

ADDRESS NATIONAL PARKS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG



The U.S. travel industry generates **\$2.6 trillion** in economic output, supports **15.8 million American jobs** and generates a **\$59 billion trade surplus** for the United States. **When travel thrives, so does America.**

The National Park Service preserves America's natural and cultural treasures, which attract visitors from across the country and around the world. The national park system includes 417 areas covering more than 85 million acres in every state and territory—with economic benefits extending to every corner of America.

318 MILLION visitors to National Parks	\$20.2 BILLION spent in and around National Parks	\$40.1 BILLION in total economic output	329,000 American jobs supported
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* 2018 data

While America's national parks are welcoming record numbers of visitors year after year, the National Park Service is facing **\$11.9 billion in deferred maintenance backlog.**

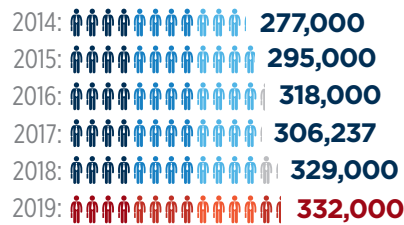
WHAT IS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG:

Capital maintenance and infrastructure projects that have been delayed a year or more due to lack of funding/financing/resources.

FIXING OUR PARKS WILL:

1 IMMEDIATELY CREATE MORE AMERICAN JOBS

Investing in our national park infrastructure would create and support more than **110,000 infrastructure-related American jobs.**



= 25,000 American jobs

2 GROW THE ECONOMY IN COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE

Spending in gateway regions while visiting national park lands could potentially grow by **\$1.2 billion.**

YEARLY VISITOR SPENDING

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$16.8B	\$18.4B	\$18.2B	\$20.2B	\$21.0B

3 IMPROVE OUR TRADE DEFICIT

Overseas visitors make up more than a third of all visitors to our national parks—because few places protect their public lands like the U.S. When visiting, they spend foreign-earned money—an export. **Overseas visitors stay longer and spend more, increasing U.S. exports and reducing our trade deficit.**

PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL INBOUND TRAVELERS

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
33.6%	34.2%	35.4%	35.4%	35.0%	35.0%

THE U.S. TRAVEL INDUSTRY ENCOURAGES CONGRESS TO:

Support the Restore Our Parks (S. 500) and the Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act (H.R. 1225) to address the deferred maintenance backlog facing our national parks.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 RESTORE OUR PARKS CHAMPIONS.