



**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**  
**General Restoration, Habitat Enhancement, Habitat Protection, and Facilities Projects**  
**Quarterly Project Reporting Form**

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**Project Number:** 19190121

**Project Title:** ADNR/DPOR Funny River and Morgan’s Landing Projects

**Principal Investigator(s):** Rys Miranda, P.E., Katie Winter, P.E., Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

**Reporting Periods and Due Dates:**

<i>Reporting Period</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
February, March, April	June 1
May, June, July	September 1
August, September, October	December 1
November, December, January	March 1

**Submission Date:** 06/01/26

**Project Website:** N/A

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

**Project progress is on schedule.**

N/A

**Project progress is delayed**

The entire project has been delayed due to three primary reasons: travel restrictions associated with COVID-19, major staff turnover within DPOR, and delays in grant award with National Park Service. Travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 limited travel and data collection activities for the project. DPOR staff turnover resulted in stop-and-go inefficiencies and delays associated with training staff and getting them up to speed. The Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) grant award from the National Park Service (NPS) was delayed due to administrative reasons at the grant administration side. Those items affected the data collection and design portions of the project and have been resolved. Further delays have been encountered as DPOR has lost design staff and is under a hiring freeze at the Governor’s level. The anticipated project design completion is still 2026 with construction completion in 2027.



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Funny River

The Funny River portion of the project was further delayed due to high construction costs. It was advertised in March 2023, redesigned and readvertised in July 2023. Even with a redesign, all bids received exceeded available funding. Further scope reduction is impractical. The bids were officially cancelled and DPOR hopes to bid the work with Morgan's Landing as the scopes are similar. DPOR is also hoping to pursue additional grant opportunities in Q2 2026 to supplement construction costs at Funny River.

Morgan's Landing

The LWCF grant that was leveraged with this EVOS award to fund improvements at Morgan's Landing have required that federal construction permits be in hand prior to release of full funding for project completion. The design was advanced to a sufficient level to apply for permit approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers. That approval was obtained and DPOR submitted a final application for release of funds from NPS. As stated in Section 3 below, *only expenditures incurred to advance the project to secure construction permits would count as pre-award match*. Therefore, to avoid losing match funds, all work on the Morgan's Landing project was put on hold until DPOR received its federal award. Full funding has now been released and design can proceed. Further delays have been encountered as DPOR has lost design staff and is under a hiring freeze at the Governor's level. Projects currently in or ready for construction have had to be prioritized over those still in design.

**Budget reallocation request.**

N/A

**Personnel changes.**

N/A

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**1. Summary of Work Performed:**

Funny River

No work was performed on Funny River. The design is complete and will be advertised with Morgan's Landing.

Morgan's Landing

The Notice of Award of full funding from LWCF was received by the Department in Q2 2025. No design progress was made on Morgan's Landing in Q1 2026 due to staff shortages and a required focus on active construction projects. Little design work is expected during Q2 as the



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busy summer construction season ramps up. However, several actively queued projects will be finalized in Q2 and DPOR is hopeful that the design for Morgan's Landing can reach 95% in Q3. New stakeholder meetings will be needed to verify site needs after the long pause in design.

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## **2. Abstract:**

This project consists of capital improvements at two state park units: Funny River and Morgan's Landing, both of which are located within the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). The collective funding will be used to enhance and protect riverbank habitat, as well as to support recreational access and tourism at the project sites. Interpretive displays will also be installed at each site to facilitate redirecting human impact and promote public participation in the long-term success of the project objectives.

This project will replace an aging ELP walkway and river access stairs to protect habitat along Funny River. New ELP walkway and river access points will also be installed at Morgan's Landing, providing habitat protection on the Kenai River. Matching funds will be used for capital improvements to the campground, trail, and parking facilities at Morgan's Landing.

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## **3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

Funny River and Morgan's Landing are both park units of the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). The projects funded by this grant are aligned with the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan.

This grant also provided an opportunity to pursue match funding for the Morgan's Landing portion of the project to further address injured services to Recreation and Tourism at the site. EVOSTC funding of \$507,710 was used to leverage NPS federal-aid funds in an additional amount of \$505,000 to perform improvements to the campground, trail, and parking facilities.

Ultimately, NPS was hesitant to award the grant until all construction permits had been secured. An agreement with NPS was reached to advance the project to secure construction permits and the expenditures would count as pre-award match.

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## **4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

This section is not applicable to this project.

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**5. Budget:**

<b>Budget Category:</b>	Proposed FY 19	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,886
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,572
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,298
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28
Equipment / Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,784
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$756,235</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$128,784</b>
<b>Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$505,000</b>