/garbage truck operations. Focus will be on critical roadway failures that render roads impassable and will not address roadways falling into disrepair or parking lot surface failures. This includes potholes and failing road shoulders that result in tort claims during the busy season. In the area of solid waste removal, reduced services will potentially result in overflowing dumpsters. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trail Maintenance of North Rim Unpaved Trails. Trail maintenance will only focus on restoring failed trail tread and removing trees blocking the trail. Consequently, basic trail maintenance to address visitor reported trail damage and some project work to rehabilitate sections of trail with a deferred maintenance backlog will increase. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. North Rim paved trails are currently closed due to the Dragon Bravo Fire.

ARKANSAS

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Arkansas	4,447,751	\$288,800,000	4,015	\$110,700,000	\$198,100,000	\$375,300,000

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ARKANSAS NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

Cause	National Park and Description of Conditions
	Buffalo National Park
Contracting & Funding Freeze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Closure. Tyler Bend Day Use Area Restroom and Pavilion Facilities closed mid-phase construction due to BIL funding freeze. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Contract reinstated but work is planned to resume in the fall of 2025.
Contracting & Funding Freeze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Access Points (river put-ins). Tyler Bend Lower Launch Access point closed mid-phase construction due to BIL funding freeze. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Contract reinstated but work is planned to resume Fall 2025.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Access Points (river put-ins). Rush put-in Limited visitor access due to road failure. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Buffalo Steel Creek Contact Station. Closed due to storm damage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Buffalo Point Contact Station. Maintaining winter hours through summer season. Normal winter hours Thursday-Monday 9 a.m. -3 p.m. versus normal summer hours 7 days a week 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Current hours are Thursday-Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4 pm. closed Tues/Wed. Staff is redirected to other park areas.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Bend Visitor Center. Maintaining winter hours through summer season. Normal winter hours Thursday-Monday 9 a.m. -3 p.m. versus normal summer hours 7 days a week 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Current hours are Thursday-Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4 pm. closed Tues/Wed. Staff is redirected to other park areas.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger Led Tours. Tour are reduced including dark night, leave no trace, geology, natural and cultural resources, and prescribed fire programs. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Community Programs. 7-10 school programs per month reduced to 0-1 per month. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

CALIFORNIA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
California	36,211,847	\$3,162,900,000	39,678	\$2,022,500,000	\$3,229,300,000	\$5,146,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in California, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Alcatraz Island, Butterfield Overland Trail, California National Historic Trail, Castle Mountain National Monument, Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, Old Spanish Trail, Pony Express Trail, and Presidio of San Francisco.

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

Cause	National Park and Associated Issue
	Cesar E. Chavez National Monument
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center Cesar E. Chavez National Monument. Visitor Center operates one Visitor Center (VC), which includes the only restrooms onsite at the park located inside the VC, 7 days a week. We are currently keeping the VC open 7 days a week, but are only able to do that because of assistance received by our park partner, National Chavez Center (NCC). The park cannot operate a 7 day / week operations schedule, solely relying on the 3 National Park Service staff at the Monument (1 - Superintendent, 1 - Park Ranger (Interpretation) and 1 - Facilities Supervisor). We currently have a Task Agreement (TA) submitted to send funding to NCC to support operations for 2025. If that TA is not approved, VC operations will have to be reduced. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed TA with NCC was approved. Currently open 7 days/week, with very limited staffing.
Cause	Death Valley National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Historic Structure: Scotty's Castle Reopening Scotty's Castle has been indefinitely delayed. Two early-stage projects will continue because of funding rules. All other projects required for reopening have been delayed, including rehabilitating a building for a visitor contact station, providing legally-required accessibility services, and making the grounds safe for the public. At least two years will be required from hiring sufficient staff to execute these projects to opening. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, the lack of technical staff continues ongoing contracting delays.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Historic Structure Scotty's Castle: Scotty's Castle will remain closed indefinitely (Fall 2026 no longer reopening date) to focus on completing critical site infrastructure improvement projects, safe return of the museum collection, and identifying ways to staff it. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, the lack of technical staff continues ongoing contracting delays.
Maintenance & Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance. Maintenance has canceled, delayed, or reorganized 9 of 19 Cyclic projects and 3 of 6 long-term planning efforts. Only 4 of 22 multi-year projects have been paused, however new projects are not being generated, which will result in long-term mission degradation. Notable canceled projects include replacing fire hydrants at Scotty's Castle and Grapevine, increasing risk of irreparable damage to the Scotty's Castle Historic District and endangering the public and employees. Generating projects to protect public health by reducing deferred maintenance in public water systems has been delayed indefinitely. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, the lack of technical staff continues ongoing contracting delays.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Closure: Dante's View Vault Toilet. Vault toilet was destroyed in a vehicle accident and will remain closed until fully replaced; no temporary toilet facilities will be maintained at the popular viewpoint and trailhead. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, there is a lack of technical staff continues to cause ongoing contracting and financial agreement delays.
Staffing Shortage & Funding Freeze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure: The park has had to pause or delay many flood recovery and disaster relief projects due to lack of staffing, funding financial agreement freezes, and no new interagency agreements. Notable paused projects that would affect visitor access to parts of the park, include projects with shared road management requiring an interagency agreement, extended delays on access roads and trails to popular destinations such as to Darwin Falls, and unpaved road daily repairs due to lack of labor. The Road Plan and coordination with contractors for 2025 work has also been paused. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Delays are also related to lack of technical staff, contracting & financial agreements.

Cause	Devil's Post Pile National Monument
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Historic Ranger/Visitor Contact Station, campgrounds, roads, and trails. At a minimum the Ranger Contact Station will be closed to the public on weekdays when Reds Meadow Road is closed to the public for road construction. Our staffing approach this year for ranger services is the same as it was last year during road closure periods. While Reds Meadow Road is being repaired, no shuttle busses will be running. Park Rangers will be unavailable to staff the Historic Ranger/Visitor Contact Station and will not rove the trails to provide safety and emergency response. USFS will not issue wilderness permits for local trails during these times, and tourists will not be encouraged to recreate in Reds Meadow Valley unless they are prepared for a backcountry experience or are with a permitted guide service. These precautions were successful last year in reducing the number of emergency response needs while road construction was active.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Contact Station. Historic Ranger/Visitor Contact Station. At a minimum the Historic Ranger Station / Visitor Contact Station will be closed to the public on weekdays when Reds Meadow Road is closed to the public for road construction. See USFS Reds Meadow Road access schedule online.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure. Reds Meadow Road. USFS managed road that provides access to the park. Reds Meadow Road Reconstruction Project is a multi-year construction project managed by FHWA. The road is located on USFS managed land, so NPS has no control and limited influence regarding the closure schedule for this road work. Reds Meadow Road is the only vehicle access to the park. Some users access the park by hiking trail (PCT, JMT, local trails) but those who access the park by trail are more self-contained and require fewer ranger services. If not for the current road damage that is being repaired, DEPO would be open 7 days a week for all types of park users.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure: Meadow Road Reconstruction Project is a multi-year construction project managed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The road is located on USFS managed land, so NPS has no control and limited influence regarding the closure schedule for this road work. Reds Meadow Road is the only vehicle access to the park. Many visitors access the park by hiking trail (PCT, JMT, local trails) but those who access the park by trail are more self-contained and require fewer ranger services. Park facilities should be open 7 days a week for all types of park users. Park Rangers will not be available to staff the HR/VCS, offer programs, nor rove the trails to provide safety and emergency response when the Reds Meadow Road is closed. Our staffing approach this year for ranger services is the same as it was last year during road closure periods.

Cause	Joshua Tree National Park and Description of Conditions
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial closure backpacking and day hiking areas. Covington Flats off-road, backpacking, and day hiking areas are partially closed. Seasonal closures for fire danger. Park relies on fuels treatments in Covington Flats area related to invasive grasses and dry lightning during monsoon season. Vacant GS-11 Vegetation Specialist is responsible for managing funded fuels projects; park is limited in capacity to oversee contracts and agreements to complete this work. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Preparedness Level rising, resulting in reduced resources and increased risk. In late May, the park experienced a fire in this area; had good response at that time and kept it to around 200 acres. Temporary closure over July 4 weekend.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced fee collection at West and North Fee Stations; Cottonwood, 29 Palms, and Joshua Tree Visitor Center Fee Collection Desks. Reduced fee booth staff coverage and reduced ability to provide visitor safety and trip planning. JOTR hosts 3 million visitors per year: 28% stop into visitor centers, while 72% rely on contacts with fee collection rangers to provide safety info and maps. Current staffing does not allow for a late afternoon/evening shift. Reduced services include: 1) fewer visitors get information needed for a safe and enjoyable experience, 2) less fee revenue to support visitor center and fee booth staffing, 3) potential for increased vehicle congestion, search and rescue call outs, and 4) less revenue to support improved facilities to serve the public (e.g. new toilets, repairing potholed roads, properly signing trails). This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. JOTR has deployed staff to assist other parks and had additional resignations. Reduced visitation is helping, but visitors are experiencing reduced services. Planning to onboard seasonals this winter.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced capacity to issue permits requiring section 106 (NHPA) compliance. These include fixed anchor replacement requests in areas that lack archeological survey and evaluation. 20% of visitors come to JOTR specifically to rock climb. Other impacts include actions that require 106 compliance including installing trail signage/delineating trails to popular climbing areas, FLREA construction projects, and repairs associated with historic structures or areas with potentially affected cultural resources. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Working with network parks to share compliance labor.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) Parkwide: Preventative search and rescue relies on GS-11 PSAR/EMS Coordinator (vacant) to supervise 30+ PSAR volunteers. Lower graded PSAR support ranger has been tasked with helping collect fees, traffic control, and campground patrols to backfill existing vacancies. In addition, these other tasks take away from PSAR activities. Summer season is critical for PSAR. Intercepting unprepared visitors is the best way to reduce search and rescue incidents. Interceptions provide education, ensure visitors have food, water, and a game plan. Four years of PSAR have a proven track record of reducing incidents and improving visitor and employee safety. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Cause	Lassen Volcanic National Park
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Campgrounds: Juniper Lake Campground. Delayed opening due to Dixie Fire damage and on-going tree mortality and resulting hazard trees. The CCC Agreement is currently at DOI for review. This agreement affects other campgrounds as well as Juniper Lake and would help with general campground debris cleanup. Wood waste contracts are also needed to remove log decks previously consolidated by hazard tree crews along the road out to the site. This campground always gets prioritized last for opening because it is at the highest elevation and the road crew goes there last because of snowpack. This issue is occurring but the details have changed. Park has made progress with a wood waste removal agreement with BIA and Mooretown Rancheria. However, the agreement is awaiting signature at BIA. The CCC agreement was finally approved and crews are slated to conduct work at this site in August (as long as crews are not sent out on fires which is a high probability.) Our forester is conducting work at this site the week of July 23 to mark hazard trees and coordinate CCC and Mooretown work.
Staffing Shortage & Contract Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Lassen Volcanic Highway 89 - Main Road through park. For awareness - this road is closed during winter and typically takes until June/July to open depending on snow conditions. We lost additional assistance from Caltrans this year which could delay the operation by 3 weeks. The park submitted an updated agreement hoping to resume work in 2026. This issue has been resolved. Road opened June 27.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Center Partial Closure. Loomis Museum - Visitor Contact Station at Manzanita Lake. We cannot open for the summer season without additional seasonal hires. Normal hours would be a 5-days per week operation from Memorial Day weekend to Oct 18 (PP22). We have exhausted the best qualified certs and moving on to the next round with the hope this VC could eventually open. We have prioritized staffing our main Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center (KYVC) at the Southwest entrance. This Visitor Center goes to a 7-day operation May 22 and also houses our Concession Cafe and Retail operation as well as one of our Cooperating Association Bookstore locations. The association also has a bookstore location at Loomis Plaza and we would aim to set up a table on weekends (manned by our education staff) to help with the additional visitation they would incur with the Loomis Museum being closed. Also, if there are further delays with onboarding our Interpretive seasonals this will impact our ability to convert to a 7-day operation at KYVC. We also are plugging our re-hired probationary employee into the KYVC schedule in order to keep the KYVC open. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. This location is open with modified hours. Fri-Sun from 10-2 and had extended hours during the July 4th weekend. We were able to secure Volunteers for a 6-week window this summer and they are currently assisting with this operation. We lost multiple seasonals because of the delay in hiring and ultimately only got 1 of 8 Interpretative seasonals hired for our VCs and Youth Camp.

Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Campgrounds. Manzanita Lake Campground - North entrance to park/ Delay in opening. We are awaiting a \$100K contract to be DOI reviewed/approved to deal with hazard tree removal in this campground. This is our biggest revenue generating campground, our largest and most popular campground. We want to capture the Memorial Day holiday weekend revenue and not cancel reservations. This issue has been resolved. Contract was awarded and this campground opened on time for Memorial Day weekend.
Fire and Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Campgrounds. Southwest Campground. Potential delay in opening. Awaiting DOI review of CCC Agreement as well as concrete contract and campground amenity acquisition for fire rings, bear lockers, bear-resistant trash cans, picnic tables. This campground has been closed since the 2021 Dixie Fire. We made headway with hazard tree removal last year and now need to put finishing touches on getting it ready for use this summer. After the final concrete work is complete, the CCC crews would help with clean-up and placing amenities. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Delay in CCC agreement and other contracts has caused a delay at this location. Some work has been done by park staff, and we are targeting a potential opening in early August. We have always had a work-around and allowed self-contained camping in the parking lot with 24-hour restroom access at the VC.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Potable Drinking Water at Campgrounds. Reduction of potable drinking water at select campgrounds. We are working hard to avoid this outcome. If it comes to this, we will prioritize by logistics and visitation stats. We currently have 2 WTOs for 10 Water Treatment Plants that require 7-day/week monitoring. The hiring freeze hindered our ability to hire a permanent career seasonal to assist with water treatment duties. In addition, we were told we couldn't add PD #s to reach a more qualified WG-05 to help with the water monitoring. And because we couldn't hire additional custodians, we are juggling the entire maintenance workload to handle all of the custodial, trash, water, electrical, plumbing, carpentry needs of the park in a very inefficient way. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park is awaiting USRO-Water treatment announcement to be advertised.
Cause	Point Reyes National Park
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Closure: South Beach Restrooms. Restrooms are down due to a septic issue, hope to have resolved by 5/1/25. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Temporary bathroom facilities have been placed at the site for public use. Permanent repairs require design and construction of new septic tank and leach field.

Cause	Redwood National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger-led Tours and Law Enforcement: Forest walks, campfire programs and Ranger talks. Programs currently offered only on weekends. All programs will be indefinitely cancelled until seasonals arrive and are trained. State Parks has limited capacity to fill gaps, but will work with NPS staff to prioritize visitor center operation and do ranger led programs as staffing allows. This issue has been resolved. We are fully staffed with seasonal interpretive rangers and offering the full suite of programs for this time of year. Of more recent concern not identified in the previous entry, are the losses in LE Ranger staffing, in our south district that is putting pressure on our ability to protect park resources, staff, and visitors. Partner agency staff is assisting us to hire and fill vacancies in this regard.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Hiouchi Visitor Center. The Visitor Center may continue winter/spring hours until permanent and seasonal staff is on-boarded.
Cause	San Francisco Maritime Historic Ships National Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Access Reduced to Historic Ships berthed at Hyde Street Pier. Public access onto historic ships is reduced to visual access from pier only. Ships are relocated from Hyde Street Pier to Mare Island, in Vallejo, CA for the next several years. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Steamboat Ferry Eureka is scheduled to leave Hyde Street Pier (HSP) in August 2025. Public access to historic ships at HSP will be further reduced. Visual access to the ships is available at Mare Island in Vallejo. The park is planning for gangways at Mare Island to provide visitor access.
Cause	Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Ranch Center Road/Trail (in Cheeseboro Canyon Area) Trail is closed on weekdays from 8-5 through May so that Southern California Gas Company can complete necessary line inspections and repairs. The park approved a permit for this work. This issue has been resolved Gas Company work was fully completed on June 6th. Trail is fully open.
Cause	Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
Staffing Shortage & Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Campgrounds Dorst & Buckeye Campgrounds: These seasonal campgrounds will remain closed for the 2025 season. Buckeye Flat Campground is closed for 2025 due to damage from repeated winter storms in early 2023. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Campgrounds Sheep Creek, Canyon View, Moraine Campgrounds. These seasonal campgrounds will reopen sometime during 2025 camping season as disaster recovery facility repairs are made. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. A contract has been awarded and work started to repair damage to the comfort stations. Hazard Tree mitigation should be complete in one campground in July with the other two progressing in early August. We anticipate restoring public access in phases as work in campground loops is complete.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure South Fork Campground: Closed indefinitely as campground was destroyed in 2023 flooding disaster incident. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Interpretive Programs: Grant Grove interpretive programs suspended until seasonal staffing onboard. This issue has been resolved. Seasonal staff onboarded. Ranger led interpretive programs are commensurate with the planned seasonal staffing level.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Public Cave Tours: Crystal Cave tours, led by a park cooperater, will resume in 2025 but for a shortened season as the facilities will close in September (2 1/2 months early) to accommodate disaster recovery access road repairs. This issue has been resolved. Cave tours led by a park cooperater resumed as planned.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure. This seasonal road will reopen in Spring 2025 but will re-close in September to accommodate FHWA-contracted disaster recovery repairs. This issue has been resolved. The road reopened on time.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure: Middle Fork & Crystal Cave Roads. This low volume road will reopen sometime during 2025 when FHWA-contracted disaster recovery repairs are made. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. A FHWA contract has been awarded to repair damage to these roads. Pre-Construction kick-off meeting scheduled 7/31.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Road. Redwood Saddle. This low volume road will reopen sometime in 2025 as disaster recovery washouts are repaired. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Visitor Center Hours. Grant Grove Visitor Center Closed one day per week (slowest day) until seasonal staffing onboard. This issue has been resolved. The Grant Grove Visitor Center is open daily.

