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Erosion repair nearly done at two Kenai Peninsula beaches

(Kenai, AK) – Work to repair damage caused by coastal erosion at two popular Kenai Peninsula state recreation areas should be finished by Friday, a state parks official said today.

Crews are putting the finishing touches on armor rock reinforcement of the coast along about 1,200 feet in the Anchor River State Recreation Area and 1,300 feet in the Deep Creek State Recreation Area to help protect against further coastal erosion into the Cook Inlet, said Jack Blackwell, superintendent of state parks in the Kenai Peninsula region.

Severe storms in the Kenai Peninsula Borough in late 2017 resulted in significant erosion to Kenai Peninsula beaches, and prompted disaster declarations by borough, state and federal government agencies. Those declarations helped bring disaster relief funding in partnership with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Both Anchor River SRA and Deep Creek SRA offer camping, beachcombing, and tractor-assisted boat launch services that provide access to Cook Inlet sport fisheries. The recreation areas provide critical recreation opportunities for Alaska residents and visitors, and help support the economic diversity of the Kenai Peninsula.

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