

## OKLAHOMA

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congress'l District Park Units	(dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Uncontrol Changes	FY 2003 Program Changes	FY 2003 Estimate
03 Chickasaw NRA	2,678	2,725	39	-17	2,747
02 Fort Smith NHS	762	781	9	-4	786
06 Oklahoma City Natl Memorial	207	212	7	-3	216
06 Washita Battlefield NHS	371	376	4	253	633

For FY 2003, Program Changes include increases contained in park operations and for counter-terrorism activities. Program Changes are reduced for travel and associated costs by implementing management reforms to achieve savings.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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### **Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Oklahoma \$255,000 to Protect and Interpret Resources at New Park**

Funding is requested to enhance interpretive services and management of natural and cultural resources. The park is a new site that is experiencing initial facility development and increasing visitation. Funding would be used to expand interpretive services throughout the year, including the development of educational programs. Funding would also be used to develop and implement a trail and wayside exhibit plan, providing visitors with an accessible trail and interpretation of the site. An enhanced natural and cultural resource management program would allow the park to reestablish a native prairie environment, using current research to replace exotic species with native grasses. Partnership funding would also be used to enhance Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe involvement in park issues. The resulting enhancement of interpretive services would increase visitor understanding of Oklahoma and American history.

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(dollars in thousands)

**PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:**

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Chickasaw NRA	Ongoing Study

LAND ACQUISITION

None

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Chickasaw NRA	Construct visitor center	\$2,665

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$680

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$2,078

(Does not include \$48,600,000 for Cooperative Conservation Initiative, which will be distributed to the states through national competition.)

**Construction and Major Maintenance/Line Item Construction and Maintenance**

**National Park Service  
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

<b>Project Score/Ranking:</b>	300
<b>Planned Funding FY:</b>	2003
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Line Item Construction

**Project Identification**

<b>Project Title:</b> Construct Visitor Center		
<b>Project No:</b> 16387	<b>Unit/Facility Name:</b> Chickasaw National Recreation Area	
<b>Region:</b> Intermountain	<b>Congressional District:</b> 03	<b>State:</b> Oklahoma

**Project Justification**

**Project Description:** The visitor center will be constructed at the Vendome Well site on Highway 7. It will be about 4,000 square feet and include an outdoor entry plaza area, vestibule, restrooms, lobby area, sales/contact/information counter, travel/regional information and orientation area, theater with projection room, exhibit area, interpretive staff work and support areas, storage areas, and building support areas. The building will incorporate sustainable design concepts that will utilize energy efficient systems for passive solar heating, cooling, and natural lighting. Rustic/natural building materials will be used to be compatible with existing CCC-era buildings. Site work will include a parking area for 90 vehicles (auto, RV, bus, and handicapped), rehabilitation of the existing Vendome Well and parking area, access roads and walks, improvements to the south side of Highway 7 (curbs, walks, lighting, underground utilities, benches, trees, and planters), and rehabilitation of the park entrance feature at Highways 177 and 7 Intersection. Two footbridges across Rock Creek could be included depending on completion of trail work by the park.

**Project Need/Benefit:** The Travertine Nature Center currently acts as a de facto visitor center. That is not its intended use and it is difficult for visitors to find. Construction of a visitor center will allow the nature center to be used for its intended environmental education function. The new visitor center would be located on Highway 7 to provide high visibility and easy access and to strengthen ties with one of the park's partners, the city of Sulphur. Visitors will also be able to find more comprehensive information about critical park and regional issues. The exhibits and interpretation at the visitor center will educate the visitor about park resources, history, and significance. Visitors will be able to better plan their visit and enjoy perhaps otherwise missed opportunities and learn about how not to misuse park resources, thus reducing enforcement incidents.

**Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.**

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred	25 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
5 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
10 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	55 % Other Capital Improvement
5 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

**Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES: NO: x**      **Total Project Score: 300**

**Project Costs and Status**

<b>Project Cost Estimate:</b>	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Project Funding History:</b>
Deferred Maintenance Work	\$ 933,000	35	Appropriated to Date: \$ 0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 1,732,000	65	Requested in FY 2003 Budget: \$ 2,665,000
<b>Total Project Estimate:</b>	<b>\$ 2,665,000</b>	<b>100</b>	Required to Complete Project: \$ 0
Class of Estimate: C			Project Total: \$ 2,665,000
Estimate Good Until: 09/30/02			
<b>Dates:</b> Sch'd			<b>Unchanged Since</b>
(qtr/yy)			<b>Departmental</b>
Construction Start/Award 1 / 2003			<b>Approval:</b>
Project Complete: 4 / 2003			<b>YES: x NO:</b>
			<b>Project Data Sheet</b>
			<b>Prepared/Last Updated: 2/10/02</b>