Cause	Whiskeytown
Fire and Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campgrounds Closure Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Coggins Park Backcountry Campground. This backcountry campground has remained closed since the 2018 Carr Fire. Supplemental Context: There are funded projects and strategic plans in place to restore and reopen the site in upcoming fiscal years. The area has been prioritized for redevelopment based on its recreational value and alignment with long-term visitor access goals. We reported no issues previously and this remains true.
Fire Damage and Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Area, Group Camping and Road Closure: Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Pioneer Drive Road, Whiskey Creek Group Sites (Day use picnic - reservation sites), Pioneer Drive Road, Whiskey Creek Group Sites (Day use picnic - reservation sites) have remained closed since the 2018 Carr Fire. The road will remain closed through the 2025 summer season due to ongoing construction activities. An immense amount of restoration work has already been completed; however, significant repairs and reconstruction tasks remain at the day-use reservation sites. The park plans to keep the area closed to reservation and exclude vehicle traffic. We will make the site safe and allow boat in traffic to the site, consistent with the last 6 years while we identify strategies for completing the necessary work of pouring concrete, finishing construction of the shade structures, and generally site preparation. We reported no issues previously and this remains true.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger Services & Ranger Led Tours: Park staff have exhausted 2 lists of interpretation seasonal applicants and have only been able to hire 2 of 4 seasonals with the Schedule A hiring Authority. Delays in identifying, hiring, and onboarding seasonal interpretation staff impact the park's ability to train, and schedule required safety programs for the on-water kayak and paddleboard programs. The park may deliver the kayak and paddleboard programs but will reduce the number dramatically from what has been given in the past. • Invasive Species Issue Golden Mussel: The park plans to pivot staff to Golden Mussel, a new and eminent invasive species threat, for education and prevention activities. The new staff will be providing educational materials and talking to visitors about the need for keeping boats and equipment clean, dry and free of mussels to protect the Whiskeytown lake and visitor experience.
Storm & Fire Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Closures: Mill Creek Trail remains closed due to extensive damage during the 2018 Carr Fire and immediate winter storms. The trail will remain closed until construction activities are completed. We reported no issues previously and this remains true. The 7-mile Mill Creek Trail is undergoing assessment and design for a full reroute into a more sustainable corridor. It has been prioritized for restoration and is part of a long-term recovery initiative aimed at improving trail resiliency and user safety.

Cause	Yosemite
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Availability of Yosemite Campgrounds. Yosemite Valley, Wawona District, Tuolumne District, and Backcountry campgrounds. Delayed openings⁶. The park is prioritizing opening campgrounds that are the most popular, broadly accessible, largest and with the longest seasons - marked by asterisk*. There will be no cancelling of pre-existing reservations. This issue has been resolved. All campgrounds are open. Tuolumne Meadows Campground will reopen Aug 1 following \$26M renovation project.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yosemite Concession Operations Closure Wawona Hotel, High Sierra Camps, NPS ranger support of Valley Floor Tour, Tuolumne Concessioner Visitor Services. a. Wawona Hotel – Closed until at least FY26 due to structural/safety issues; re-opening will require a comprehensive rehabilitation plan. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Wawona Hotel remains closed due to a structural issue and design for repairs in moving forward. The concessioner experience of the High Sierra Camps is not operating, although backpackers can still visit them. Valley Floor Tours DO feature NPS rangers since late-June. b. High Sierra Camps – Closed until FY26 (serve a small number of visitors) c. Valley Floor Tour – Concession-operated tram will not feature NPS rangers this spring/summer (they operate without NPS rangers during the winter). d. Tuolumne Concessioner Visitor Services - See Other Facility ("Tuolumne Visitor Services")
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yosemite Contact Station Delayed Seasonal Opening: Big Oak Flat Visitor Information Station. Opening at end of May could be delayed. Park is prioritizing keeping the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center open. Valley VC services the majority of visitors for the longest season. This issue has been resolved Big Oak Flat is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation Yosemite Ranger-led Tour: Yosemite Valley Ranger-led Walks. No NPS Ranger-led tours in Yosemite Valley until at least July. Concessioner-led tours remain available in the Valley. This issue has been resolved. Ranger-led tours are available.

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- a. *Upper Pines (240 total sites): 100% capacity now; 50% capacity June 15
- b. *Lower Pines (75 total sites): 100% capacity now; possible reduced capacity June 15
- c. Valley Backpacker's (22 total sites): opening delayed until June 15
- d. *Camp 4 (61 total sites): 50% capacity until June 15; possible reduced capacity June 15
- e. *Wawona (97 total sites): 100% capacity now; 85% capacity June 15
- f. Bridalveil Creek (110 total sites): normal opening date of July 1 may be delayed
- g. Crane Flat (151 sites): opening delayed until at least June 15
- h. *Hodgdon Meadow (108 total sites): 100% capacity now; 50% capacity June 15
- i. Tamarack Flat (54 total sites): opening delayed until at least June 15
- j. White Wolf (74 total sites): opening delayed until FY26 due to damaged wastewater system.
- l. Porcupine Flat (56 total sites): normal opening date of July 1 may be delayed
- m. Tuolumne Meadows (336 sites): normal opening date of July 1 may be delayed.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Visitor Center: Wawona Visitor Center Opening at end of May could be delayed. Park is prioritizing keeping Yosemite Valley Visitor Center open. Valley VC serves the majority of visitors and is open year-round. This issue has been resolved. Wawona VC is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partially or Fully Closed Tuolumne Visitor Facilities: Partial closure Tuolumne Visitor Facilities: NPS campground and visitor center, Concession-operated lodge, food services, gas station, store. (Per previously shared briefing statement) The Tuolumne Meadows (TM) area of Yosemite National Park may remain partially or fully closed during the summer-fall of 2025 due to operational constraints. Opening of TM campground, visitor center, concession lodging and store, employee and concessionaire housing all depend on a functional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The WWTP generally operates from mid-May to mid-October. Current staffing levels (which are compounded by the federal hiring freeze) do not allow for simultaneous operation of the Tuolumne WWTP for the entire season, and the higher priority El Portal WWTP, without additional staffing to operate Tuolumne Meadows WWTP. In addition to a recent announcement for permanent WWTP staff, the park is exploring multiple alternate paths to provide WWTP operation services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Contracting the plant operation, • 2. Borrowing licensed USROs from other parks. This issue has been resolved Tioga Rd opened Memorial Day, and all facilities in TM were running and staffed by 09 June - on pace or ahead of typical openings.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Yosemite Education Program: NPS-led School Field Trips Cancellation of up to 3 out of 14 ranger-led school field trips (21%) through end of May. Other educational programs are still provided by park partner (NatureBridge). This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced services Yosemite Medical Clinic: Yosemite Medical Clinic. There may be a near-term reduction (from late April until the end of May) in health services -X-rays and spirometry exams- due to a lack of credentialed nurses. Clients would need to travel at least 1 hour to an alternate location outside of the park. This issue has been resolved. Park is using rotations of military medical staff to boost clinic capacity.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Yosemite Valley Wilderness Permit Office. Delayed opening of 7-day/week in-person wilderness permit issuance until mid-May (office will be open weekends only). Wilderness permit holders will be notified by phone how to pick up permit and how to rent bear-proof food storage equipment. This issue has been resolved. Fully staffed & opened.

COLORADO

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Colorado	7,280,580	\$795, 900,000	11,133	\$471,500,000	\$769,400,000	\$1,279,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Colorado, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Amache National Historic Site, California National Historic Trail, the Old Spanish Trail, the Colorado Trail, the Pony Express Trail, Santa Fe Trail, and Yucca House National Monument.

COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and Description of Conditions
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Center Partial Closure. Visitor center is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays (however, information and restrooms are available in the foyer). This issue has been resolved. Seasonal staff allow for the VC to be open 7 days/week.
Cause	Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services Ranger-led Tour: Night Sky Ranger Programs held at the park’s outdoor amphitheater (near the campground) will likely be limited to one per week (Saturday night). In the past, these programs were offered more than one time a week. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Staffing Visitor Center: Visitor Center of Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve Hours of operations in the summer will be maintained at those of winter hours – 7 days a week, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. In the past, Visitor Center hours were extended in the summertime, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, to serve more visitors, especially in the latter part of the day. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Mesa Verde National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Wetherill Mesa Cliff Dwelling: Wetherill Mesa, normally open daily, May–October, offers access to two cliff dwellings (one only accessible by Ranger tour), trails (hiking and biking) to archaeological sites, restrooms, limited concessions, and a visitor contact facility. It was closed in 2023 and 2024 for construction. The park plans to reopen Wetherill Mesa in 2025, operating 5 days a week, instead of 7, due to limited Law Enforcement and Dispatch staffing available to respond to emergencies (visitor injuries and illnesses) and provide safety/ back up for law enforcement patrolling operations. While Wetherill typically receives 30,000 annual visitors, this change is expected to affect 5,000–7,000 visitor. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Currently working to hire a lead Dispatch and Chief Ranger. Certs have been issued for both positions.

Cause	Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Contact Station: In December 2024, the park closed the 1976 reconstruction of the fort to the public due to concern around the facilities condition resulting from nearly 50 years of use and issues resulting from the original design and construction, which accelerated previously documented and monitored areas of concern, creating numerous safety hazards which must be addressed. Park staff have stabilized the primary areas of concern and are monitoring the building now. A contracting request for a temporary contact station which would allow the park store to resume operations, to be located at the park's visitor parking lot was submitted in mid-January 2025 but has not progressed, and has no timeline to expect delivery of this needed facility. • A plan to restore public access to the fort through guided tours is nearly ready after review by the regional safety officer. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. <p>A contract was awarded for the contact station in early July; expected delivery of the temporary contact station structure is expected in October 2025. Stabilization work in and around the reconstructed fort focusing on the greatest areas of concern was completed in the spring, and since Memorial Day weekend guided tours have been entering the structure 5 days a week.</p> <p>Staff are now working with partners to increase access into the interior of the building for the off-season period. This increased access into the plaza should occur in August. Guided tours and increased access will continue as long as the condition of the building remains stable.</p>
Contracting & Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Western National Park Store (formerly located inside the reconstructed fort) The Western National Park Store is more accurately a cooperating association operation but is currently closed due to the closure of the 1976 reconstructed fort at the park. In recent years, the gross sales of this park store have been close to \$200,000 annually. In December 2024, the reconstruction was closed to the public due to a series of structural and safety issues. The WNPA park store was located in the portion of the building that demonstrated the greatest structural risks, and while a plan to restore access to the reconstructed fort is underway, the former store area is not part of those plans at this time. A contracting request for a temporary contact station which would allow the park store to resume operations, to be located at the park's visitor parking lot was submitted in mid-January 2025 but has not progressed at this time and we have no timeline to expect delivery of this needed facility. <p>This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Delay in arrival of the contact station continues to negatively impact store operations and visitor safety.</p> <p>With the reconstructed fort stabilized and guided tours currently occurring, the park and the cooperator are pursuing a plan for increased access to the interior of the fort which would allow a base of operations for the park store until the contact station is delivered and ready for use (anticipated in November 2025).</p>

CONNECTICUT

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Connecticut	36,313	\$2,432,000	28	\$1,428,000	\$2,328,000	\$3,508,000

DETAILED ECONOMIC DATA ON NATIONAL PARKS

Park Unit	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Weir Farm	36,313	\$2,432,000	28	\$1,428,000	\$2,328,000	\$3,508,000
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Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Connecticut, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Appalachian National Scenic Trail, New England National Scenic Trail, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and Coltsville National Historic Place.

NO CONNECTICUT NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

DELAWARE

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Delaware	126,414	\$8,500,000	118	\$4,200,000	\$6,800,000	\$11,700,000

DETAILED ECONOMIC DATA ON NATIONAL PARKS

Park Unit	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
First State NHP	143,045	\$9,580,000	127	\$5,873,000	\$9,103,000	\$14,882,000
Delaware	126,414	\$8,500,000	118	\$4,200,000	\$6,800,000	\$11,700,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Delaware, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Chesapeake Bay, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

NO DELAWARE NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

FLORIDA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Florida	13,309,144	\$870,900,000	12,082	\$457,700,000	\$776,600,000	\$1,352,800,000

FLORIDA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Cape Canaveral
Storm Damage and Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Beach Boardwalks. Select boardwalks are being reconstructed with Disaster Supplement funds due to storm damage from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Contract for construction commenced on December 2024 and will continue through June 2025. The next phase will start in November 2025 and continue through January 2026. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Construction of Boardwalks 1-7 and Eddy Creek Pier in the Playalinda District have been completed. Select boardwalks/parking areas in the Playalinda District will be partially closed for vegetation clearing. With the exception of the partial closures for vegetation clearing, this is the first time since 2022 that all boardwalks and Eddy Creek Pier have been open and accessible to the public in the Playalinda District. In November 2025, construction will begin one remaining boardwalk in Playalinda (equestrian/admin) and two boardwalks in the Apollo District. Anticipated completion for remaining boardwalks is January 2026. The park is only closing one parking area/boardwalk access at a time. Vegetation clearance is short-term. The work is essential to ensure the visitors have a safe and unobstructed walking approach to the boardwalk to access the beach. All parking areas/boardwalks are fully open and accessible on the weekends. We expect work to be completed and all parking areas/boardwalks fully open on or before August 8th.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Construction Canaveral Access Points (river put-ins) Apollo and Playalinda Districts of the park. Recurring Federal Highway Administration funded pavement preservation project for Apollo and Playalinda Districts of the park. Parking will be limited for short periods during construction. Project is scheduled to commence in late April 2025 through September 2025. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Project is ongoing. In the Apollo District, all of the parking areas and Eldora Loop Road have been repaved except for the Visitor Center parking lot. Contractor is currently paving the main road. The Contractor has run into multiple delays due to weather and lightning. Anticipated completion for Apollo is August 2025. Contractors are currently surveying parking areas in the Playa Linda District. Once the Apollo district is complete, the contractor will move all paving operations to Playalinda. Visitor Center operations in Apollo will be temporarily

	relocated to the historic Eldora State House when the contractor is ready to repave that parking lot. For Playalinda operations, no more than 2 parking areas in the district will be closed at one time. Completion Playalinda District late October 2025.
Cause	DeSoto National Memorial
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of Ranger-led Tour Kayak Tours. Kayak tours cannot be conducted due to not enough staff to cover contact station operation and the kayak tours at the same time. This issue has been resolved Interpretative. Div. modified schedule so that these programs could happen with reduced staff available.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of DeSoto National Memorial Education Program Summer Fishing Camp. Not enough staff to man the Contact Station at the same time. Modified schedule so that these programs could happen with reduced staff available.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Living History Historic Weapons Area. Camp Uzita living history camp, Palisade walls of the camp and the chickee huts were damaged by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Camp area was rendered unsafe due to the damage. Staff has done sporadic living history and historic weapons demonstrations on the berm over the Manatee River when possible. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure DeSoto National Memorial Visitor Center with museum, theater, and bookstore. Facility is still closed due to hurricane damage and in the process of recovery with Disaster Supplement 25. Staff has a pop-up contact station set up outdoors to provide visitor services to the park. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

GEORGIA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Georgia	6,781,835	\$403,900,000	5,742	\$203,300,000	\$341,400,000	\$605,400,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Georgia, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Trail of Tears and the Appalachian Trail.

GEORGIA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

Issue	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Chattahoochee River
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Parking Lot, Restrooms and One Boat Ramp. The parking lot, restrooms and one of two boat ramps are closed to the public. This issue has been resolved. Paces Mill parking lot, restrooms and one boat ramp re-opened Memorial Day weekend when the construction project was completed. This closure was not staffing as reported but a partner construction project.
Cause	Fort Frederica National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tours of Historic Town Site. The park is currently unable to offer ranger-led tours due to staffing limitations. With only one front-line Park Guide on duty, our primary focus is maintaining open and accessible visitor center operations. Without additional staff to cover the visitor center during tour times, we are unable to provide guided programs at this time. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Pursuing recruitment for winter positions and encouraging NPS applications.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure of Visitor Center Bookstore. The park's bookstore is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays because it is housed within the visitor center, which is also closed on those days due to staffing shortages. These shortages are a result of a federal hiring freeze and recent staff departures. As a result, we are unable to maintain full weekly operations. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure of Visitor Center. Due to a significant staffing shortage resulting from the federal hiring freeze, the park's visitor center is currently closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, although the grounds are open. This closure is necessary because we are unable to fill essential seasonal and permanent positions that support daily operations and visitor services. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. One seasonal staff was employed on 7/13/2025. Pursuing recruitment for winter seasonal positions.

Cause	Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure River Trail Boardwalk closed to all pedestrian traffic; remainder of trail is open. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The disruption prevents visitors from using the boardwalk bridge, which creates a break in the continuity of the trail. While the trail sections on either side of the bridge remain open, visitors must now access the portion of the trail opposite the main park area via the Heritage Trail, accessible from Coliseum Drive. This detour may cause inconvenience and limit ease of access for some users. Due to the severity of deterioration in the bridge's key structural supports, no temporary repairs could safely extend its use until a replacement could be built. However, we worked to minimize impacts by keeping the trail open on either side of the bridge and by directing visitors to alternate access points via the Heritage Trail from Coliseum Drive.

HAWAII

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Hawaii	4,808,385	\$586,500,000	6,131	\$284,200,000	\$540,500,000	\$819,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Hawaii, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Ala Kahakai and Honouliuli.

NO HAWAII NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

IDAHO

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Idaho	769,552	\$44,200,000	622	\$19,000,000	\$31,700,000	\$59,800,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Idaho, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, Lewis & Clark National Scenic Trail, and Oregon National Historic Trail.

NO IDAHO NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

ILLINOIS

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Illinois	188,138	\$13,000,000	170	\$7,800,000	\$12,600,000	\$20,800,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Illinois, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Trail of Tears, New Philadelphia National Monument, Mormon Pioneer trail, Lewis and Clark trail, Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument, and Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Pullman National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center - Historic Clock Tower Building Hours of operation for the Visitor Center are reduced to 1000-1600, Wednesday through Sunday. Closed on Monday and Tuesday. Prior to March 2025 hours of operation were 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week.

INDIANA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Indiana	3,040,462	\$156,600,000	2,016	\$68,300,000	\$115,000,000	\$204,400,000

Please note: There is one National Park Service managed unit in Indiana, which is not included in the original NPS Report and does not appear to have visitor use statistics. It is the Lewis and Clark Trail.

