



USA: BMW donates 100 EV charging stations to National Parks

The installation in and near national parks will enable travel by electric vehicles to national parks across the country.



The BMW Group announced the successful completion of its project, in partnership with the National Park Foundation, National Park Service, and Department of Energy, to donate 100 electric vehicle charging stations in and near to national parks throughout the United States. Additionally, to date, more than 90 of the charging stations have been installed, with the remainder on course to open this month.

“We can’t think of a better way to enjoy the summer than visiting one of America’s beautiful national parks. In making electric vehicle charging more widely available for everyone, this joint effort serves to make America’s national parks more accessible to drivers of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles,” said Bernhard Kuhnt, president and CEO, BMW of North America.

“Thanks to public-private partnership, electric vehicle drivers can enjoy a quintessential national park

road trip,” said Will Shafroth, president of the National Park Foundation.

When identifying site locations, the team considered factors such as proximity and strength of EV markets, distance from nearby charging locations, and natural and cultural landscape considerations. The Department of Energy’s Vehicle Technologies Office has provided technical assistance that supports innovative energy saving transportation projects at national park sites.

These projects educate visitors on the benefits of advanced and alternative fuel vehicles and can help the National Park Service meet their energy, economic, and environmental goals.