

# Dan Inouye

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## **NEARLY \$16 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR HAWAII NATIONAL PARKS**

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**Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye announced today that Hawaii National Parks will receive \$15,740,000 in investments from the Department of Interior that will create jobs, enhance visitor experiences, and conserve Hawaii’s heritage and history for future generations. The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.**

**“This funding will create or preserve needed jobs, attract tourists, and help to preserve our precious natural and historical heritage,” Senators Akaka and Inouye said. “Ranging from Pearl Harbor to the most active volcano in the world, a site of forced exile to an ancient Hawaiian place of refuge, these unique sites attract visitors from around the world while enriching the lives of Hawaii residents. They are worth preserving for the future.”**

**The following parks will receive funding:**

**Haleakala National Park (Maui): \$1,338,000**

- **Repair and replace fences park-wide**
- **Repair flashflood damage to the Pipiwai Trail and remove debris**

**Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Hawaii): \$7,802,000**

- **Demolish and replace dilapidated visitor contact stations to support visitor services**
- **Rehabilitate Halemaumau Trail from Iliahi Trail to Crater Rim Trail**
- **Replace boundary and pig fencing (multiple projects)**
- **Resurface rainshed roads**

**Kalaupapa National Historical Park (Molokai): \$536,000**

- **Rehabilitate historic Paschoal Hall phase 4**

**Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park (Hawaii): \$20,000**

- **Grade and re-gravel 2 miles of unpaved roads**

**Puuhonua o Honaunau (Hawaii): \$61,000**

- **Repair flood damage to historic Kiilae Archaeological Village, 1871 Trail and fence line**

**USS Arizona Memorial (Oahu): \$5,983,000**

- **Construct intermodal transfer station**

**The Interior Department distributed \$750 million to National Parks across the country today. All projects are NPS priorities and meet the Recovery Act's rigorous criteria of addressing highest mission needs, generating the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time, and creating lasting value for the American people.**

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