INDIANA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Indiana Dunes
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Dunes Learning Center: To distribute staffing to other interpretive park programs, our hours with the Dunes Learning Center students will be reduced. This issue is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Programs Ranger-led Tours Parkwide: Due to 4 of 6 supervisors in the interpretive division taking the Deferred Resignation (DRP) and Voluntary Early Retirement (VERA), ranger led tours have been significantly reduced from 575 to 100 (for the year). These changes ensure maintenance of core visitor services reach the greatest number of visitors during high-visitation hours. This issue is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance Restroom Parkwide: All custodial services to include trash removal, bathroom and office housekeeping will be reduced as 2 of the 3 permanent custodial positions are taking the DRP and will not be filled for the summer. This issue is occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced/Grounds Maintenance Parkwide: Mowing/snow removal services will need be eliminated and reduced in some areas. Staffing reduction is due to DRP.2 and the hiring freeze impacting 4 of 8 staff identified that can operate snow removal equipment and lawnmowers. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

IOWA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Iowa	171,523	\$11,900,000	172	\$5,100,000	\$8,400,000	\$15,800,000

DETAILED ECONOMIC DATA ON NATIONAL PARKS

Park Unit	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Effigy Mounds NM	61,795	\$4,502,000	68	\$1,826,000	\$3,003,000	\$5,809,000
Herbert Hoover NHS	109,728	\$7,349,000	107	\$3,147,000	\$5,221,000	\$9,801,000
Iowa	171,523	\$11,900,000	172	\$5,100,000	\$8,400,000	\$15,800,000

Please note: There are two National Park Service managed unit in Iowa, which are not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Lewis & Clark Trail and the Mormon Pioneer Trail.

NO IOWA NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

KANSAS

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Kansas	106,700	\$6,000,000	80	\$2,500,000	\$4,400,000	\$8,000,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Kansas, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Mormon Pioneer trail, Santa Fe Trail, Pony Express Trail, Oregon Trail, the California Trail and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

KANSAS NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Fort Scott National Historic
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation of Education Program. Park personnel do not possess the specific skills, experience, or certifications required of the position. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have moved to in-person park orientations until these positions can be filled.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation of Education of Civil War Encampment and Historic Weapons (Black Powder) Programs. These Demonstrations require specialized training/certifications to give the programs. With the reduction in staffing, the park has lost their trained employees and with travel restrictions, has not been able to bring in trained staff from other parks which has led to cancellation of those programs, especially for the park's 2nd largest annual event, the Civil War Encampment. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. With no certified Historic Weapons Supervisor, the park's black powder program has been shut down & black powder removed to a park with an active program. If/when this vacant position is filled the park can begin these programs again.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation of Education School Group Field Trips & Programs. Loss of Two Annual Programs: Sweep through History and Life on the Frontier, which were multi-station programs where the park partnered with the local high school to mentor students to create and present history programs to elementary students. These two events reached 1200+ students each year. Other school field trips are now self-guided with available staff only giving a short orientation talk prior to the students/teachers leading the self-guided tours. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have moved to in-person park orientations of 10-15 min. for school groups who call & schedule ahead of time. Volunteers, when available, cover the Visitor Center so the Ranger can present the orientation.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Partial Closure. Historic Structures 06, 07, & 08. All three of these facilities have been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately 12 months. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety, it is the policy of the park that 2 people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS applications and the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. Remaining park staff assist Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Structure Partial Closure HS-01 (Historic Structure 01 - Officers' Quarters No. 1, museum artifacts, exhibits). This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 of which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety, it is the policy of the park that 2 people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure HS-02 (Historic Structure 02 - Officers' Quarters No. 2) This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety, it is the policy of the park that 2 people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assist in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure HS-05 (Historic Structure 05 - Dragoon Barracks). This building has been closed for approximately 6 years due to damage from burst pipes during a freeze. This building is being rehabilitated and the park hopes to open it in FY25 although current purchasing restrictions will not allow us to replace damaged exhibit items. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The contract should be completed by the end of July & then park staff need to paint the other rooms not covered by the contract & begin moving exhibit items back into the building. We hope to reopen the building by Oct/Nov.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Structure Partial Closure HS-07 (Historic Structure 07 - Infantry Barracks, Museum Exhibits, Park Theater). This structure has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety, it is the policy of the park that 2 people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Structure Partial Closure HS-09 (Historic Structure 09 - Guardhouse, exhibits) This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Historic Structure HS-10 (Historic Structure 10 - Dragoon Stables, exhibits) This structure has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Historic Structure HS-11 (Historic Structure 11 - Post Headquarters, exhibits) This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open

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Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure HS-12 (Historic Structure 12 - Quartermaster Storehouse, museum artifacts, exhibits). This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Historic Structure HS-17 (Historic Structure 17 - Powder Magazine, exhibits) This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Historic Structure HS-31 (Historic Structure 31 - Carriage House, exhibits). This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Historic Site HS-14 (Historic Structure 14 - Post Bakery, exhibits). This building has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. Staffing Shortage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Visitor Center, HS-08 (Historic Structure 08 - Post Hospital) Visitor Center has been closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays for approximately the last 12 months. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Daily Ranger-led Tours The twice daily Ranger-led tours have been reduced to weekends only as available. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have hired 3 summer seasonals, 2 which have recently arrived & are undergoing training at this time. Park volunteers currently staff the VC on Mon/Tue & a WNPA employee staffs the VC on Fri/Sat to allow Rangers to give tours or programs. Without LE & for employee safety it is the policy of the park that two people must open & close the park. Park exhausted 4 certificates to get the 3 seasonals off the 5th certificate. Self-guided & virtual tours are available on the NPS app & the park website. The park grounds are open 7 days/week. All remaining park staff assists Interpretation in opening/closing the park for the 5 days that the facilities are open.

Cause	Tallgrass Prairie National
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger-led Tours will be reduced (including historic building tours, prairie tours, and bus tours). Current visitor services staff do not have the capacity to design and lead tours and seasonal visitor services staff may not have the expertise to design and lead tours. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Hired seasonal staffing, but limited capabilities continue to restrict the amount of daily guided tours to three days per week. With additional VSA onboarding July 29th, daily guided bus tours will be available through September 4th.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Special Events. Limited Visitor Services staff and does not have the capacity to develop and manage special events. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Permanent staffing still necessary to plan and hold major special events.

KENTUCKY

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Kentucky	1,975,538	\$114,900,000	1,690	\$53,900,000	\$85,300,000	\$158,900,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Kentucky, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Trail of Tears and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

KENTUCKY NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Mammoth Cave National Park and Associated Issues
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green River Ferry Closure. The Ferry is closed to all traffic. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Contracting process for infrastructure repairs and the ferry's navigation system has begun.
Cause	Fort Donelson National Battlefield
Reduced Maintenance & Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Mowing of Hields, Resources, and Trails providing Visitor Access. Reduced mowing cycle of primary areas, FODO staff mowing of primary areas, resources, and access trails across the multiple units. Mowing classifications and period between mowing will be extended, resulting in higher-than-average turf and vegetation, possibly altering access in some areas. Staff that now will be used to cover visitor services, as necessary. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services Ranger-led Tour. Ranger-led Interpretive and Education Programs. Due to current staffing, visitor programs will need to be reduced to 2 (weekends) to 3 days per week. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed FODO's Park Guide (Term) has left for another park and its seasonal is leaving four months early for graduate school - leaving one GS-7 Interpretative Ranger. Chief Ranger (VRP/I) is adjusting to a Tues-Sat schedule, with other park staff covering to ensure that the Visitor Center remains open and the reduced program schedule may continue. Recruiting Winter Seasonal. Seasonals or staff will mitigate the reduction.
Cause	Cumberland Island National Seashore and Associated Issues
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seashore Reduced Bookstore hours. Bookstore staff employed by Eastern National have been reduced. Only one part time EN employee currently staff the bookstore. NPS staff are supplementing the bookstore operation, but reduced NPS staff does not permit full coverage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park staff covers retail operations when EN staff is unavailable.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Museum Hours. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Museum hours are already limited, open daily from 1pm-4pm. Occasional closures may be warranted in order to staff the Visitors Center. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Continuously looking for volunteers to staff the museum.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Fire Preparedness, Response and Maintenance (Fuels Reduction) of Wildland Fire. Atlantic Zone Fire Management team is currently staffed by only the Fire Management Officer. The four positions on the team are vacant and one team member is on furlough. These vacancies have reduced the ability of the team to mechanically clear fire breaks and limits response to wildland fire. Additionally, the vacant boat captain position nearly eliminates the parks' ability to transport fire engines/equipment to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed 1 personnel from another park is on a 120 temporary assignment to CUIS Seeking additional Temp assignments.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barge transportation to the island has been eliminated. The park barge used to transport equipment, fuel, materials, etc. is unable to be operated due to resignation of the 100 Ton certified boat captain. Firefighting equipment, fuel for vehicles on island, and material to complete deferred maintenance are unable to be transported to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Permission granted to fill this position VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Emergency Preparedness & Maintenance to include response to wildland fire and hurricane preparation has been eliminated. Firefighting equipment is dependent on the park barge which does not have a certified operator. Hurricane preparations include moving park assets including boats to safe harbor. Without a certified boat captain, the ability to quickly move the park barge (\$1M) asset to safe harbor is compromised. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed, Permission granted to fill this position. VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Preventative Road (dirt) Maintenance. The main road (dirt) maintenance schedule has been reduced. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Park held a heavy equipment training for staff to include division chiefs to meet safety and visitor expectations. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions (WG-4749)
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trail Maintenance. Trail maintenance has by NPS staff has ceased. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Limited trail work is being done by volunteer groups. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions (WG-3502).

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Removal Reduced Maintenance. Trash/construction debris removal. Trash/construction debris removal from the island has been eliminated. Trash is typically hauled off the island on the park barge. Park project generated construction debris cannot be removed from the island. Park offices and 12 residences in park housing are unable to place trash in trash compactor for removal from the island. Trash is transported off one bag at a time on crew boats. The barge is not operating due to staffing. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Program Reduced Services Staffing Education Programs are led by staff other than trained Technicians. The quality of instruction may decline, resulting in diminished learning outcomes, reduced student engagement, and a lack of effective support for diverse learner needs. The Education Technician (ET) position is vacant within the Interpretation and Education division that is currently operating at 50% capacity. The ET coordinates logistics and provides learning opportunities to 1000s of elementary age students within Southern Georgia and Northern Florida. School groups that are not already scheduled to attend are being turned away or asked to reduce the number of students in attendance and increase the number of chaperons. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concession Operations Reduced Services Ferry boat passenger check-in and park entrance fee/campground reservation collection. Fee staff has been reduced from four personnel down to one. Of those positions now vacant, two are managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, coordinating reservations through Recreation.gov, providing oversight on the concession contractor, preparing Special Use Permits, and complying with law and policy regarding handling of money as well as working the desk as front-line staff. This can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and a lack of coordination. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger-led Tour Reduced Services Dock programs and preventative search and rescue programs. Ranger-led educational dock programs on the island have been eliminated, and preventative search and rescue programs have been reduced by 50%. Rangers no longer can greet the ferry upon arrival to the island and provide wayfinding, fishing, or history programs. One TERM ranger provides preventative search and rescue when available. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Tours congressionally legislated, continue to be provided by the concessionaire. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor Center Reduced Services Staffing Visitor Center operations (park entrance fee/campground permit check in) Visitor Center staff has been reduced from four personnel down to two. One vacant position is managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, ensuring visitor safety, education, and wayfinding are achieved through social media and professional ranger interactions, as well as working the desk as front-line staff. The reduction of staff can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and potential increase in visitor search and rescue needs. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park staff from all Divisions are working shifts at the VC.
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LOUISIANA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Louisiana	300,411	\$20,100,000	276	\$8,900,000	\$15,200,000	\$27,300,000

Please note: There are two National Park Service managed units in Louisiana, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Poverty Point and El Camino Real de los Tejas Trail.

LOUISIANA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

Issue	National Park & Associated Issues
Cause	Cane River Creole National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	Cane River Creole National Historical Park Oakland Plantation Parking Area Reduced Hours. While our interpretative and visitor services have historically been open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday, we have been opening the gates to the parking areas on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are no longer opening the gates on Monday and Tuesday. This is a temporary measure until we have maintenance staff available. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

MAINE

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Maine	3,930,777	\$478,800,000	6,819	\$254,500,000	\$434,000,000	\$752,400,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Maine, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Francis Perkins National Monument, Maine Acadian Culture National Monument, Roosevelt Campobello National Monument, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

MAINE NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park & Associated Issues
Cause	Acadia National Park & Associated Issues
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation Acadia Youth Conservation Corps. The park cancelled the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps for 2025 due to a lack of staffing. This program provides a valuable educational experience for youth ages 15-18 by giving them work experiences throughout the park. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We used partner funding to hire SCA interns to provide a youth opportunity in lieu of the planned Acadia Conservation Corps program.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of Parkwide Disaster Recovery Closure Staffing roads, trails, visitor buildings. Facility Damaged or Inoperable; Staffing Shortage: Acadia suffered from severe storms in January 2024 which damaged infrastructure including roads, trails, visitor buildings. The park has received funding to begin repairs; however, project management staff capacity is necessary in order to expedite this work. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. We have submitted a lateral reassignment request for a project management position and have submitted another through operation opportunity. We are in the process of requesting a lateral reassignment for an environmental protection specialist to perform NEPA and 106 compliance.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed seasonal opening Western Mountain Gravel Roads. The park's Western Mountain roads consist of appx. 15 miles of gravel roads that are closed for the winter and require clearing downed trees, grading, repair of winter washouts and ditch work. As a result of a diminished roads crew, these assets are expected to open two weeks late on June 6. This issue has been resolved.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Campgrounds. Duck Harbor Campground. This 5-site campground opens June 17 instead of mid-May. As a result of broader staffing shortages, park staff will concentrate on opening other more highly visited areas of Acadia first. Isle au Haut is an offshore island only accessible by ferry or boat. This issue has been resolved
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Park Campgrounds. Blackwoods, Seawall and Schoodic Woods Campgrounds. With multiple permanent and seasonal fee technician vacancies, the park is reducing its staffing presence by 2 hours at each of the 3 large campgrounds. This diminishes the ability for park staff to respond to visitor problems and complaints, and visitors arriving after open times will self-check-in and staff won't be able to address issues or problems. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Using volunteers to assist with campground check-in and maintain coverage.
Cause	Saint Croix Island
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance at Saint Croix Island Visitor Center, St Croix Visitor Center and Picnic Area. The park currently has no maintenance staff, resulting in reduced ability to service and clean the visitor center and restrooms; maintain the picnic area (e.g. mowing); and complete basic maintenance tasks and repairs.

MARYLAND

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Maryland	6,305,727	\$225,700,000	2,669	\$118,100,000	\$195,200,000	\$313,900,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Maryland, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Baltimore-Maryland Parkway, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Fort Foote, Glen Echo, Harmony Hall, Oxon Cove, Potomac Heritage, Star-Spangled Banner, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and Civil War Defenses of Washington.

MARYLAND NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park & Associated Issues
Cause	Antietam National Battlefield
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance & Landscaping: Parkwide The park is reducing mowing and string trimming from 130 acres and 9 miles of fencing to 75 acres mowed and 3 miles of fence maintained. Areas maintained will continue to provide for visitor access, safety, and resource protection but the reduction will result in a less-than-manicured look in many areas and may be viewed negatively by visitors. This reduction is due to the delayed approval of the park's landscape maintenance contract and shifting the work to existing staff. Since staff are now engaged in mowing and trimming, other projects and operations are delayed or on hold including several historic structure repair/protection projects, fleet and equipment maintenance, fabrication and installation of new park gates, road maintenance, and tree trimming in the National Cemetery. Once the contracting package is awarded and the contractor begins work, there will be no reduction in activities/services.
Cause	Catoctin Mountain Park
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance and Forest Management Park Grounds: Stacks of downed wood will not be removed and exotic plants will not be treated across large clearings within the park's forest. This diminishes the visitor experience and prevents new trees from growing within the open spaces. The park has been unable to hire a 12-person exotic plant team and unable to continue work on a reforestation contract due to delays in contracting and financial assistance agreements.

Cause	Fort Washington Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighthouse Area Closure: Fort Washington Lighthouse and access roads. Due to ongoing rehabilitation of the Fort Washington Lighthouse and surrounding areas, the lighthouse and nearby walkways are closed.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Closure and Reduced Capacity: Picnic Area Reduced Capacity and Parking Lot Closure. Partial Closure. Picnic Area B. Two of the picnic areas available for reservation in Picnic Area B are reduced to half-capacity in order to accommodate a nearby construction project. The parking is closed for construction staging.
Cause	George Washington Memorial Parkway
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services: Moving roving park guides into static duty stations such as the fee both to maintain fee collection during open hours and ensure access to posted open times at facilities. This issue has been resolved. The addition of recently onboarded seasonal employees allows for roving park guides to provide information, and monitor visitor activities, infrastructure and amenities. This improves visitor access, safety, and resource protection.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Volunteer Events. Withdrawing staff from involvement in volunteer events. Impacts include a decreased capacity to host volunteer and partner groups that help with park clean-up activities. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Undeclared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Park wide. Visitor services such as interpretive programs will be decreased. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Grounds Maintenance Parkwide. Changing grounds and custodial schedules to swing gates and unlock bathrooms to ensure sites and areas are open at posted times.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Grounds Maintenance Parkwide. Due to lack of grounds and custodial staff, there will less frequent trash pick-up, litter and debris clearing, and bathroom cleaning. This issue is occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Visitor Services. Moving roving park guides into static duty stations such as the visitor center to maintain access to posted open times at facilities. This issue has been resolved. The addition of recently onboarded seasonal employees allows for roving park guides to provide information and monitor visitor activities and status of infrastructure and amenities. This improves visitor access and safety as well as resource protection.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Monitoring Permitted Events Parkwide: Withdrawing staff from monitoring permitted events. Impacts include a decreased capacity to ensure visitor safety and resource protection, due to lack of staff available to provide information, observe visitor activities, and respond to emergencies. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Cause	Greenbelt Park
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Closure. The Good Luck Road Parking Area is closed until safety issue is rectified.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Picnic Areas Bathrooms. Holly and Laurel Picnic Areas and Bathrooms are partially closed. Both picnic areas have non-functional bathrooms due to a damaged waterline.
Cause	Harper's Ferry National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of School Group Tours National Historical Park Education Program. The park currently is not accepting reservations from schools for ranger-led education programs on Tuesdays. This means the park is turning away approximately 12-15 schools and school groups per month.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours National Historical Park Fee Station. Days and hours of operation for Fee Station at Cavalier Heights (main) is reduced to 5 days a week. No fee collection is occurring at Lower Town location (previously 3-5 days a week). Reduction in fee revenue (about \$2M in FY 2023 & 2024) will negatively impact the park's ability to fund its shuttle service and perform cyclic maintenance, repairs, and rehabilitation on its historic buildings.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Grounds Maintenance Parkwide: Reduced Maintenance for grounds. Changed maintenance worker's shifts to meet 100% custodial coverage for park's 4 sets of public restrooms. That shift change reduces the time maintenance workers have to mow by about 60 hours per week.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Historical Park HVAC Maintenance Closure HVAC systems in 14 museum spaces/office buildings HVAC maintenance cannot be performed in-house. Contractors will be required to manage all unique systems in real time. This includes scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs. All systems are of differing ages and types. Most condition historic buildings. HVAC failure has the potential to close exhibits due to unhealthy temperatures for visitors, require staff to telework due to unhealthy temperatures, & damage museum objects and archives.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Restroom Maintenance Reduced. All public and NPS staff restrooms in the park Custodial staff of 5 is reduced to 1. Park has changed shifts of other maintenance staff to cover this deficiency.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Park Volunteer Coordination and Reduced Maintenance from Volunteers. Unable to accept volunteer requests for most individual and group projects. Unable to hire a Volunteer Coordinator. Without this position, the park will lose the opportunity to have hundreds of volunteers provide useful services and work projects in 2025. Projects routinely include trash pickup, removal of invasive plant species, regulation and resource protection education, beautification, historic preservation, and grounds and fleet maintenance.

