

Disturbed Lands Restoration

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Before and after pictures of a road restoration project at Mount Rainier National Park, Washington.

National Park Service Disturbed Lands Program

Several hundred thousand acres throughout the U.S. National Park System have been disturbed by recent human activities. Human disturbances of the physical landscape affect all aspects of natural systems because of the complex interactions between physical and biological processes. Many of these disturbances conflict with the mission of the NPS and the mandates of National Park System units.

Project Funding Support

National Park Service disturbed lands funds target park projects designed to accelerate the recovery of disturbed areas and their off-site effects. Projects may also include design elements that reduce public safety hazards.



NPS personnel work to revegetate a disturbed area of Mount Rainier National Park, Washington.

Examples of Funded Projects:

- Off Road Vehicle Damage Restoration - *Lake Mead NRA*
- Restoration of Creek and Ponds Project - *St. Croix NSR*
- Develop Mitigation Strategy to Address Runoff from Park Roads - *Buffalo NR*
- Watershed Restoration - *Big Bend NP*
- Reclaim Abandoned Road and Re-route Trail - *Yellowstone NP*
- Road Restoration - *Pinnacles NM*

Technical Support

The NPS Natural Resources Program Center's Restoration Technical Advisory Group (RTAG) includes natural systems restoration expertise from:

- Biological Resource Management Division
- Environmental Quality Division
- Geologic Resources Division
- Natural Resource Information Division
- Water Resources Division

These specialists work cooperatively with NPS staff to provide parks with site assessments, abandoned mine safety, closure and engineering, restoration planning, designs, technical specifications, scopes-of-work, proposal assistance, technical transfer and guidance and project implementation supervision.

Partnerships

Park Service partnerships provide access to funding opportunities and outside expertise through work with professional societies, universities, other federal agencies, state AML programs, and local watershed groups.



Abandoned ski area restoration project, Lassen Volcanic National Park, California.

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