



Bandelier National Monument
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Environmental Leadership

The following centennial proposals are certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Modeling Sustainability at Bandelier

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico
Partner(s): Friends of Bandelier
Partner Website: www.friendsofbandelier.org
Total Cost: \$55,000
Proposal # 137692

Summary: Bandelier National Monument will become a model for sustainability within the NPS. Funding will enable Bandelier to develop and implement a Sustainability Plan for improving operational efficiency and environmental sustainability. This project proposes to make Bandelier a showcase of energy efficiency and clean-energy use and a pilot for NPS vehicle fleet efficiency and alternative, renewable fuels.

Bandelier will define its carbon footprint, improve the efficiency of electrical and water systems, convert one park vehicle to a hybrid, install several campground solar panels, and develop an action plan for funding and correcting other issues before 2016. The park will utilize the resources established by the Green Energy Parks Program to integrate existing NPS success stories and ideas and host a Sustainability Forum in the Fall of 2007 to encourage park partners, staff, and community members to participate in the completion of this Sustainability Plan. Funding will also enable the park to develop educational materials and media to showcase its efforts and to encourage public participation.

Professional Excellence

Identifying Non-Traditional Park Visitor Needs at Bandelier

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico
Partner(s): Friends of Bandelier
Partner Website: www.friendsofbandelier.org
Total Cost: \$25,000
Proposal # 137694

Summary: Bandelier National Monument will hire an evaluation consultant to organize and host 8-10 non-traditional park visitor focus groups in rural and urban areas in northern New Mexico in 2008. Park managers will work with community leaders to fully engage non-traditional park users from their communities. Participants will be given incentives to participate in focus group discussions about what can be done to make national parks relevant to them. The consultant will then create an action plan for outreaching to these non-traditional audiences that will show specific ideas for Bandelier. The format for this study will be based on a study conducted at Golden Gate NRA in March 2007 "Visitor /Non-visitor Use Constraints: Exploring Ethnic Minority Experiences & Perspectives". It will explore issues such as access (including transportation & costs), communications (including bilingual needs & outreach efforts), cultural differences, workforce representation, and cultural interpretation. The second phase of implementation for this project will be to implement programs and services that were identified during the focus groups to make New Mexico's national parks more relevant to them.

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