Cause	Monocacy National Battlefield
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Landscape Maintenance: Mowing. Contracting delays have led to delay in awarding parkwide mowing contract. Maintenance staff have been pulled from other duties for mowing operations. Since staff are now engaged in mowing and trimming, other projects and operations are delayed or on hold including several structure repair projects, fleet and equipment maintenance, road maintenance, and tree trimming along park trails. Once the contracting package is awarded and the contractor begins work, there will be no reduction in activities/services. This issue has been resolved. The park's parkwide mowing contract has been awarded and will begin 07/21/25.
Cause	Piscataway Park
External Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Visitor Center. National Colonial Farm. National Colonial Farm is managed in partnership with the Accokeek Foundation via a cooperative agreement. If funding via the agreement is not received by June, hours of operation for Colonial Farm will be reduced.

MASSACHUSETTS

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Massachusetts	8,732,682	\$862,900,000	10,482	\$539,700,000	\$849,600,000	\$1,349,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Massachusetts, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, New England Scenic Trail, and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park & Associated Issues
Cause	Adam National Historical Park
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Shuttle Services: Contracting process will determine when trolley services will be available. This issue has been resolved. Contract was awarded and trolley shuttle services began June 12 for visitors.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center. Reduced hours for visitor first point of contact, park orientation, transportation, restrooms, movie and museum shop. There are no facilities available to visitors at the John Adams and John Quincy Adams Birth Places. This issue has been resolved. Operating hours for visitor services and interpretation were increased to regular operations following the arrival of seasonal staff delayed by hiring freeze.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tours for Old House, Birth Places, Visitor Center, Access to Cultural Landscape. Old House - Reduced availability or elimination of Ranger-led education programs. Birth Places - Reduced availability or elimination of self-guided tours during the national commemoration of A250. Visitor's Center - reduced hours for visitor first point of contact, park orientation, transportation, restrooms, movie and museum shop. This issue has been resolved. Operating hours for visitor services and interpretation and interpretive services were increased to regular operations following the arrival of seasonal staff delayed by hiring freeze.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Education Program: Old House, John Adams and John Quincy ADAMS Birth Places, Visitor Center, Access to Cultural Landscape. Old House - Reduced availability or elimination of Ranger-led education programs. Birth Places - Reduced availability or elimination of self-guided tours during the national commemoration of A250. Visitor's Center - reduced hours for visitor first point of contact, park orientation, transportation, restrooms, movie and museum shop. This issue has been resolved. Operating hours for visitor and interpretive services were increased to regular operations with the arrival of staff delayed by hiring freeze.

Cause	Lowell National Historical Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Lowell National Historical Park Trolley. Operations are delayed from a typical opening date of March 3 through April 25, dependent on weather and completion of construction. We are completing a track rehab and pole replacement project. This issue has been resolved. Rehab project completed. Trolley operations resumed in late April.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center. The visitor center at Lowell has been closed since February 10 due to a construction project. We are rehabbing the public and staff bathrooms. This issue has been resolved, Construction project completed. Visitor Center reopened to the public on July 19.

MICHIGAN

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Michigan	2,820,169	\$273,400,000	3,730	\$139,400,000	\$237,300,000	\$413,000,000

Please note: There is one National Park Service managed unit in Michigan, which was not included in the original NPS Report and does not appear to have visitor use statistics. It is the North Country National Scenic Trail.

NO MICHIGAN NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

MINNESOTA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Minnesota	1,090,134	\$67,500,000	915	\$34,500,000	\$56,400,000	\$99,600,000

Please note: There is one National Park Service managed unit in Minnesota, which was not included in the original NPS Report and does not appear to have visitor use statistics. It is the North Country National Scenic Trail.

MINNESOTA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Pipestone National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Pipestone National Monument Visitor Center. Hours of operation for the Visitor Center are reduced to Wednesday through Sunday (5 days), when they would typically be 7 days/week this time of year. We plan to return to 7 days/week when seasonals are onboarded. This issue has been resolved. With seasonal staff, the VC is now open 7 days/week.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminated Education Program. Not currently able to provide special tours and cultural education activities for groups visiting through our NPF transportation grant. The groups are still welcome to visit on a self-led basis, but we cannot provide the day-long experiences we have in the past. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. These programs require a high level of interpretive expertise and logistical coordination throughout the year. We submitted an exemption request for a GS-9 Park Ranger to resume this program and interpretive program oversight.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Staffing Quarry Talks and Circle Trail Tours. Cannot provide Quarry Talks or Circle Trail tours during the shoulder season and may not be able to offer them during the summer, depending on whether we have success recruiting enough seasonals. Ranger programs are usually offered Memorial Day through Labor Day. However, ranger tours and talks are not necessary to access any areas of the park. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. When a 3rd seasonal interpretive ranger onboarded on July 20, we will offer Quarry Talks on weekends.

Cause	Voyageurs National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance National Park Campgrounds. Boat in campsites throughout park (150 sites) Reduction to custodial/maintenance services at sites throughout park, including pumping of vault toilets. The park seasonal maintenance staff will be reduced by approximately 10 employees due to the reduction in project funding to the park. All seasonals for the park are hired through project monies. Given the shortage of employees in the local community, the scarcity of housing, and the remoteness of the area, the likelihood of fulfilling the staffing shortfall through alternative hire avenues or contracting is very limited. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Attempted to find additional funding, but none available.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Emergency and Law Enforcement (LE) Response. The LE staff at VOYA is down 4 positions. LE/Emergency services coverage will be limited to 4 days per week leaving 3 days without any coverage. On days when coverage does exist visitors in need can expect extended response times of up to several hours depending on the location of the incident. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The park was awarded one training seat at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) with that individual expected to be in park spring of 2026. A lateral transfer is expected to be hired and will EOD fall of 2025. Limited emergency services response will persist through fall of 2025. • VOYA will attempt to get a series of detailed LE officers in for assistance however due to low nation-wide commissioned staffing it is unlikely this will result in adequate emergency services coverage. County and state emergency services agencies are in the area but do not have a significant presence within the park nor are they expected to have the ability to dedicate additional resources. Due to centralized control of hiring commissioned positions VOYA is unable to fill vacancies in a timely manner and has no remaining avenues to provide adequate emergency services response.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ecological Monitoring. Parkwide monitoring of park resources. Due to lack of funding for projects and loss of permanent staff through DRP and retirements the ability to conduct typical aquatics and wildlife monitoring throughout the park will be greatly reduced. Monitoring completed within the park is used by the bi-national International Joint Commission that regulates water level conditions throughout the watershed. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Typical monitoring is moderately reduced instead of greatly reduced. Sharing seasonal staff across disciplines has improved monitoring capacity.

MISSISSIPPI

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Mississippi	9,065,256	\$590,100,000	8,245	\$235,000,000	\$401,200,000	\$757,400,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Mississippi, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail, Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield, Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, and Tupelo National Battlefield.

NO MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

MISSOURI

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Missouri	4,170,417	\$262,900,000	4,082	\$144,800,000	\$231,600,000	\$418,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Missouri, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, California National Historic Trail, Lewis and Clark Trail, Oregon National Historic Trail, Pony Express Trail, Sante Fe Trail, Ste. Geneviève National Historical Park, and the Trail of Tears.

MISSOURI NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Harry S. Truman National Historic Structure
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation of Tour. Partial Closure Truman Farmhouse in Grandview. There will be no house tours at the Truman Farm in Grandview this summer due to ongoing foundation construction at the home. HSTR's season normally runs Memorial Day to Labor Day, Fridays and Saturdays for house tours. The grounds continue to be open dawn to dusk. The construction project was delayed and will continue throughout the summer months to complete the foundation replacement.
Cause	Missouri Gateway Arch
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missouri Gateway Arch Restrooms Closure. Closed public restrooms in the Arch visitor center complex and old Courthouse building. Gateway Arch visitor center and museum complex (107,888 sf), Old Courthouse (87,000 sf), Grounds Building and Park Warehouse (23,921 sf) and the Law Enforcement Ranger Station and Dispatch Center (3,621 sf). This issue has been resolved by onboarding of seasonal custodial staff; the park has reopened all public and employee restrooms. This status will continue unless staffing levels decrease due to attrition. The park has 28 total indoor restrooms with one or more sinks in each restroom and a total of 74 toilets and 21 urinals. Cleaning 222,430 sf of space and 28 restrooms is an enormous undertaking, requiring 14 permanent full-time positions and 4 seasonal positions each summer. Permanent custodial staff are down to 10 permanent full-time staff due to the hiring freeze, VERA/VSIP and DRP, and the hiring freeze cancelled 4 GRG (Great Rivers Greenway)-funded career seasonal positions. In FY25, GRG provided \$3,153,703 in operations and maintenance support, which pays for NPS positions, supplies and equipment and capital improvement projects. As of April 15, 2024, the park has \$840,022.13 in funding from GRG that cannot be spent due to the hiring freeze. Further, GRG will not hold service contracts on behalf of the NPS, so there is no opportunity to ask GRG to use this funding to contract for these services.

	<p>GRG has made it clear that their expectation is that the park will use this funding to hire employees, in accordance with the terms of our agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park has already closed about half of the employee restrooms in the park, including those in the south Arch Hall and on the second floor of the Old Courthouse. We also reduced or eliminated custodial services for employee offices and work areas, requiring that employees empty their own trash, clean their own carpet and maintain their own offices and workspaces. Further, the grounds crew removes all of the trash from outdoor trash receptacles. We do not have sufficient staffing in other maintenance divisions to reassign them to custodial duties. We are exploring contract custodial services with partners, but that will take time to get those contracts in place. We did not pursue those contracts earlier because we believed that it was prohibited by the President's hiring freeze executive order, which states that "Contracting outside the Federal Government to circumvent the intent of this memorandum is prohibited."
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closures: Security, Visitor Center, Museum, Trams. The Gateway Arch Visitor Center Complex and Museum. JEFF received significant support in FY25 from Bistate Development Agency (BSD) and Great Rivers Greenway (GRG), much of which can't be used because of the hiring freeze. Of 171 funded positions, 55 are partner funded, and 3 positions are FLREA funded, thus of the 171 funded positions, 34% require no federal funding. • BSD pays for public safety/national security staff that critical to Icon level security and safe operation of the Arch tram system (ATS). Without these partner-funded positions, we be unable to operate the visitor center past 6 p.m. or accommodate the same number of visitors on the ATS. GRG pays for maintenance & custodial positions that provide visitor access. • The park currently has \$1,015,540 in BSD funding for the hiring of public safety positions and \$840,022.13 in funding from GRG for custodians and maintenance workers that cannot be used due to the hiring freeze. • BSD funded Security Guards operate magnetometers and x-ray machines, and manage building access, as required by JEFF's Icon status. These positions are highly specialized and require a Tier 3 (Secret) background investigation, which adds 3-6 months of lead time to the onboarding of guards. While exempt from the hiring freeze, our guard program is short staffed because of the NPS HR consolidation, which diminished our ability to hire positions quickly. A guard cert was also cancelled on January 22, creating a critical shortage of guards for the summer season. On January 24, we requested the re-instatement of the certificate of eligible candidates for security guard positions, but that exemption was not approved, and the guard cert was not re-instated. Current guard staffing is not sufficient to run 2 shifts a day and staff the security checkpoint from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. without significant overtime. We call staff in and pay overtime when someone calls in sick or takes scheduled leave. Further, JEFF attempted to issue a contract for security guards in 2024 to supplement guard staff and increase efficiency. NPS contracting stated that Federal Acquisition Regulations prohibited hiring contractors for work currently being carried out by Federal employees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSD funded Arch Tram System (ATS) mechanics repair and maintain the ATS, ensuring the safe operation of the ATS, which transports over a million visitors a year to the top of the Gateway Arch. One ATS mechanic is currently vacant due to the hiring freeze and 1 more will become vacant in late April 2025 due to a removal for misconduct. The park needs these positions filled to fully operate the tram system during the busiest days of the summer season. • GRG funded maintenance workers maintain critical life, health and safety systems in the Arch visitor center and ranger station such as HVAC, security bollards (required by Icon security to prevent vehicle access by terrorists), electrical systems, and fire suppression. • GRG funded custodians maintain public areas such as the Arch visitor center, entrance lobby, tram lobby, museum and restrooms (restrooms will be address separately in the next section). • Due to a lack of staffing in these divisions, we will be unable to extend our summer hours 7 days a week this year. Instead of being open from 9am - 8pm Mon-Fri, this summer we will be open from 9am-8pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and open 9am-6pm Sunday-Thursday, maximizing visitor access and enjoyment during the highest visitation times and allowing us to reduce the number of shifts per day from 2 to 1 shift in our custodial, guard and Arch Tram System programs. Without reduced hours, we will not have sufficient staff to stay open 7 days a week. • If the certs are restored for our two guard positions and the BSD and GRG positions are exempted, we will be able to extend the hours this summer, avoid closures, with no cost to the federal government. • We have not yet closed any public restrooms. The park just received a cert the week of April 14, 2025 and if the other custodial vacancies are exempted from the hiring freeze, we may be able to keep all of public restrooms open.
Cause	Ozark National Scenic Riverways
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure National Scenic Riverways Murray Campground. Due to flooding in November 2024, some sites were washed away and destroyed. The park is awaiting funds to continue repairs to the campground. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed During the flood camping amenities were destroyed at all the sites. A contract for new amenities has now been awarded with delivery expected before August 31, 2025. Reopening of the campground is scheduled to be completed before September 30, 2025.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure of the Pulltite Campground. The Pulltite Campground suffered considerable damage in the November flood event and sites 1-13 will remain closed until March 2026 due to the extensive repairs needed. Sites 14-55 will accept reservations. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. During the flood camping amenities were destroyed at all the sites. A contract for new amenities has now been awarded with delivery expected before August 31, 2025.

Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry Closure Akers. Ferry had significant damage to the anchor and cabling causing system failures as a result of major flooding. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger-led Tours. Cave Tours are postponed due to bridge being washed out by flood waters and needing replaced. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. The park is waiting for the Federal Highway Administration to award the contract to replace the bridge to the cave. The funding is in place, but Eastern Federal Lands with the Federal Highway Administration is under an "advertisement pause". This has delayed our planned advertisement and award of the contract and has the potential to impact if cave tours will be available in FY26.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of Ranger-led Tours. Guided cave tours have been canceled for Summer 2025 as the pedestrian bridge across the Spring Valley Creek was damaged and dislocated during the November 2024 flood. Without the bridge, the cave cannot be reached by park visitors. Due to the widespread and severe damage along the upper Current River, we could not prioritize bridge repairs among the higher priorities for staff time and funding. It is anticipated that thru an ERFO project in 2025 that the bridge will be permanently replaced. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed OZAR is waiting for the Federal Highway Administration to award the contract to replace the bridge to the cave. The funding is in place, but Eastern Federal Lands with the Federal Highway Administration is under an "advertisement pause". This has delayed our planned advertisement and award of the contract and has the potential to impact if cave tours will be available in FY26.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Partial Closure due to Damage Pulltite Shower House and Restroom. This facility received damage to the entire structure during the November flood and has been left inoperable. A portable restroom was brought in to offset the need until a new facility can be placed. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Pulltite Visitor Center. This season Ozark National Scenic Riverways will not be able to be open the contact station due to damage remaining from the November 2024 flood. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

MONTANA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Montana	5,656,618	\$716,300,000	10,880	\$362,000,000	\$551,200,000	\$1,057,500,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Montana, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and Lewis & Clark Historic Trail.

MONTANA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Big Hole National Battlefield
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours at the Visitor Center. The winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 10:00am - 5:00pm and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 10:00am - 5:00pm. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may not be able to transition to 7-days-a-week operations during the summer season. If and when we are able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-days-a-week operations. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. The park was able to resume 7-day a week visitor center operations effective for the 4th of July weekend with the addition of a seasonal and support from interns. The park will continue 7-days-a-week operations through Labor Day weekend.
Cause	Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument: Partial Closure of Park. Days of operation will be reduced from 7 days a week to 3 days a week. Beginning April 28, the monument will be closed Mondays through Thursdays, weekly, through the summer season, due to ongoing construction. The monument will be open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
Cause	Glacier National Park
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glacier National Park Entrance Station - Closed: Camas Entrance Station may be unstaffed during typical hours of visitor entry. When unstaffed the road will still remain open but fees will not be collected and signs will direct visitors how to self-pay using a QR code (on the honor system).
Cause	Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant-Kohrs Ranch Closure and Reduced Hours. Summer hours that the park is open are reduced to 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant-Kohrs Ranch Reduced Ranger Led Tours. Reduced availability of ranger-led programs, Typically, the park offers hourly guided tours of the historic ranch house and 1-3 additional ranger programs (e.g., blacksmith demonstration, chuckwagon talk, cowboy program, wagon tour) daily. These will be reduced to ranch house tours throughout the day but not hourly, and other programs several times per week.
Cause	Nez Perce National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Visitor Center. The visitor center winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 8:30am - 4:00pm and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 8:30 - 4 pm. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may be unable to transition to 7-days-a-week operations during the summer. We are losing an additional 4 permanent staff through VERA/VSIP by May 31, 2025. If able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-days-a-week operations. The park is actively attempting to recruit summer interns through an existing partnership the park has to provide assistance. If and when the interns are brought in and trained the visitor center can resume 7-days-a-week operations. All other NEPE sites and grounds are open 7-days a week dawn to dusk and will remain open. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

NEBRASKA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Nebraska	314,896	\$22,500,000	330	\$11,200,000	\$18,100,000	\$32,900,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Nebraska, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The California Scenic Trail and Lewis & Clark Historic Trail, Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail, Oregon National Historic Trail, and Pony Express National Historic Trail.

