The Great American Outdoors Act
National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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What is GAOA?

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) is a historic investment in the protection and sustainment of our public lands and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools.

Signed into law on August 4, 2020

Provides permanent full funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – a fund aimed at safeguarding our natural areas and cultural heritage with $900M per year.

Established the “National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund” (LRF)

- Fund is used to address priority deferred maintenance projects
- Five-year program (FY 2021-2025), funding derived from 50% of all energy development revenues ... on Federal land and water ... in the preceding fiscal year. Not to exceed $1.9 billion per fiscal year.
- Department of the Interior (DOI) + U.S. Department of Agriculture anticipate receiving as much as $9.5 billion over the life of the fund (70% to National Park Service [NPS], 15% to U.S. Forest Service [USFS], and 5% each to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS], Bureau of Land Management [BLM], and BIE)
Asset Portfolio – DOI GAOA Bureaus

- Total Assets ~ 130,000
- Current Replacement Value ~ $180 billion
- DM&R Backlog > $30 billion
Where We Are

LRF fully funded at $1.9B in FY21, FY22, and FY23. Estimated economic impacts from DOI projects:

- $1.8B in average GDP contributions per year
- 17,000+ jobs supported on average each year

>$4.8B of LRF funding has been programmed

- 276 unique projects in progress from FY21-23
- Projects/MAT activities at 230+ unique stations/units
- Improvements to approximately 2,200 assets

A look ahead

- FY24 budget proposed 56 additional projects, average $22+M, 800 assets
- FY25 final year of funding
Funded Project Locations – FY21-23

Interactive map available at https://www.doi.gov/gaoa-project-data
### DOI Project Portfolio Overview – FY21 - FY24 (Proposed)

#### Project Cost Count %

- **$0 - $500K**: 60, 18%
- **$500K - $1M**: 26, 8%
- **$1M - $5M**: 60, 18%
- **$5M - $10M**: 61, 19%
- **$10M - $25M**: 60, 18%
- **$25M - $50M**: 41, 13%
- **>$50M**: 19, 6%

**Total**: 327, 100%

**Average project cost is $15.4M**

**FY21 - 24 Projects Budgeted:** $5.02 billion

**27% of $ Transportation**

**73% of $ Non-Transportation**

**Estimated DM Addressed:** $4.8 billion

3,000 assets

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**FUNDING BY PROJECT TYPE**

- **Water & Utilities**: 34%
- **Building & Structures**: 33%
- **Transportation**: 27%
- **Recreational Assets**: 5%
- **Demolition**: 1%

Projects & Activities Span all 50 States
What is GAOA Improving?

🔗 GAOA LRF is used to address **priority deferred maintenance** projects

- Housing Assets
- Mission Support & Administrative Assets
- Non-Transportation Infrastructure Assets
- Recreation Assets
- School Assets
- Transportation Assets
- Other Assets
### LRF Program Execution – FY21-23 Funding

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### Status of FY21-23 Projects (as of 4/30/2023)

- **Construction**: 43%
- **Design**: 36%
- **Procurement**: 12%
- **Substantially Complete**: 1%
- **Closed**: 1%
- **Other**: 1%
- **Planning**: 6%

#### Photos and Images
- **BLM Las Cruces**: District crews lay out and install articulating mats as part of a GAOA road improvement project. *Photo: BLM Las Cruces*
- **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**: Site of a demolished structure with newly planted trees behind. *Photo: NPS/Tim Fenner*
- **Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School**: In South Dakota to be replaced. *Photo Credit: BIE*
- **Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge**: Improvements. *Photo Credit: USFWS*
LRF Project Spotlight

• Project: Rehabilitate Schoodic Point Water and Wastewater Systems

• Location: Acadia National Park

This project, located in the beautiful Schoodic District of Acadia National Park in Maine, will rehabilitate the potable water and wastewater systems. While over 250,000 visitors use these facilities each year, the 1970s-era water systems are in dire need of repairs. Improved systems will reduce the risk of environmental contamination, while ensuring that water is consistently available for fire protection and drinking. The project will also work to upgrade existing systems by replacing wastewater collection lines, reconstructing wells, and implementing systems to reduce the potential for freezing.
LRF Project Spotlight

• Project: Modernize Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Address Public Safety

• Location: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is rehabilitating outdoor recreation facilities in the 1.9 million acre Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The project will include improvements to cabins, campgrounds, outdoor education facilities, fishing platforms, boat launches, related transportation assets (roads, parking areas), and other visitor-facing infrastructure. The project provides safe, all-weather pedestrian and vehicle access to the refuge’s recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and environmental education.
LRF Project Spotlight

• Project: Punta Gorda Light Station Rehabilitation (Phase 2 of 3)

• Location: Northern California District, California

The Bureau of Land Management has substantially completed major structural renovations on the Punta Gorda lighthouse and oil house, which are both on the historic register. To preserve the historic character of these buildings, the Bureau of Land Management selected modern, weather-resistant materials consistent with the original appearance of the buildings wherever possible. The project also repaired the deteriorating trails, which are the only access point to the lighthouse, thus eliminating a safety hazard to the public.
This map does not include in-progress LRF-funded Maintenance Action Team (MAT) activities. States that currently do not have a bureau logo have a planned or in-progress LRF-funded MAT activity. The map will be updated as these activities complete.
Thank you

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