

Petrified Forest Budget

Every year, Congress appropriates funding for the operation of Petrified Forest National Park and all the other parks in the National Park Service (NPS) system. Separately, Congress also authorizes project expenditures for the entire NPS system. Internally, those project funds are split up into programs, some of which are competitive, others of which are not but all of which require that program-specific criteria be met before funding in that program is allocated for expenditure.

Operating funds are used to pay the salaries of all permanent park staff, utility bills, vehicle costs, mission-related training and travel, and all the materials and supplies needed to keep the park running. Here are the operating funds Congress has appropriated (after small assessments made at our Regional Office) for this year and the past three years:

Fiscal Year 2010 – \$3.510 million

Fiscal Year 2011 – \$3.447 million

Fiscal Year 2012 – \$3.390 million

Fiscal Year 2013 – \$3.190 million

Project Funding for FY13

- Repair/Rehabilitation – Foundation Stabilization at Painted Desert Headquarters Building – \$196,273
- Repair/Rehabilitation – Replace Three Mile Section of Water Distribution Line Serving Rainbow Forest – \$477,119
- Cyclic Maintenance – \$122,710 for all routine cyclic needs like roofing, painting, road striping, small HVAC upgrades, roadside exhibits, pointing masonry, etc.
- Cultural Resources – Inventory Archeological Sites on Expansion Lands – \$114,679
- Natural Resources – Excavate Bone-bed of Rare Fossils – \$17,400
- Entrance Fees – approximately \$690,000 for project needs related to visitor services and resource protection such as:
 - 50% allocated to the costs of operating the entrance stations (\$345,000)
 - Improving visitor facilities in the Painted Desert Central Plaza (\$42,395, multi-year)
 - Preparing fossils in the lab for future animal cast displays (\$84,000)
 - Return Puerco Pueblo 1930's stone building to its original appearance (\$10,000 multi-year)
 - Up to 20% carried over to next year