NO NEBRASKA NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

NEVADA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Nevada	4,552,349	\$238,800,000	2,487	\$108,200,000	\$187,100,000	\$301,900,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Nevada, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The California Scenic Trail, Old Spanish Historic Trail, and Pony Express National Historic Trail.

NEVADA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Death Valley National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Historic Structure: Scotty's Castle Reopening Scotty's Castle has been indefinitely delayed. Two early-stage projects will continue owing to funding rules. All other projects required for reopening have been delayed, including rehabilitating a building for a visitor contact station, providing legally-required accessibility services, and making the grounds safe for the public. 2years will be required from hiring sufficient staff to execute these projects to opening. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, duty redistribution, and lack of required certifications. Lack of technical staff continues ongoing contracting delays.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Historic Structure Scotty's Castle: Scotty's Castle will remain closed (Fall 2026 no longer reopening date) to focus on completing critical site infrastructure improvement projects, safe return of the museum collection, and identifying ways to staff it. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, duty redistribution, and lack of required certifications. Lack of technical staff continues contracting delays.
Maintenance & Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance: Maintenance has canceled, delayed, or reorganized 9 of 19 Cyclic projects and 3 of 6 long-term planning efforts. Only 4 of 22 multi-year projects have been paused, however new projects are not being generated which will result in long-term mission degradation. Notable canceled projects include replacing fire hydrants at Scotty's Castle and Grapevine, increasing risk of irreparable damage to the Scotty's Castle Historic District and endangering the public and employees. Generating projects to protect public health by reducing deferred maintenance in public water systems has been delayed indefinitely. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, the lack of technical staff continues ongoing contracting delays.

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Closure: Dante's View Vault Toilet. Vault toilet was destroyed in a vehicle accident and will remain closed until fully replaced; no temporary toilet facilities will be maintained at the popular viewpoint and trailhead. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Additionally, there is a lack of technical staff continues to cause ongoing contracting and financial agreement delays.
Staffing Shortage & Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Road Closure: The park has had to pause or delay many flood recovery and disaster relief projects due to lack of staffing, funding financial agreement freezes, and no new interagency agreements. Notable paused projects that would affect visitor access to parts of the park, include projects with shared road management requiring an interagency agreement, extended delays on access roads and trails to popular destinations such as to Darwin Falls, and unpaved road daily repairs due to lack of labor. The Road Plan and coordination with contractors for 2025 work has also been paused. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The hiring freeze remains in place, preventing any staff from filling roles due to limited capacity, redistribution of duties, and lack of required certifications. Delays are also related to lack of technical staff, contracting & financial agreements.
Cause	Great Basin National Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closures Campground: Potentially starting in early June, Lower Lehman Campground will be closed to allow the completion (year 5 of a 5-year project) to double the number of sites in the campground. Closure will be contingent on DOI approving the solicitation and award of a contract that will complete the final portion of the project. The park answered DOI/contracting questions the week of April 7th and is waiting to see if the contract moves forward. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Contract to complete campground expansion was awarded; construction work is in progress. Campground remains closed; park anticipates work will be completed and campground will reopen in late fall 2025. The park's four other campgrounds remain open. • By the time of the Lower Lehman campground closure, the park anticipates 3 of the four remaining campgrounds (all except the highest elevation campground) will be open for visitor use, reducing the impact of the closure.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
New Hampshire	30,537	\$1,700,000	23	\$1,000,000	\$1,700,000	\$2,700,000

NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Reduced Park Services for Education programs for school groups.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Reduced Ranger led tours of park landscape and buildings. Ranger led tours of park landscape and buildings will be reduced in number and frequency. Open house hours will be employed to provide access to some spaces. Selection of days/hours driven by visitation data.

NEW JERSEY

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
New Jersey	5,195,543	\$192,800,000	2,488	\$116,400,000	\$176,900,000	\$286,400,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in New Jersey, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Ellis Island, Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River, Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River, New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve, and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

NEW JERSEY NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Gateway National Park
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Fee Collections. Reduced Fee Collections at Jacob Riis Parking Lot, a 7,000-car parking lot. Parking fees collected from Memorial Day-Labor Day in keeping with lifeguard season at Jacob Riis Park Beach. Possible reduction in the ability to collect parking fees at Jacob Riis Parking lot which will have a significant impact on the park's recreation fee revenue. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Hired seasonals but not sufficient and/or resigned after hired.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services at Sandy Hook Campground. Increased Spring and Fall availability and reduced Summer due to pest infestation. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage & Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Gateway Restroom Potential locations at Jacob Riis Park Beach, Canarsie Pier and Sandy Hook. Reduction may happen due to pending porta-john contract and seasonal positions. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Visitor Center hours: Will change in October as part of regular Fall seasonal changes in operations. Hired maintenance seasonals for custodial services however, still reduced staffing.
Concession Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance Related to Concession Contracting. Aviator Sports and Events Center Interior operations/facilities. This issue has been resolved RFP released for new operator in 2026.

Issue	Thomas Edison National Historical Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Edison National Historical Park. Museum Closure of Glenmont Garage. Closed due to awarded construction projection. Mid July re-opening potential. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged,
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Thomas Edison's Mansion. The park is closed for tours and public access. Staffing and Project award related. This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Potting Shed and Greenhouse. Access is closed currently to public. Only intermittent volunteer group and staff, access for care of vegetation and plants. This issue has been resolved
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Edison Laboratory. Normal park operating days, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday to Sunday. (reduced from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday). This issue has been resolved.

NEW MEXICO

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
New Mexico	2,265,573	\$141,800,000	1,855	\$55,900,000	\$95,700,000	\$177,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in New Mexico, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, and the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.

NEW MEXICO PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Bandelier National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended All Ranger-led Tours. We have suspended all ranger led tours to prioritize fee collection operations.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Trail Maintenance. Several trails will not be cleared for obstacles or debris. No trail is closed. Some trails will have significant obstacles that backcountry users will need to navigate. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The park is seeking volunteers from the community that are interested in performing trail work.
Cause	Carlsbad Caverns Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center. Visitor Center hours are reduced to 0900-1700 every day. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tours. Ranger led tours will be given as staffing allows and sold as walk-up events/amenity services. We will no longer take reservations for them This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Cause	Manhattan Project National Historic Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspended Ranger-led Tours. Cancelled Hanford Visitor Center Spring and summer ranger-led programs (separate from DOE-led site tours). This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Cancelled Summer and fall ranger-led programs (separate from DOE-led site tours). There is one staff person; recruiting volunteers that could assist with tours.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspended Alamos Visitor Center Spring and Summer Ranger-led programs. Tours (separate from Department of Energy-led site tours) are on hold. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed, Summer and fall ranger-led programs (separate from Department of Energy-led site tours) are on hold. Have only one staff person; recruiting more volunteers that could assist with tours.
Cause	Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Salinas Pueblo Missions Visitor Center. The visitor center will remain closed, 7 days a week until June 2025 when volunteers and seasonal employees onboard.

NEW YORK

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
New York	17,197,346	\$724,900,000	7,394	\$378,000,000	\$632,000,000	\$965,900,000

Please note: The NPS managed units not included are: North Country Trail, Harriet Tubman, the Appalachian Trail, Captain John Smith Chesapeake Trail, Chesapeake Bay, Ellis Island, Tenement Museum, NY Harbor Parks, and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

NEW YORK PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Fire Island National Seashore
Staffing Shortage & Budget Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Lifeguard Services at Talisman Beach and Historic Home (William Floyd Estate) As part of financial planning for the fiscal year, lifeguard services at Talisman Beach have been reduced due to limited operational funding. Budget constraints no longer allow for weekend coverage, and weekday lifeguard services were already scaled back in prior years due to ongoing funding limitations.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended Services at William Floyd Estate Historic Home. Visitor services—including dedicated Park Ranger presence—remain suspended due to a long-term restoration project and continued reductions in funding. While interior access is limited, the site remains open to the public. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the grounds, trails, restrooms, and parking facilities, which continue to be accessible for self-guided visits.
Cause	Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Staffing the Stone Cottage at Val-Kill (ELRO) will be open 5 days a week this summer, different than the 7-day operations we had last summer. The Stone Cottage includes ranger orientation and exhibits. The selection of days/hours is driven by visitation data. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Staffing at Val-Kill Factory Ranger-Led Tours. Ranger services and open historic buildings from Wednesday - Sunday at Eleanor Roosevelt (5 days a week) this summer, which is different from the 7-day operation we had last year. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Home of FDR NHS, Eleanor Roosevelt NHS, Vanderbilt Mansion NHS
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours. Stone Cottage at Val-Kill. The Stone Cottage at Val-Kill (ELRO) will be open 5 days a week this summer, different than the 7-day operations we had last summer. The Stone Cottage includes ranger orientation and exhibits. The selection of days/hours is driven by visitation data. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Ranger-led Tour. Val-Kill Factory ranger-led tours We will have ranger services and open historic buildings from Wednesday - Sunday at Eleanor Roosevelt (5 days a week) this summer, which is different from the 7-day operation we had last year. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Gateway National Park
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Fee Collections. Reduced Fee Collections at Jacob Riis Parking Lot, a 7,000-car parking lot. Parking fees collected from Memorial Day-Labor Day in keeping with lifeguard season at Jacob Riis Park Beach. Possible reduction in the ability to collect parking fees at Jacob Riis Parking lot which will have a significant impact on the park's recreation fee revenue. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Hired seasonals but not sufficient and/or resigned after hired.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services at Sandy Hook Campground. Increased Spring and Fall availability and reduced Summer due to pest infestation. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage & Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Gateway Restroom Potential locations at Jacob Riis Park Beach, Canarsie Pier and Sandy Hook. Reduction may happen due to pending porta-john contract and seasonal positions. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Visitor Center hours: Will change in October as part of regular Fall seasonal changes in operations. Hired maintenance seasonals for custodial services however, still reduced staffing.
Concession Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Related to Concession Contracting. Aviator Sports and Events Center Interior operations/facilities. This issue has been resolved RFP released for new operator in 2026.
Cause	Martin Van Buren National Historic Site
Staffing Shortage	Reduced Ranger-led Tours House tours will be available 5 days a week instead of 7 days a week. Selection of days/hours driven by visitation data.
Cause	Sagamore Hill National Historic Site
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction Public Tours at Theodore Roosevelt Home. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Loss of additional permanent staffing that support this operation. These staff both provide tours and ensure the tour venue is ready to accommodate visitation on a daily basis. We continue to use seasonal labor, volunteers, cross-division staffing support, and strategic scheduling to maintain public access and operations. We are unable to fill these vacant permanent positions due to the ongoing hiring freeze.

Cause	Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services Access Points (river put-ins): New York State owned river accesses at Long Eddy and Mongaup. Due to the expiration of a previous agreement, the National Park Service (NPS) may be unable to provide staffing and essential visitor services—such as portable restrooms and loaner life jackets—at river access sites. This issue has been resolved. The park was able to sign a temporary agreement with the State of New York for this summer season. Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (UPDE) staff have been working toward establishing a new cooperative management agreement. However, recent provisions in the EXPLORE Act limit our ability to offer these services without reimbursement. While our partners in New York State are actively exploring temporary solutions, a finalized agreement is still in progress with NPS Financial Assistance. UPDE is working diligently toward having a temporary agreement in place by Memorial Day. However, due to the complexity of the process, there is a possibility that services may not be available by that time.

NORTH CAROLINA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
North Carolina	20,893,208	\$2,587,400,000	38,828	\$1,525,800,000	\$2,432,100,000	\$4,126,100,000

NORTH CAROLINA PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS*

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Blue Ridge Parkway
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Crabtree Falls Campground. Campgrounds will be closed for 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Linville Falls Campground. Campgrounds will be closed for 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Picnic Areas. Picnic Areas from Milepost 316 to 367 Picnic Areas from Milepost 316 to Milepost 367 (Linville Falls, Crabtree Falls, and Craggy Gardens Picnic Areas) will be closed for the 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Various Blue Ridge Road Parkway (motor road). Road closures due to construction projects, road damaged caused by Hurricane Helene.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Linville Falls Spur Road was damaged by Hurricane Helene and is inaccessible. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of the Craggy Gardens Visitor Center. Gardens Visitor Center will be closed for the 2025 season. The building itself experienced minimal impacts from Hurricane Helene, but the facility is inaccessible due to road damage. Park is working to restore road access, and facility may open early fall. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Ridge Linville Falls Visitor Center Closure. Visitor Center was destroyed by Hurricane Helene and area is inaccessible. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Ridge Visitor Center Closure. The Rocky Knob Visitor Center will be closed for 2025 season due to staffing shortages, and partner cannot operate. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Staffing Shortage and Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening of Doughton Park Campground. Delayed opening- campground normally opens Memorial Day weekend, and anticipated open date is June 16 due to February ice storm damage and staffing challenges. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening of Julian Price Campground. The Campground experienced significant damage from Hurricane Helene, possible limited opening (one loop) with delayed opening date. Bringing in crews from other parks to support our work. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage and Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed seasonal opening of the Rocky Knob Campground. Delayed opening- campground normally opens Memorial Day weekend and anticipated open date is June 16 due to February ice storm damage and staffing challenges. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage and Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed seasonal opening. SmartView, Rocky Knob, Groundhog Mountain, Cumberland Knob, Doughton Park, and Jeffress Park Picnic Areas. will have a delayed opening (target July 1) due to damage from February ice storm and staffing challenges. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. All of these campgrounds are open other than Jeffress Park Campground, due to Helene-related Road closures.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening of Heintooga Road. Delayed opening - spur road providing access to GRSM campground facilities typically opens in April, however will be delayed open until mid-May to match modified opening dates for GRSM campground facilities. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure of Peaks of Otter Campground. One loop closed (two loops remain open) due to February ice storm damage, staffing. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Cape Lookout National Seashore Park
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campgrounds Partial Closure. Longpoint camping cabins on North Core Banks. Heavily damaged by H. Dorian in 2019. Location no longer tenable. New cabin camp under construction via Denver Service Center contract. Expected completion is June; camping cabins, fuel, ice and a dump station open by July 1, 2025.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Station Closure Portsmouth Visitor Center and restroom. Solar system that powers pump system is damaged and in need of repair - currently in contracting.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Structure Closure Cape Lookout Lighthouse Closed pending contract award the will address extensive visitor safety concerns including: cast iron stairway (deteriorated, anchors pulling out of masonry, landing 1/2" cast iron plates misaligned, lighting, deterioration of viewing platform, damage to brick and mortar, extensive leaks, and poor ventilation.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Seashore Restroom Shackleford Banks. Restroom closed due to solar battery bank failure. Local donor was developed; batteries are being purchased.

Cause	Great Smoky Mountains
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campground Closure. Round Bottom Horse Campground Facility Damaged or Inoperable This horse campground was scheduled to open this spring, but will remain closed due to Hurricane Helene damage this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Round Bottom Horse Campground remains closed due to Hurricane Helene damage. The park has addressed emergency repair/rehabilitation needs following Hurricane Helene, but significant recovery work on roads, trails, and buildings is still needed. Round Bottom Horse Camp remains closed due to damage on Straight Fork Road.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Abrams Creek Campground and Picnic Area; Look Rock Campground and Picnic Area. These campgrounds and picnic areas were scheduled to open on 4/25/2025. The park is unable to open them until 5/19/2025 This issue has been resolved. As of 5/19, these campgrounds and picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Balsam Mountain Campground and Picnic Area. This campground and picnic area was scheduled to open on 5/16/2025. The park is unable to open these facilities until 5/23/2025. This issue has been resolved. As of 5/23, Balsam Mountain Campground and picnic area is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Campgrounds Big Creek Campground and Picnic Area; Big Creek Horse Campground; Cosby Campground and Picnic Area. These campgrounds and picnic areas were scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open them until 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. As of 5/19, Big Creek Campground, Cosby Campground, and Cosby Picnic Area are open. Big Creek Horse Campground remains closed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Big Creek Horse Campground. This campground was scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park plans to open it on 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Big Creek Horse Campground remains closed due to Hurricane Helene damage. The park has addressed emergency repair/rehabilitation needs following Hurricane Helene, but significant recovery work on roads, trails, and buildings is still needed. Big Creek Horse Camp will remain closed due to damage in the Big Creek area.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Cataloochee Campground, Group Campground, and Horse Campground. This campground was scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open it until 5/5/2025. This issue has been resolved. As of 5/5, all Cataloochee campgrounds are open.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Tow String Horse Campground. This horse campground was scheduled to open 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open it until 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Tow String and Round bottom horse campgrounds remain closed. Tow String is closed due to limited facilities staff--the park prioritized reopening the most utilized park horse campgrounds this season. Round Bottom remains closed due to damage from Hurricane Helene.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Chimneys Picnic Area This picnic area was scheduled to open on 4/1/2025 (lower loop) and 4/11/2025 (upper loop). The park is unable to open the picnic area until 4/21/2025 (lower loop) and 5/19/2025 (upper loop). This issue has been resolved. As of 5/19, all of Chimneys Picnic Area is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Collins Creek Picnic Area This picnic area was scheduled to open on 4/1/2025. Due to staffing shortages and low utilization rates at this picnic, the park will keep the picnic area closed this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Due to limited staff, the park prioritized opening the most used park picnic areas this season. Collins Creek picnic area remains closed. 9 other picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Twin Creeks Picnic Pavilion This picnic pavilion was scheduled to open on 4/18. Due to staffing shortages and low utilization rates (this pavilion is only accessible to those who reserve it) at this campground, the park will keep the campground closed this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Due to limited facilities staff, the park prioritized opening the most utilized park picnic areas this season. Twin Creeks picnic area remains closed. 9 other picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Vehicle Free Day at Cades Cove. The park provides opportunities for visitors to bike the Cades Cove Loop without vehicle traffic on Wednesdays from May through Sept. Due to staffing shortages, the park will offer the first Vehicle Free Day on June 18. This issue has been resolved. The park offered the first Vehicle-Free Day on June 18. This will occur every Wednesday through September, similar to past years.

NORTH DAKOTA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
North Dakota	767,938	\$56,000,000	711	\$22,500,000	\$38,300,000	\$70,500,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in North Dakota, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Lewis & Clark Trail and North Country Historic Trail.

