

National Park Service

Agency Websites

- [National Park Service](#)
- [National Park Service \(NPS\) - Minnesota](#)
- [NPS Management Policies](#) (see Sec. 9.2 for transportation issues)

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Authority

- National Environmental Policy Act NEPA
- Section 4(f) of DOT Act (49 USC 1653(f), 23 USC 138)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 USC 1271-1287)
- National Trails System Act (16 USC 1241-1249)
- Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 USC 1131-36)
- [National Monuments](#)
- [Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Public Law 100-696](#)

Agency Role(s)

The National Park Service should be consulted anytime a project or study area is adjacent to or has a potential to impact any part of a national park or national monument.

The NPS also approves 6(f) LAWCON conversion agreements as well as easement approval for projects affecting national, recreational, scenic, or side trails designated by congress and lands through which such trails pass.

Agency Areas of Concern

- Aesthetics, sensitivity to cultural and natural resources
- Historical, Archaeological, Architectural
- Parks and Recreation; 4(f) & 6(f)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers (HPDP Guidance)
- National Park or National Monument impacts.
- [Mississippi River National River and Recreation Area \(MNRRA\) Comprehensive Management Plan](#)

Agreement(s)

None

Procedures / Requirements

The NPS is involved early in transportation studies and planning processes for projects that have the potential to affect park access or impact other park resources. Whether there may be impacts or not to the interior of parks and their facilities, opportunities may exist for partnering on additional improvements and funding opportunities.