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## Prince William Forest Park News Release

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### Prince William Forest Park Announces Recovery Act Projects

TRIANGLE, VA – Acting Superintendent George Liffert is pleased to announce that Prince William Forest Park (PRWI) is joining hundreds of other national parks across the country in moving forward with projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). PRWI projects will include over 5 million dollars to address long time maintenance needs while stimulating the local economy through direct employment and through contracts for goods and services.

Acting Superintendent Liffert said, “We are excited to participate in our country’s economic recovery by protecting, preserving, and improving our visitor facilities. The recovery funds will address deferred maintenance on historic structures, fix deteriorating roads, and improve energy efficiency and reduce utility costs.”

The park will receive funding for 3 projects. One project will replace roofs, siding, and deteriorating structural elements on 13 historic cabins. These cabins are on the National Register of Historic Places and have been in use since they were built during the Great Depression. Another project will repave and resurface 11 miles of ailing public roads and parking lots in the park. Deterioration of the park’s interior roadway, insufficient road signage and substandard guardrails have created public safety concerns and diminished overall visitor enjoyment. Finally, the ARRA money will go to replace inefficient, single pane windows and doors in 4 dorm and 2 bath buildings in Cabin Camp 5 with highly energy efficient options.



The National Park Service announced nearly 800 projects, totaling \$750 million in nationwide funding from ARRA in national parks. “These projects are an investment in America’s future that will create jobs, stimulate the economics of local communities, and get our country moving again,” Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said. “They are also in investment in telling the story of America to future generations through our national parks by conserving our awe-inspiring landscapes, our rich culture, and our great heritage.”

“We will use Recovery Act funding to make a difference in parks,” said Acting National Park Service Director Dan Wenk. “We will fix trails, invest in energy efficient vehicles, build new visitor facilities, cleanup abandoned mine sites, increase our ability to generate power from the sun, and finally complete overdue maintenance on our buildings and roads.”

A full list of National Park Service projects is available at [www.interior.gov/recovery/nps](http://www.interior.gov/recovery/nps). Secretary Salazar has pledged unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Department’s economic recovery projects. The public will be able to follow the progress of each project on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) and [www.inerior.gov/recovery/nps](http://www.inerior.gov/recovery/nps).

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