NO NORTH DAKOTA PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

OHIO

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Ohio	3,195,784	\$163,700,000	2,525	\$98,800,000	\$154,400,000	\$267,600,000

OHIO PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center. Hours reduced to 0900 - 1600 Wednesday and Thursday. Additional hours of operation are possible through self-service visitor automation with non-park staff hosted in office space. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Hours of operation have become inconsistent due to unsuccessful seasonal recruitment and mandatory furlough periods. Park has attempted to leverage Return to Office (RTO) staff and automation to supplement park staff. This solution is still being developed but is not currently in operation.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Wright Cycle Company Complex (Wright Dunbar Interpretive Center Museum, Wright Cycle Company historic structure) reduced to 0900-1600 Wednesday through Sunday. Seven days per week operation are possible with the addition of three permanent, funded, vacant positions. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	First Ladies National Historic Site
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure Historic Site Visitor Center. First Ladies Visitor Center. The air-cooling unit in the visitor center does not work (project to replace expected FY26). When temperatures in the building exceed 80 degrees all operations shift to the Saxton House only. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Additional AC window units and fans were purchased to increase days VC's interior temperatures are below 80 degrees. Contracts to replace fan coil units and design new cooling unit have been awarded.

OKLAHOMA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Oklahoma	2,094,232	\$41,400,000	396	\$12,800,000	\$20,500,000	\$40,000,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Oklahoma, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Butterfield Overland Trail, Sante Fe Historic Trail, Trail of Tears, and Oklahoma City National Memorial.

OKLAHOMA PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Chickasaw National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure of the Rock Creek and Buckhorn campgrounds Due to lack of seasonal custodians (3), we will be modifying our published summer opening at these locations. This modification will restrict our opening to major holiday weeks (wed to wed operations). Our current staff of 3 custodians will be paid mandatory overtime for these holiday weeks in order to maintain services in these campgrounds. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. With the continued lack of staff and inability to gain seasonals these closures will have to remain in place. These closures are needed to maintain Park operations at a capacity of our current staffing levels.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Nature Center. The Travertine Nature Center will be closed Tue & Wed (lowest summer visitation usage days over a 5-year average) due to the lack of summer seasonals. The current staff of 3 interpretation employees will operate the Travertine Nature Center Thurs-Mon while providing ranger led programs and manning the front desk to service visitor information requests. The Chickasaw Nation operate the only visitor center for the park. They are prepared to welcome any extra visitors on Tue & Wed due to our closure. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The Travertine Nature Center currently has 1 full time NPS employee of 5. We have shifted other Park employees to assist in covering shifts, but this impacts other portions of Park operations. Keeping this location closed on Tues & Wed has the lowest impacts to visitors and Park operations.

OREGON

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Oregon	1,045,772	\$86,800,000	1,199	\$48,100,000	\$75,900,000	\$130,600,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Oregon, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The California Historic Trail, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail, and Oregon National Historic Trail.

OREGON PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Nez Perce National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center. The visitor center winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 8:30 - 4:00 pm. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may not be able to transition to 7-days-a-week operations during the summer season. We are losing an additional four permanent staff through VERA/VSIP by May 31, 2025. If and when we are able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-days-a-week operations. We have also been actively attempting to recruit some summer interns through an existing partnership the park has to provide assistance. If and when the interns are brought in and trained the visitor center can resume 7-days-a-week operations. All other NEPE sites and grounds are open 7-days a week dawn to dusk and will remain open. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Oregon Caves National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tour Services Cave Tour Operations. Cave tours typically open March 20th and operate 5 days a week until Memorial Day when we go to 7 days a week. To this date we have not opened public tours. Public tours will start once the seasonal positions are brought on. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. On May 24th we opened to the public. We are operating 5 days a week Thursday-Sunday. We were only able to bring on 6 of the 12 guide positions before the certs were exhausted. We were able to get on another announcement and hire 5 more guides that will start in another pay period. We expect to move to 7 days a week in August.

PENNSYLVANIA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Pennsylvania	8,300,004	\$426,300,000	6,157	\$251,800,000	\$382,400,000	\$662,600,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Pennsylvania, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Chesapeake Bay Watershed, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, Potomac Heritage, Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River, Gloria Dei Church and Carlisle Indian Boarding School National Monument.

PENNSYLVANIA PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Edgar Allan Poe NHS
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Historic Building: Site closed for scheduled construction project - planned opening in late summer 2025.
Cause	Gettysburg National Military Park
Construction & Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Gettysburg National Military Park of the David Wills House. The David Wills House is located in downtown Gettysburg and is typically open from mid-May to mid-November, Friday-Sunday, 11am to 4pm. In October 2024, the site was closed due to flooding associated with failure of the HVAC system. The home typically serves as a museum with original artifacts such as the bed Lincoln slept in prior to delivery of the Gettysburg Address. These artifacts have been removed from the home and due to the inability of the building to maintain adequate museum quality environmental conditions and are not expected to be returned to the site. The David Wills House is expected to remain closed for an indefinite period of time while the park re-envision the space and obtains funds to repair and rehabilitate the structure to implement that vision. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The park is developing a project statement to address environmental conditions in the building and re-envision future use.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Thaddeus Kosciuszko NMEM Historic Structure. Site closed for scheduled construction project - planned opening late May early June. Site now open; construction completed. Site now open; construction completed.

Cause	Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Access Points Reduced Services (river put-ins) New York State owned river accesses at Long Eddy and Mongaup. Due to the expiration of a previous agreement, the National Park Service (NPS) may be unable to provide staffing and essential visitor services—such as portable restrooms and loaner life jackets—at river access sites. This issue has been resolved. The park was able to sign a temporary agreement with the State of New York for this summer season. • Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (UPDE) staff have been working toward establishing a new cooperative management agreement. However, recent provisions in the EXPLORE Act limit our ability to offer these services without reimbursement. While our partners in New York State are actively exploring temporary solutions, a finalized agreement is still in progress with NPS Financial Assistance. • UPDE is working diligently toward having a temporary agreement in place by Memorial Day. However, due to the complexity of the process, there is a possibility that services may not be available by that time.
Cause	Thaddeus Kosciuszko NMEM
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Historic Structure: Site closed for scheduled construction project - planned opening late May early June. Site now open; construction completed. Site now open; construction completed.

RHODE ISLAND

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Rhode Island	37,707	\$2,526,000	31	\$1,493,000	\$2,350, 000	\$3,790,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Rhode Island, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Touro Synagogue, Blackstone River Valley, and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

NO RHODE ISLAND PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

SOUTH CAROLINA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
South Carolina	1,281,602	\$80,900,000	1,058	\$34,400,000	\$60,500,000	\$106,900,000

Please note: There are two National Park Service managed units in South Carolina, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Fort Moultrie and the Foothills National Recreation Trail.

SOUTH CAROLINA PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Ninety Six National Historic Site
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ninety Six National Historic Site Trail Closure. Gouedy Trail and adjacent area is closed. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Working through project scoping for DS25 funds to clean up the damage.

SOUTH DAKOTA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
South Dakota	4,423,548	\$599,900,000	8,327	\$287,900,000	\$477,100,000	\$834,600,000

Please note: There is one National Park Service managed unit in South Dakota, which was not included in the original NPS Report and does not appear to have visitor use statistics. It is the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

SOUTH DAKOTA PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Wind Cave National Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Closure of Tours of Wind Cave. The winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may be unable to transition to 7-days-a-week operations. If are able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-day a week operation. This issue has been resolved. Since the new elevators began service in January 2025, tours have been running, with occasional repairs needed for the elevators
Cause	Minuteman Missile National Historic Site
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services Ranger-led Tours. Ranger led tours of the Delta-01 Launch Control Facility. Tours will be reduced from two morning tours and two afternoon tours to only two afternoon tours. This issue has been resolved. The regular summer schedule of four tours per day is now in place. This was possible once seasonal hires arrived and were trained to give tours.
Cause	Mount Rushmore
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced hours Sculptor's Studio Building at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Hours of operation for the Sculptor's Studio will be reduced to 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. everyday May 24 - August 9. This is a 2-hour reduction in services. The Sculptor's Studio hours in past summers from May 24-August 9 has been 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Transition to regular winter hours resolves the summer staffing issue.

TENNESSEE

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Tennessee	10,545,648	\$1,400,600,000	20,021	\$832,100,000	\$1,309,300,000	\$2,166,100,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Tennessee, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail, Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail, the Trail of Tears, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

TENNESSEE NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Mammoth Cave National Park
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure Ferry. Mammoth Cave National Park: Green River Ferry. The Mammoth Cave Green River Ferry is currently closed to all traffic. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Contracting process for infrastructure repairs has begun and is in process. Currently contracting to make repairs to the Ferry's navigation system.
Cause	Cumberland Island National Seashore and Associated Issues
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Bookstore hours. Bookstore staff employed by Eastern National (EN) have been reduced. Only one part time EN employee currently staff the bookstore. NPS staff are supplementing the bookstore operation, but reduced NPS staff does not permit full coverage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park staff covers retail operations when EN staff is unavailable.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Museum Hours. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Museum hours are already limited, open daily from 1pm-4pm. Occasional closures may be warranted in order to staff the Visitors Center. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Continuously looking for volunteers to staff the museum
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance Fuels Reduction, Fire preparedness and Response to Wildland Fire. Atlantic Zone Fire Management team is currently staffed by only the Fire Management Officer. The 4 positions on the team are vacant and one team member is on furlough. These vacancies have reduced the ability of the team to clear fire breaks and limited response to wildland fire. The vacant boat captain position nearly eliminates the parks' ability to transport fire engines/equipment to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. 1 person from another park is on a 120 temporary assignment to CUIS. Seeking additional Temp assignments

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance. Boat Captain Position Vacant. Barge transportation to the island has been eliminated. Due to resignation of the 100 Ton certified boat captain, the park barge used to transport equipment, fuel, materials, etc. cannot operated. Firefighting equipment, fuel for vehicles on island, and material to complete maintenance cannot be transported to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Permission granted to fill this position VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Emergency Preparedness & Maintenance. Response to wildland fire and hurricane preparation has been eliminated. Firefighting equipment is dependent on the park barge which does not have a certified operator. Hurricane preparations include moving park assets including boats to safe harbor. Without a certified boat captain, the ability to quickly move the park barge (\$1M) asset to safe harbor is compromised. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Permission granted to fill this position. VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Road Maintenance. The main road (dirt) maintenance schedule has been reduced. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Park held a heavy equipment training for staff to include division chiefs to meet safety and visitor expectations. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trail Maintenance. Trail maintenance has by NPS staff has ceased. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Limited trail work is being done by volunteer groups. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trash Removal & Maintenance. Trash/construction debris removal from the island has been eliminated Trash is typically hauled off the island on the park barge. Park project generated construction debris cannot be removed from the island. Park offices and 12 residences in park housing are unable to place trash in trash compactor for removal from the island. Trash is transported off one bag at a time on crew boats. The barge is not operating due to staffing. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Education Program Reduced Services Staffing Education Programs are led by staff other than trained Technicians. The quality of instruction may decline, resulting in diminished learning outcomes, reduced student engagement, and a lack of effective support for diverse learner needs. The Education Technician (ET) position is vacant within the Interpretation and Education division that is currently operating at 50% capacity. The ET coordinates logistics and provides learning opportunities to 1000s of elementary age students withing Southern Georgia and Northern Florida. School groups that are not already scheduled to attend are being turned away or asked to reduce the number of students in attendance and increase the number of chaperons. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Concession Operations. Ferry boat passenger check-in and park entrance fee/campground reservation collection. Fee staff has been reduced from four personnel down to one. Of those positions now vacant, two are managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, coordinating reservations through Recreation.gov, providing oversight on the concession contractor, preparing Special Use Permits, and complying with law and policy regarding handling of money as well as working the desk as front-line staff. This can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and a lack of coordination. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger-led Tour Dock programs and preventative search and rescue programs. Ranger-led educational dock programs on the island have been eliminated, and preventative search and rescue programs have been reduced by 50%. Rangers no longer can greet the ferry upon arrival to the island and provide wayfinding, fishing, or history programs. One TERM ranger provides preventative search and rescue when available. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Tours congressionally legislated, continue to be provided by the concessionaire. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services and Visitor Center Operations (park entrance fee/campground permit check in). Visitor Center staff has been reduced from four personnel down to two. One vacant position is managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, ensuring visitor safety, education, and wayfinding are achieved through social media and professional ranger interactions, as well as working the desk as front-line staff. The reduction of staff can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and potential increase in visitor search and rescue needs. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Park staff from all Divisions are working shifts at the VC
Cause	Fort Donelson National Battlefield
Reduced Maintenance & Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Mowing of Hields, Resources, and Trails providing Visitor Access. Reduced mowing cycle of primary areas, FODO staff mowing of primary areas, resources, and access trails across the multiple units. Mowing classifications and period between mowing will be extended, resulting in higher-than-average turf and vegetation, possibly altering access in some areas. Staff that now will be used to cover visitor services, as necessary. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Ranger-led Tour. Ranger-led Interpretive and Education Programs. Due to current staffing, visitor programs will need to be reduced to 2 (weekends) to 3 days per week. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed FODO's Park Guide (Term) has left for another park and its seasonal is leaving four months early for graduate school - leaving one GS-7 Interpretative Ranger. Chief Ranger (VRP/I) is adjusting to a Tues-Sat schedule, with other park staff covering as necessary to ensure that the Visitor Center remains open and the reduced program schedule may continue. Pursuing recruitment of Winter Seasonal. Seasonals or other provided staffing will mitigate reduction.

Cause	Great Smoky Mountains
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campground Closure. Round Bottom Horse Campground Facility Damaged or Inoperable This horse campground was scheduled to open this spring, but will remain closed due to Hurricane Helene damage this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Round Bottom Horse Campground remains closed due to Hurricane Helene damage. The park has addressed emergency repair/rehabilitation needs following Hurricane Helene, but significant recovery work on roads, trails, and buildings is still needed. Round Bottom Horse Camp remains closed due to damage on Straight Fork Road.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Abrams Creek Campground and Picnic Area; Look Rock Campground and Picnic Area. These campgrounds and picnic areas were scheduled to open on 4/25/2025. The park is unable to open them until 5/19/2025. This issue has been resolved. As of 5/19, these campgrounds and picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Balsam Mountain Campground and Picnic Area. This campground and picnic area was scheduled to open on 5/16/2025. The park is unable to open these facilities until 5/23/2025. This issue has been resolved. As of 5/23, Balsam Mountain Campground and picnic area is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Campgrounds Big Creek Campground and Picnic Area; Big Creek Horse Campground; Cosby Campground and Picnic Area. These campgrounds and picnic areas were scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open them until 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. As of 5/19, Big Creek Campground, Cosby Campground, and Cosby Picnic Area are open. Big Creek Horse Campground remains closed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Big Creek Horse Campground. This campground was scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park plans to open it on 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Big Creek Horse Campground remains closed due to Hurricane Helene damage. The park has addressed emergency repair/rehabilitation needs following Hurricane Helene, but significant recovery work on roads, trails, and buildings is still needed. Big Creek Horse Camp will remain closed due to damage in the Big Creek area.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Cataloochee Campground, Group Campground, and Horse Campground. This campground was scheduled to open on 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open it until 5/5/2025. This issue has been resolved. As of 5/5, all Cataloochee campgrounds are open.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Tow String Horse Campground. This horse campground was scheduled to open 4/18/2025. The park is unable to open it until 5/19/2025. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Tow String and Roundbottom horse campgrounds remain closed. Tow String is closed due to limited facilities staff--the park prioritized reopening the most utilized park horse campgrounds this season. Round Bottom remains closed due to damage from Hurricane Helene.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Chimneys Picnic Area This picnic area was scheduled to open on 4/1/2025 (lower loop) and 4/11/2025 (upper loop). The park is unable to open the picnic area until 4/21/2025 (lower loop) and 5/19/2025 (upper loop). This issue has been resolved. As of 5/19, all of Chimneys Picnic Area is open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Collins Creek Picnic Area This picnic area was scheduled to open on 4/1/2025. Due to staffing shortages and low utilization rates at this picnic, the park will keep the picnic area closed this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Due to limited facilities staff, the park prioritized opening the most utilized park picnic areas this season. Collins Creek picnic area remains closed. 9 other picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Twin Creeks Picnic Pavilion This picnic pavilion was scheduled to open on 4/18. Due to staffing shortages and low utilization rates (this pavilion is only accessible to those who reserve it) at this campground, the park will keep the campground closed this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Due to limited facilities staff, the park prioritized opening the most utilized park picnic areas this season. Twin Creeks picnic area remains closed. 9 other picnic areas are open.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Vehicle Free Day at Cades Cove. The park provides opportunities for visitors to bike the Cades Cove Loop without vehicle traffic on Wednesdays from May through Sept. Due to staffing shortages, the park will offer the first Vehicle Free Day on June 18. This issue has been resolved. The park offered the first Vehicle-Free Day on June 18. This opportunity will occur every Wednesday through September, similar to past years.

Cause	Great Smoky Mountains
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campground Closure. Round Bottom Horse Campground Facility Damaged or Inoperable This horse campground was scheduled to open this spring, but will remain closed due to Hurricane Helene damage this season. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Round Bottom Horse Campground remains closed due to Hurricane Helene damage. The park has addressed emergency repair/rehabilitation needs following Hurricane Helene, but significant recovery work on roads, trails, and buildings is still needed. Round Bottom Horse Camp remains closed due to damage on Straight Fork Road.
Cause	Shiloh National Military Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tour. Shiloh and Corinth Battlefield sites and units. Shilo is requesting approval for reducing ranger guided tours and special event programs by 50% in order to maintain normal operating hours at both Visitor Centers. The park has 2 major Visitor Centers (MS/TN) operating 7 days a week from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. With reduced staffing levels still in effect, programs have been scheduled during the highest visitation periods. With volunteer help, more ranger led programs are available during these peak times.

TEXAS

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Texas	5,339,503	\$322,700,000	4,464	\$172,100,000	\$272,200,000	\$487,600,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units Texas, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: The Blackwell School National Historic Site, Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, El Camino Real Del Los Tejas, and El Camino Real De Tierra Adentro.

TEXAS NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure LBJ Ranch District. Texas White House Complex The complex is closed for construction which may extend into 2027. Other park areas are open to the public.

UTAH

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Utah	15,678,160	\$1,899,600,000	26,507	\$985,400,000	\$1,702,000,000	\$2,981,200,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units Utah, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The California National Historic Trail, Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail, Old Spanish National Historic Trail, and Pony Express National Historic Trail.

