



# Colorado

## Great American Outdoors Act

## National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: BLM

**The Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) is a commitment to protecting and sustaining our public lands.**

Established on August 4, 2020, GAOA LRF allocates over \$1.6 billion annually from fiscal years (FY) 2021 through 2025 to the Department of the Interior (Interior) to address priority deferred maintenance and repair needs on public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools. With all five years of GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus will:

- Fund 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Address over \$5.9 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improve the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

### GAOA LRF Impacts Across America\*



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



Improving ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Each year of GAOA LRF funding is estimated to support an average of **17,000** jobs and contribute **\$1.9 billion** to the U.S. economy



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

### Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Colorado

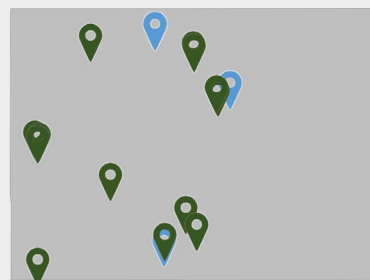
In Colorado, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$810,059,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$138,530,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$558,457,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$113,071,000

### GAOA LRF in Colorado

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$133.3 million** towards improving over **180** assets across **17** projects in Colorado.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **3** FWS locations in Colorado.



GAOA LRF Projects



Maintenance Action Team Activities

### Assets improved in Colorado:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Operational Buildings

\*these numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

\*\*DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2023, rounded to the nearest thousand. DM&R is calculated based on asset repair needs in FRPP, which does not include assets with a status indicator of Report of Excess Submitted, Report of Excess Accepted, Determination to Dispose, Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.



## FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Colorado

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2024
BLM	Colorado Building Utilities	Colorado Environmental Health and Safety Repair Phase I of III	\$500,000
BLM	Colorado Buildings	Colorado Facilities Repair Deferred Maintenance	\$1,600,000
BLM	Colorado Recreation Sites	Colorado Recreation Site Repair Phase I of III	\$2,345,000
BLM	Colorado Road Network	Colorado Road Repair Deferred Maintenance Phase I of II	\$575,000
BLM	Colorado Telecommunications	Colorado Radio Towers Repairs Phase II of III	\$250,000
BLM	Grand Junction Air Center	Grand Junction Air Center Repair Containment Pond	\$173,000
BLM	Grand Junction Air Center	Grand Junction Air Center Tanker Base Repairs Phase I	\$5,630,000
BLM	Grand Junction Air Center	Grand Junction Air Center Tanker Base Repairs Phase II	\$3,470,000
BLM	Northwest and Southwest Districts	Colorado Facilities Repair and Upgrade	\$6,500,000*
BLM	Northwest District	Little Snake Fire Operations Building Replacement and Upgrades	\$5,610,000
BLM	Rocky Mountain District	San Luis Valley Well and Water Delivery Repairs Phase I of II	\$500,000
FWS	San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex	Rehabilitation of Water Management Infrastructure & Bunkhouse Replacement	\$15,400,000
NPS	Curecanti National Recreation Area	Replace Water and Wastewater Systems at Elk Creek and Lake Fork	\$13,055,000
NPS	Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve	Rehabilitate Park Housing	\$12,027,000
NPS	Mesa Verde National Park	Replace Morefield and Wetherill Water Lines	\$22,969,000
NPS	Rocky Mountain National Park	Rehabilitate Headquarters East Water System and Moraine Park Campground Electrical Distribution	\$31,976,000
NPS	Rocky Mountain National Park	Rehabilitate Kawuneeche Visitor Center and Administration Building	\$10,700,000*

\*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

<sup>†</sup>rounded to thousands



# GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in Colorado

## Grand Junction Air Center Repair Containment Pond

*Grand Junction Air Center*



Grand Junction Air Center (GJAC) complex is a multipurpose wildland fire management operation center that provides tactical aircraft resources. This project included repairs to a failing containment liner for slurry waste, which alleviated safety and environmental concerns from GJAC Base employees. In addition to the removal of existing sludge, the project repaired deficiencies and inspected associated infrastructure.

Grand Junction Air Center. Photo Credit: BLM

## Rehabilitate Headquarters East Water System and Moraine Park Campground Electrical Distribution

*Rocky Mountain National Park*

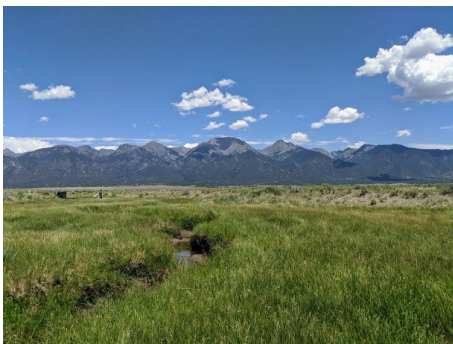


Rocky Mountain National Park is one of the highest elevation national parks in the nation, with elevations from 8,000 to 14,000 feet along the Continental Divide. This project rehabilitates the Headquarters East water system, which includes the nearly 60-year-old Moraine Park Campground water distribution systems and wastewater system that is well beyond its service life of 30 years. The project also replaces above-ground primary electrical distribution lines, improves drainage, addresses accessibility issues, and improves roads, parking, and campsite amenities.

Construction at Moraine Park Campground. Photo Credit: NPS

## Rehabilitation of Water Management Infrastructure & Bunkhouse Replacement

*San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex*



San Luis National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: Dana Shellhorn/USFWS

The San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex is comprised of Alamosa, Monte Vista, and Baca National Wildlife Refuges, situated within the San Luis Valley of south-central Colorado. The Refuges' existing wells and pumping systems are over 55 years old and can no longer support current water demands to maintain wetland habitat in the Refuge Complex. This project will repair or replace several high-capacity wells and pumping units to maintain proper water levels to protect habitat, upgrade power lines, and replace the power distribution system. Additionally, this project includes the construction of new housing facilities at all three Refuges in the Complex that will support permanent employees, interagency teams, and temporary employees, and replacement of a maintenance facility at Baca National Wildlife Refuge to provide adequate equipment and storage space.