UTAH NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Cause	Arches National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Services Ranger Programs Ranger programming is currently not occurring. Staff are being trained up and some redistributed to fill behind the Rangers, and, starting May 4, we will be able to offer 2 Fiery Furnace ranger-led hikes and 1 evening program daily. This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Park Education Program. Grand County Spring school field trips and associated classroom visits. The park education team normally does spring field trips for grades 1, 2 and 3. This year we reassigned education staff to Arches VC to keep the building open. This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Park Ranger-led Tour. Fiery Furnace ranger-led hikes as of 4/15, private permits will be available to the public for Fiery Furnace hikes, but we will not have the staffing trained and on-boarded to conduct ranger-led tours until May 4. Note: ranger-led tours have not always been offered in early-season, and this is a similar to 2023. This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Visitor Center Services and Hours. Arches Visitor Center. Hours are slightly reduced for this time of year, currently 8:00a to 6:00p. Starting May 4, we will be back to 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. once seasonals are on-boarded and trained. HQ staff will be reassigned to the front desk throughout the summer to maintain these hours. This issue is resolved.
Cause	Canyonlands National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Education Program. Interpretive programs are reduced from normal operations, but are resuming as seasonal staff is on-boarded and trained through the month of April. This issue has been resolved.

Cause	Capitol Reef National Park
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Drive will be temporarily closed to visitor use. Road improvement project. The first layer of new pavement was installed last fall; the road is currently open but will need to be closed to finish paving. Project was paused for winter because temperatures were too low to pave. Construction was slated to start this week, but has been delayed. Final start and duration have not yet been determined. State Highway 24 and all other park roads remain open. (project will improve road for increasing amounts of traffic, and includes larger parking area at Capitol Gorge). This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Project should be completed in the next few weeks, and access restored. Fog sealing, signs and shoulder work are still occurring but access to Grand Wash has been restored.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Visitor Center Hours. On Federal Highways project that included an increase in the size, and changes in layout to the visitor center parking lot. Work began last year, with demolition of the old lot, and construction of the new, but the new lot was not paved by the time winter conditions precluded paving. Work was tentatively scheduled to begin this week, but staffing levels at Federal Highways have delayed issuance of an approved schedule to resume work. We anticipate several days of closure at the visitor center to pave the new lot, stripe and fog seal. To the extent possible we will move operations to a temporary outdoor location. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Signs and final punch list items are still being completed, but Visitor Center lot is paved and visitor center is open.
Cause	Zion National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Volunteer Operations: Volunteers are managed by the Volunteer Coordinator and provide significant, valuable service to the visitors and park operation. In FY 24, the coordinator manages 121 full-time volunteers and 308 volunteer groups engaged in specific projects. In total the coordinator managed 19,534 volunteer hours contributed to the park. This position directly supervises the park's Community Volunteer Ambassador a year-long position assisting with volunteer operations and several volunteers: Zion Canyon Trail Rovers, Bike Ambassadors, Litter and Graffiti Busters, Artists-in-Residence, and Bike Mechanics. The Volunteer Coordinator was terminated as a probationary employee at the time. The VIP Coordinator was restored along with other probationary employees.

VERMONT

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Vermont	71,799	\$4,800,000	61	\$2,100,000	\$3,700,000	\$6,400,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units Vermont, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The North Country National Scenic Trail and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

VERMONT NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
Staffing & Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Trail Work. Park carriage roads and trails. Reduction in capacity for managing trail work, including completion of trail maintenance and management of trail volunteer program.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Education Programs. Park education program offerings to schools and student groups. Number and frequency of education program offerings will be reduced.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger-led Tours. Ranger-led tours of Marsh-Billings Mansion and other buildings. Numbers and frequency of tours will be reduced. Will pivot from guided tours to open house hours for certain days and times.

VIRGINIA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Virginia	23,263,467	\$1,494,300,000	21,159	\$769,300,000	\$1,301,300,000	\$2,274,400,000

Please note: The National Park Service units not included are: The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park, Chesapeake Bay, Civil War Defenses, Fort Monroe National Monument, Great Falls National Park, Green Springs National Historic Landmark District, Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

VIRGINIA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Arlington House
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Maintenance. The Robert E. Lee Memorial. Grounds Maintenance. Submitted as part of George Washington Memorial Parkway, Tranche 1. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Cause	Cumberland Island National Seashore and Associated Issues
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Bookstore hours. Bookstore staff employed by Eastern National have been reduced. Only one part time EN employee currently staff the bookstore. NPS staff are supplementing the bookstore operation, but reduced NPS staff does not permit full coverage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Park staff covers retail operations when EN staff is unavailable.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Museum Hours. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Museum hours are already limited, open daily from 1pm-4pm. Occasional closures may be warranted in order to staff the Visitors Center. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Continuously looking for volunteers to staff the museum

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Fuels Reduction, Fire preparedness and Response to Wildland Fire. Atlantic Zone Fire Management team is currently staffed by only the Fire Management Officer. The 4 positions on the team are vacant and one team member is on furlough. These vacancies have reduced the ability of the team to clear fire breaks and limited response to wildland fire. The vacant boat captain position nearly eliminates the parks' ability to transport fire engines/equipment to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. 1 person from another park is on a 120 temporary assignment to CUIS. Seeking additional Temp assignments
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance. Boat Captain Position Vacant. Barge transportation to the island has been eliminated. Due to resignation of the 100 Ton certified boat captain, the park barge used to transport equipment, fuel, materials, etc. cannot operated. Firefighting equipment, fuel for vehicles on island, and material to complete maintenance cannot be transported to the island. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Permission granted to fill this position VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Emergency Preparedness & Maintenance. Response to wildland fire and hurricane preparation has been eliminated. Firefighting equipment is dependent on the park barge which does not have a certified operator. Hurricane preparations include moving park assets including boats to safe harbor. Without a certified boat captain, the ability to quickly move the park barge (\$1M) asset to safe harbor is compromised. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Permission granted to fill this position. VRA hire in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Road Maintenance. The main road (dirt) maintenance schedule has been reduced. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Park held a heavy equipment training for staff to include division chiefs to meet safety and visitor expectations. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions (WG-4749).
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trail Maintenance. Trail maintenance has by NPS staff has ceased. Park facilities maintenance staff have been reduced by 40%. Limited trail work is being done by volunteer groups. Routine proactive maintenance has been reduced to reactive treatment to trouble areas and repair after storm damage. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Pursuing winter maintenance seasonal positions.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trash Removal & Maintenance. Trash/construction debris removal. Trash/construction debris removal from the island has been eliminated Trash is typically hauled off the island on the park barge. Park project generated construction debris cannot be removed from the island. Park offices and 12 residences in park housing are unable to place trash in

	<p>trash compactor for removal from the island. Trash is transported off one bag at a time on crew boats. The barge is not operating due to staffing. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.</p>
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Education Program Reduced Services Staffing Education Programs are led by staff other than trained Technicians. The quality of instruction may decline, resulting in diminished learning outcomes, reduced student engagement, and a lack of effective support for diverse learner needs. The Education Technician (ET) position is vacant within the Interpretation and Education division that is currently operating at 50% capacity. The ET coordinates logistics and provides learning opportunities to 1000s of elementary age students withing Southern Georgia and Northern Florida. School groups that are not already scheduled to attend are being turned away or asked to reduce the number of students in attendance and increase the number of chaperons. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Concession Operations. Ferry boat passenger check-in and park entrance fee/campground reservation collection. Fee staff has been reduced from four personnel down to one. Of those positions now vacant, two are managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, coordinating reservations through Recreation.gov, providing oversite on the concession contractor, preparing Special Use Permits, and complying with law and policy regarding handling of money as well as working the desk as front-line staff. This can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and a lack of coordination. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Ranger-led Tour Dock programs and preventative search and rescue programs. Ranger-led educational dock programs on the island have been eliminated, and preventative search and rescue programs have been reduced by 50%. Rangers no longer can greet the ferry upon arrival to the island and provide wayfinding, fishing, or history programs. One TERM ranger provides preventative search and rescue when available. On days staff (park staff and volunteers) is limited, priority goes to operating the Visitors Center. Tours congressionally legislated, continue to be provided by the concessionaire. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services and Visitor Center Operations (park entrance fee/campground permit check in). Visitor Center staff has been reduced from four personnel down to two. One vacant position is managerial, leading critical roles such as scheduling staff, ensuring visitor safety, education, and wayfinding are achieved through social media and professional ranger interactions, as well as working the desk as front-line staff. The reduction of staff can lead to longer wait times, decreased quality of service, and potential increase in visitor search and rescue needs. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged Park staff from all Divisions are working shifts at the VC

Cause	George Washington Birthplace National Monument
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Visitor Center Visitor Open Wednesday - Sunday as normal but close at 4:00 instead of 5:00. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. The park has attempted to recruit volunteers who are willing to work a consistent schedule.
Cause	Blue Ridge Parkway
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Crabtree Falls Campground will be closed for 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Linville Falls Campground. Camp will be closed for 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Picnic Areas. Picnic Areas from Milepost 316 to 367. Picnic Areas from Milepost 316 to Milepost 367 (Linville Falls, Crabtree Falls, and Craggy Gardens Picnic Areas) will be closed for the 2025 season due to catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Various Blue Ridge Road Parkway (motor road). Road closures due to construction projects, road damaged caused by Hurricane Helene.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Linville Falls Spur Road. This was damaged by Hurricane Helene and is inaccessible. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of the Craggy Gardens Visitor Center. Gardens Visitor Center will be closed for the 2025 season. The building itself experienced minimal impacts from Hurricane Helene, but the facility is inaccessible due to road damage. Park is working to restore road access, and facility may open early fall. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Ridge Linville Falls Visitor Center Closure. Visitor Center was destroyed by Hurricane Helene and area is inaccessible. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Ridge Visitor Center Closure. The Rocky Knob Visitor Center will be closed for 2025 season due to staffing shortages, and partner cannot operate. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage and Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening of Doughton Park Campground. Delayed opening- campground normally opens Memorial Day weekend, and anticipated open date is June 16 due to February ice storm damage and staffing challenges. This issue has been resolved.

Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening of Julian Price Campground. The Campground experienced significant damage from Hurricane Helene, possible limited opening (one loop) with delayed opening date. Bringing in crews from other parks to support. This issue is occurring and is unchanged.
Storm Damage and Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed seasonal opening of the Rocky Knob Campground. Delayed opening- campground normally opens Memorial Day weekend and anticipated open date is June 16 due to February ice storm damage and staffing challenges. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage and Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed seasonal opening. SmartView, Rocky Knob, Groundhog Mountain, Cumberland Knob, Doughton Park, and Jeffress Park Picnic Areas. They will have a delayed opening (target July 1) due to damage from February ice storm and staffing challenges. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. All of these campgrounds are open other than Jeffress Park Campground, due to Helene-related Road closures
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening of Heintooga Road. Delayed opening - spur road providing access to GRSM campground facilities typically opens in April, however will be delayed open until mid-May to match modified opening dates for GRSM campground facilities. This issue has been resolved.
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure of Peaks of Otter Campground. One loop closed (two loops remain open) due to February ice storm damage, staffing. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged

Cause	Harper's Ferry National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of Education Program: Cancellation of School group tours. The park currently is not accepting reservations from schools for ranger-led education programs on Tuesdays. This means the park is turning away approximately 12-15 schools and school groups per month.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Fee Station. Days and hours of operation for Fee Station at Cavalier Heights (main) is reduced to 5 days a week. No fee collection is occurring at Lower Town location (previously 3-5 days a week). Reduction in fee revenue (approximately \$2M in FY2023 and FY2024) will negatively impact the park's ability to fund its shuttle bus service and perform cyclic maintenance, repairs, and rehabilitation on its historic buildings.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Parkwide Grounds. Changed maintenance worker's shifts to meet 100% custodial coverage for park's four sets of public restrooms. That shift change reduces the time maintenance workers have to conduct safe mowing operations by approximately 60 hours per week.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure HVAC systems in 14 museum spaces/office buildings HVAC maintenance cannot be performed in-house. Contractors will be required to manage all unique systems in real time. This includes scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs. All systems are of differing ages and types. Most use air conditioning to cool historic buildings. HVAC failure has the potential to close exhibits due to unhealthy temperatures for visitors, require staff to telework due to unhealthy temperatures, and damage to museum objects and archives can occur.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Restroom Maintenance Parkwide. All public and NPS staff restrooms in the park Custodial staff of 5 is reduced to 1. Park has changed shifts of other maintenance staff to cover this deficiency.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Volunteer Coordination & Reduced Maintenance by Volunteer and Group Projects. Unable to accept volunteer requests for most individual and group projects Unable to hire a Volunteer Coordinator. Without this position, the park will lose the opportunity to have hundreds of volunteers provide useful services and work projects in 2025. Projects routinely include trash pickup, removal of invasive plant species, regulation and resource protection education, beautification, historic preservation, and grounds and fleet maintenance.

Cause	Maggie Walker National Historic Site
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Visitor Center: Visitor Center is open to the public Fridays and Saturdays 9am - 5pm. Selection of days/hours driven by visitation data. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Museum: Maggie Walker House and Museum. Access to house is limited to public tours on Fridays and Saturdays. Formal educational programming offered Tuesday through Thursdays by appointment. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Cause	Manassas National Battlefield Park
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Landscape, Mowing. Contracting delays have led to delay in awarding parkwide mowing contract. This means that MANA maintenance staff have to be pulled from other duties to assist with mowing.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance & Hazard Tree Removal. Delay in awarding hazard tree contract increases the danger to park visitors and staff as identified hazard trees are not addressed in a timely manner.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance & Prescribed Fire. The loss of capacity within NCR's fire management program has prevented MANA from using prescribed fire as a landscape management tool. This has significantly reduced our ability to address non-native invasive species in an economical way. We now have to treat individual plants by hand.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance and Preservation. The hiring freeze has prevented us from hiring critical maintenance positions. An Exhibit Specialist, landscape manager, and maintenance position are vacant due to the hiring freeze. This has significantly impacted our preservation crew's capacity and ability to maintain our historic structures. We have 43 historic structures at the park that require a great deal of maintenance.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance & Invasive Species Management. The hiring freeze has prevented us from bringing on SCA interns that will help us treat non-native invasive species within the park. These interns add 200% capacity to our natural resource team.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Historic Structure Chinn House. Termination of probationary members of the Masonry Crew has caused a delay in the project. Project was demobilized and completion date has been delayed.

Cause	Prince William Forest Park
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Campgrounds. Oak Ridge Campground. 29 of 42 sites in the A-Loop are closed due to a failed wastewater line under the A-Loop Comfort Station building; the remaining sites are close enough to the B-Loop Comfort Station to remain open. Both B & C Loops remain open and available for camping. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. Staff have begun excavation underneath the comfort station to be able to remove the old existing wastewater lines to replace with new Work in progress.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Opening Visitor Center. Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged. One seasonal staff member onboarded July 6 and is undergoing training; 2 additional seasonal staff will onboard July 27 and will undergo orientation and training. Anticipate 7-day operation to commence on/about 8-19-25. • Delayed seasonal announcement opened April 18 and will close on 5/1 or when 50 applications are received, which will enable hiring three seasonal staff and allow PRWI to operate the visitor center 7-days a week 0900-1700.

WASHINGTON

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Washington	8,294,749	\$565,100,000	6,106	\$278,000,000	\$495,300,000	\$780,200,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units Washington, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Ebey's Landing, Ice Age Floods Trail, Lewis and Clark Trail, Oregon Trail and Wing Luke Museum.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Parks and Associated Issues
Cause	Whitman Mission National Historic Site and Associated Issues
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center Whitman Mission Visitor Center. The winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 9:00am - 4:00pm and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 9:00 - 4:00 pm. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may not be able to transition to 7-day a week operation during the summer season. If and when we are able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-day a week operation. Park grounds will remain open 7-days a week dawn to dusk This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. The park was able to resume 7-day a week visitor center operations effective the 4th of July weekend with the addition of a seasonal and support from interns and volunteers. The park will continue 7-day a week visitor center operations through Labor Day weekend.
Cause	Nez Perce National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Visitor Center. The visitor center winter hours of operation (Labor Day through Memorial Day) are 5-days a week (Tues through Sat) 8:30am - 4:00pm and summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 7-days a week 8:30 - 4:00 pm. Due to staffing shortfalls, we may not be able to transition to 7-days-a-week operations during the summer season. We are losing an additional four permanent staff through VERA/VSIP by May 31, 2025. If and when we are able to onboard and train seasonal staff and/or proceed with hiring staff rescinded in January, we will be able to resume 7-days-a-week operations. We have also been actively attempting to recruit some summer interns through an existing partnership the park has to provide assistance. If and when the interns are brought in and trained the visitor center can resume 7-day a week operations. All other NEPE sites and grounds are open 7-days a week dawn to dusk and will remain open. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.

Cause	Mount Rainier
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delayed Seasonal Opening Campgrounds. Cougar Rock Campground usually opens in late May. Typically, in-house trails staff complete all hazard tree mitigation and cutting prior to opening. In 2025 delays in onboarding trails/faller staff (WG-4749) series (some EODs expected April 20 and May 4) combined other competing spring opening/access responsibilities of the same staff may affect opening many impacted campsites. High numbers of hazard trees are due to multi-year outbreak of silver fir beetle. About 500 trees will need to be cut in 2025. We expect almost all campsites in 2025 to be affected and temporarily closed by hazard trees until mitigated. All trees pose a safety risk to visitors and campsite infrastructure. Expediting 4749 onboarding is critical but we are also exploring other options and may need support to address: emergency contracts, fire crew or USFS assistance, other park teams. Cougar Rock Campground has been opened, all campsites are available and all hazard trees have been mitigated. All issues have been addressed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delayed Seasonal Opening Mount Rainier Recreational complex (includes Campground, Road, Visitor Center, Concessions, Restrooms, Trails, Contact Stations). Paradise (above Longmire gate). Paradise is the primary visitor destination in the park. Typically, the park switches from limited winter to full summer operations in the Paradise corridor in mid to late May. This requires that all service contracts, supplies and key seasonal staffing are on hand to manage the significant increase in visitation during the summer months. We are currently only staffed to provide emergency services and SAR coverage for 4 days week. Seasonal EMTs and interpretive rangers (PSAR) are needed to safely expand to 7-day operations in spring for the summer. Failure to onboard seasonal EMTs by late April may delay 7-day operations and access to the entire corridor, including Cougar Rock Campground, Paradise Visitor Center, the Paradise Inn, and many trails and use areas. Additionally, if certain key contracts (wastewater treatment filters PR # 44007004 by early May, sludge pumping by May 23 PR 44012092) are not finalized we may need to fully close the Paradise area itself because we would be unable to manage wastewater systems. (Note: We do have these contracts actively prioritized and in progress.) Concessioner operations (lodging, food service, and climbing) would be affected by any delays or closures. Paradise area is open to the public 7 days a week, including almost all trails and facilities. Only the high elevation Panorama Point comfort station on the Skyline Trail remains unopened due to staffing levels. Most issues have been addressed. Park is working to reassign existing staff to help open and then maintain the Panorama Point comfort station.

Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Restroom. Box Canyon rest area and East Entrance. We are unable to provide potable water at these two locations based on permanent staffing level changes, funding and pending repairs. As done in recent years, for efficiency of operations we planned to place portable toilets at both locations instead. Opening these areas is dependent on a contract award (PR# 44009143) for these portable toilets with delivery by proposed opening date of May 23 or we will be required to delay opening east entrance and cross-park access via Stevens Canyon Road. Portable toilets are also our emergency back-up for other systems and operations. Note: we have prioritized this contract need but are unclear on award progress to date. Box Canyon rest area and East Entrance are open and accessible. All issues have been addressed.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Vault Toilets and Wastewater Systems Parkwide. Sludge pumping contract PR # 44007004 needs to be in place by May 23 to ensure continue operations of vault toilets at Carbon, Kautz Creek, Grove of the Patriarchs, White River Campground, Sunrise, and Tipsoo Lake and to facilitate continued operations of wastewater systems at Longmire, Paradise, White River and Sunrise. Note: we do have contracting prioritizing this need. Vault toilets and wastewater systems throughout the park remain open. All issues have been addressed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delayed Seasonal Opening Sunrise Visitor Center. The center is entirely run by seasonals due to a supervisory position being vacant. The Sunrise Visitor Center will remain closed until seasonal 0025 (I) (who have been hired, but no onboarding has taken place) have been onboarded and trained. Typically, we would open early July, which means the staff onboard in mid-late May to participate in training, orientation, and de-winterizing the visitor center, and transporting and setting up equipment and supplies necessary for the functioning of the visitor center. Rangers provide PSAR, visitor information, trip planning, or junior ranger support. Sunrise Visitor Center is at full operation, 7 days a week and at the full hours of operation listed in the park web site and newspaper. All issues have been addressed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Longmire Visitor Center. Days of operation for the Longmire Visitor Center were reduced from 7 days/week to 4 days/week starting this week. The Visitor Center is now closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as two field staff shift their weekend support to the now busier Paradise Visitor Center. This shifting of available winter staffing resources to Paradise is normal before the spring to summer transition. However, three seasonal 0025 (I) positions meant to replace three full-time winter volunteers on April 6 have not been actioned or onboarded as requested. Until this is remedied, since Paradise has the greater number of visitors and most significant PSAR (Preventative Search and Rescue) needs, we are focusing weekend staffing there. It is critical to expedite onboarding of seasonals 0025 (I) for public safety and also add a perm GS-0090-5 Park Guide to support these operations. Longmire Museum is at full operation, 7 days a week and at the full hours of operation listed in the park web site and newspaper. All issues have been addressed.

<p>Staffing Shortage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Wilderness Information Centers (Longmire, Paradise and White River). The park has three Wilderness Information Centers that provide information and permits for backcountry activities: Longmire, Paradise and White River. These are primary locations for obtaining wilderness permits and Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) safety information during the summer season. Any delays in onboarding of park rangers 0025 (Wilderness) could impact visitor access to backcountry trails, including support for itineraries on the popular Wonderland Trail and reservations for backcountry campsites throughout the park. Currently only 5 of 13 wilderness rangers have EODs established. Prioritizing staff all EODs by May 23 would meet park needs. All Wilderness Information Centers (WIC)s are fully operational. All issues have been addressed.
<p>Staffing Shortage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Jackson Visitor Center. The Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise is the largest and busiest visitor center in the park, serving the popular Paradise area. Seven day per week vehicle access to Paradise is anticipated in early May. The JVC would normally be open 7 days a week starting May 3; however, lack of seasonal park ranger 0025 (I) staffing will limit staff to weekends only as same staff must also run the Longmire Visitor Center. Critical PSAR (Preventative Search and Rescue), and informational services will be unavailable during the week in Paradise. May brings safety issues directly related to the annual start of the melt-out season on the popular Paradise trails. Warmer weather brings a larger number of visitors unprepared for snowy conditions and greater safety needs. It is critical to expedite onboarding of seasonals 0025 (I) for public safety and also add a perm GS-0090-5 Park Guide to support these operations. Note: Concessioners will likely open the building, but their staff support sales and food service, and do not provide PSAR, visitor information, trip planning, or junior ranger support. Jackson Visitor Center is open seven days at the full hours of operation listed in the park web site and newspaper. All issues have been addressed.
<p>Maintenance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Rainier Entrance Station Closure at Carbon and Mowich Lake, the Carbon River Ranger Station and other outdoor recreation areas. After an emergency closure on April 13, the Washington State Department of Transportation has now permanently closed the State Route 165 Carbon River/Fairfax Bridge to all vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. The bridge provides the only vehicle access to Mount Rainier National Park's entrances at Carbon and Mowich Lake, the Carbon River Ranger Station and other outdoor recreation areas. WSDOT has negotiated ROWs across private land for administrative access including for park employees, but these ROWs do not include public access. WSDOT reports this closure will be at least 5 years while planning for a replacement moves forward. The park plans this summer to maintain its Ranger Station as a contact station and emergency resource, toilet facilities at the Mowich campground serving backcountry trail users but will otherwise close all park vehicle access gates and all other front country facilities. All park areas will remain open and accessible via backcountry access through park and regional trail systems. The bridge closure remains in effect, significantly limiting direct legal public access to this area of the park from outside. All park areas are open

	<p>and accessible via backcountry access through park and regional trail systems. Carbon River Ranger Station is occasionally open (1-3 days a week from 9 am to 3 pm). Other Carbon and Mowich area facilities are open (toilets, campgrounds) or closed (vehicle gates/roads) as described. Limited Carbon River Ranger Station hours were established to support occasional visitors and emergencies. There are local efforts pursuing temporary public access but this involves state and county entities and private/public lands outside of the park. Park remains poised to adapt operations to any formal public access that is provided. The park is also fully engaged with WSDOT's planning efforts for a bridge replacement.</p>
Cause	Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Chilkoot National Historic Trail. Contact Station. Chilkoot Trail Center. Delayed expansion of hours until late May, but back to normal hours as staffing allows and before the trail season opens June 1st. Personnel that are usually in trail center diverted to Visitor Center until seasonals onboard to reach the greatest number of visitors. This issue has been resolved.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Visitor Center. Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Visitor Center. Hours of operations are reduced to 10 - 2, 7 days a week until staffing allows to expand back to 9-430 for summer season. This issue has been resolved.

WISCONSIN

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Wisconsin	650,296	\$64,600,000	929	\$31,100,000	\$50,700,000	\$93,000,000

Please note: There are two National Park Service managed units Washington, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The North Country National Scenic Trail and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

NO WISCONSIN NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

WEST VIRGINIA

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
West Virginia	2,343,355	\$120,500,000	1,599	\$47,800,000	\$79,200,000	\$146,000,000

Please note: There are several park service managed units in West Virginia, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are: Chesapeake Bay, Lewis & Clark Trail, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL PARKS WITH REPORTED ISSUES & CURRENT STATUS

	National Park and Associated Issues
Issue	New River Gorge National Park and Preserve
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Gauley River National Recreation Area, Bluestone National Scenic River. Contact Station Thurmond and Grandview. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays on Thurmond. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Grandview is now also open 12-5 on Mondays. It Remains closed on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. No changes at Thurmond. Closed Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs. at Grandview.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Ranger Tours at Gauley River National Recreation Area, Bluestone National Scenic River, Thurmond Tours, Canyon Rim Visitor Center. Reduce Thurmond Tours to 1/day with zero tours on Mondays and Tuesdays. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Can now offer a Ranger Choice program at CRVC most afternoons. Discontinue Ranger Choice programs at Canyon Rim VC.
Cause	Harper's Ferry National Park
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation of Education Program Cancellation of School group tours. The park currently is not accepting reservations from schools for ranger-led education programs on Tuesdays. This means the park is turning away approximately 12-15 schools and school groups per month.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Hours Fee Station. Days and hours of operation for Fee Station at Cavalier Heights (main) is reduced to 5 days a week. No fee collection is occurring at Lower Town location (previously 3-5 days a week). Reduction in fee revenue (approximately \$2M in FY2023 and FY2024) will negatively impact the park's ability to fund its shuttle bus service and perform cyclic maintenance, repairs, and rehabilitation on its historic buildings.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Parkwide Grounds. Changed maintenance worker's shifts to meet 100% custodial coverage for park's four sets of public restrooms. That shift change reduces the time maintenance workers have to conduct safe mowing operations by approximately 60 hours per week.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harpers Ferry National Historical Park HVAC Maintenance Closure HVAC systems in 14 museum spaces/office buildings HVAC maintenance cannot be performed in-house. Contractors will be required to manage all unique systems in real time. This includes scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs. All systems are of differing ages and types. Most condition historic buildings. HVAC failure has the potential to close exhibits due to unhealthy temperatures for visitors, require staff to telework due to unhealthy temperatures, & damage museum objects and archives.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Restroom Maintenance Parkwide. All public and NPS staff restrooms in the park Custodial staff of 5 is reduced to 1. Park has changed shifts of other maintenance staff to cover this deficiency.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Volunteer Coordination & Reduced Maintenance by Volunteer and Group Projects. Unable to accept volunteer requests for most individual and group projects Unable to hire a Volunteer Coordinator. Without this position, the park will lose the opportunity to have hundreds of volunteers provide useful services and work projects in 2025. Projects routinely include trash pickup, removal of invasive plant species, regulation and resource protection education, beautification, historic preservation, and grounds and fleet maintenance.
Cause	New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, Gauley River National Recreation Area, Bluestone National Scenic River
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Hours Contact Station: Thurmond and Grandview. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays on Thurmond. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Grandview is now also open 12-5 on Mondays. It Remains closed on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. No changes at Thurmond, Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and Thursdays at Grandview.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Ranger-led Tours: Thurmond Tours, Canyon Rim and Visitor Center. Reduce Thurmond Tours to 1/day with zero tours on Mondays and Tuesdays. This issue is still occurring but the details have changed. Can now offer a Ranger Choice program at CRVC most afternoons. Discontinue Ranger Choice programs at Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

WYOMING

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW – OVERALL PARK EFFECTS

State	Recreation Visits	Visitor Spending	Jobs	Labor Income	Value Added	Economic Output
Wyoming	7,683,019	\$1,098,600,000	14,522	\$479,300,000	\$796,200,000	\$1,425,000,000

Please note: There are several National Park Service managed units in Wyoming, which were not included in the original NPS Report and do not appear to have visitor use statistics. They are:

The Pony Express Trail, the Oregon Trail, the Mormon Pioneer Trail, and the California Trail.

NO WYOMING NATIONAL PARKS REPORTED ISSUES

DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA – WASHINGTON DC

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Capitol Hill Parks (National Capital Parks-East)
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Closure. Folger Park (Park within Capitol Hill Parks) Closure. Folger Park (Park within Capitol Hill Parks). Folger Park closed for rehabilitation of walkways.
Cause	Rock Creek
Contracting & Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Mowing Maintenance Parkwide: Mowing contract received approval by DOGE. Now awaiting solicitation issuance by contracting. Until contract is awarded, park staff will do mowing with insufficient equipment and insufficient staff.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Maintenance Hazard Tree Removal Parkwide: Minimal hazardous tree maintenance is occurring. There are over 200 hazardous trees on which no action is being taken. This is due to the inability to issue a contract for tree maintenance; all documents have been submitted.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Maintenance: Reduced staff challenging ability to ensure homeless encampment clean up occurs in timely fashion.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds Maintenance Meridian Hill Park: Daily maintenance has declined due to the hiring freeze, which prevents replacing two maintenance workers who conducted sanitation and light landscaping. This is one of the park's most heavily visited locations.
Cause	Anacostia Park (National Parks-East-NACE)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Restroom: Pirate Ship Playground Restroom (Park Node); Aquatic Resources Education Center Exterior Restroom (AREC). Closed-Septic issues for both bathrooms.
	Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure Historic Structure: The Carter G. Woodson Home NHS is currently closed for rehabilitation and installation of new exhibits.
	Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Grounds Maintenance: Submitted as part of National Mall and Memorial Parks, Tranche 1.

	Fort Dupont Park (National Capital Parks - East)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Area Partial Closure: Lanham Estates and Ridge Road Picnic Areas. Both picnic areas are closed due to ongoing plumbing issues. Will provide portable toilets in the short term and a GAOA project will rehabilitate the restrooms in FY26.
Cause	Fort Washington Park (National Capital Parks - East)
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighthouse Area Closure: Fort Washington Lighthouse and access roads. Due to ongoing rehabilitation of the Fort Washington Lighthouse and surrounding areas, the lighthouse and nearby walkways are closed.
Cause	George Washington Memorial Parkway
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Entrance Station Reduced Services: Great Falls. Moving roving park guides into static duty stations such as the fee both to maintain fee collection during open hours. and ensure access to posted open times at facilities. This issue has been resolved. The addition of recently onboarded seasonal employees allows for roving park guides to provide information and monitor visitor activities and status of infrastructure and amenities. This improves visitor access and safety as well as resource protection.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Events Reduced services Park wide: Withdrawing staff from involvement in volunteer events. Impacts include a decreased capacity to host volunteer and partner groups that help with park clean-up activities. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Unstated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive Services Reduced Services. Parkwide. Visitor services such as interpretive programs will be decreased. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Grounds Maintenance Parkwide: Changing grounds and custodial schedules to swing gates and unlock bathrooms to ensure sites and areas are open at posted times.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Trash Pickup: Due to lack of grounds and custodial staff, there will less frequent trash pick-up, litter and debris clearing, and bathroom cleaning. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Services Great Falls. Moving roving park guides into static duty stations such as the visitor center to maintain access to posted open times at facilities. This issue has been resolved. The addition of recently onboarded seasonal employees allows for roving park guides to provide information and monitor visitor activities and status of infrastructure and amenities. This improves visitor access and safety as well as resource protection.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Permitted Events: Withdrawing staff from monitoring permitted events. Impacts include a decreased capacity to ensure visitor safety and resource protection, due to lack of staff available to provide information, observe visitor activities, and respond to emergencies. This issue is still occurring and is unchanged
Staffing Shortage	Greenbelt Park (National Capital Parks - East)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Luck Road Area Closure. Good Luck Road Parking Area. Good Luck Road Parking Area closed while safety issue is rectified.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Closure Holly and Laurel Picnic Areas and Bathrooms Closure: Holly and Laurel Picnic Areas and Bathrooms. Both picnic areas have non-functional bathrooms due to a damaged waterline.
	National Mall & Memorial Parks
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events Reduced Services: Special Events including July 4th Low staffing increases the requirement to use overtime and labor from other parks to provide sufficient staffing.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger led tour Reduced Services. Uptown parks and Memorials Staffing levels prevent us from providing visitor or interpretive services to uptown memorials such as the WWI Memorial
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Station Reduced Hours: Information kiosks on the National Mall and at Memorial sites. Staff roam between memorials and the kiosks at WWII, Korea; the park has volunteers at other kiosks, but these kiosks are chronically short-staffed.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Reduced Maintenance: All Park Locations. Due to reduced staffing of the park's tree crew, it is unable to complete inspections of 20,000 trees and the associated hazardous tree removal.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger-led Tour Reduced Services: Memorials along the National Mall and Tidal Basin. Update/Revision from Tranche 1 submission: Hours of operation have not been reduced but rangers are not onsite at all 6 of the major memorials as advertised; rangers roam among 2-3 sites, reducing the amount of visitor services at each site.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti Removal Reduced maintenance. Various areas throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Graffiti removal response time is not as fast as it should be.

Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Fountains Partial Closure: WWI Memorial fountain, WWII Memorial fountain, American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial fountain The WWII Memorial fountain will not be operational on schedule in 2025. Any mechanical failure at the other fountains throughout the season will not be able to be addressed in a timely manner.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street and Sidewalk Lighting Reduced maintenance: Light poles along sidewalks and roadways throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Memorial and facility lights throughout the park. Many lights throughout the park are broken and need replacement or repair. With 2,900 light poles and 5,000 Memorial/facility lights throughout the park, staff are unable to keep up with the needed repairs. Darkened areas create unsafe conditions for visitors and diminish the visitor experience.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit Processing and Permit Monitoring Reduced Services: Permitted areas throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks While we are able to maintain office hours to receive permits, we are experiencing slower processing times for permits and significantly reduced capacity for permit monitoring.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger-led Tour Reduced Services: Memorials along the National Mall and Tidal Basin. Hours of operation have not been reduced but rangers are not onsite as advertised. Instead of rangers being dedicated to individual sites, they roam between sites creating a lack of visible rangers at high profile memorials.
Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and Permitted Activities Reduced maintenance Hains Point, East Potomac Park, Contract for mowing and litter pick-up was not issued resulting in diminished park staff having to cover these duties. Less frequent litter removal and mowing diminishes the visitor experience for park visitors and permitted events.
Staffing Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Service Restrooms across the National Mall. Toilets, sinks, lights, hand dryers, etc. are often out of service for longer than necessary.

NATIONAL SCENIC TRAILS

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

	National Park and Description of Conditions
Cause	Appalachian National Scenic Trail
Storm Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials with the U.S. Forest Service have closed the Great Gulf Bridge where the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) crosses the West Branch of the Peabody River (NOBO mile 1,873.8). Critical components of the bridge's structure have started to fail and it is not safe to use. Hikers should plan to either find a safe location to ford the river or choose a different route. Roughly 20 miles of trail impacted Note: This section is in White Mountain NF and operations are supported by agreement with USFS. • 2 trail closures and trail detours due to Hurricane Helene damage and bridge replacement in TN and NC. Total milage around 6 miles with detours and canoe ferry providing access. Roughly 500 miles of AT were impacted by Helene with limited amenities. USFS/NPS and partners working to assess and develop recovery projects. Best location to check for updates is ATC website: https://appalachiantrail.org/trail-updates.

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Cause	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
Staffing Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Center Reduced Hours Omaha Visitor Center. Omaha Visitor Center, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha 68102 Closure on Monday and Tuesdays. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail passes through 16 states: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. This issue has been resolved