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Montana

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

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 Montana

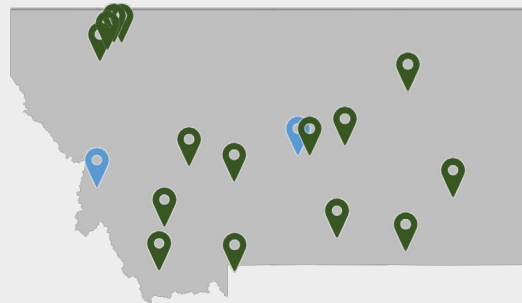
In Montana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$530,948,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$12,807,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$205,114,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$242,568,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$70,458,000

GAOA LRF in Montana

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$117.4 million** towards improving over **70** assets across **22** projects in Montana.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations in Montana.



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Montana:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Transportation Assets

*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 Montana



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
BIE	Great Plains Region	Great Plains – Education Demolition Project**	\$914,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District	Acton Road Gravel	\$238,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District	Crooked Creek Road Repair Planning and Design	\$375,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District	Eastern Montana Dakotas District Fog Seal	\$166,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District	Stellar Creek Road Repair	\$469,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Montana FY 2024 Recreation, Roads, and Dams Repair Project	\$6,000,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Montana/Dakotas Recreation, Roads, and Dam Repairs**	\$6,456,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Recreation, Roads, Dams, and Building Repair Project	\$7,681,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas, North Central Montana, and Western Montana Districts	Montana Dakotas FY2025 Recreation, Roads, Dams, and Building Repair Project**	\$5,400,000*
BLM	North Central District	Grub Dam Rehabilitation	\$1,602,000
BLM	North Central District	South Fork Dry Blood Creek Detention Dam Repair Phase I of II	\$985,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Axolotl Lakes Road Surfacing	\$438,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Beartooth Landing Dock	\$30,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Big Hole Recreation Sites Maintenance and Restoration	\$916,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Carbella Boat Ramp Repair	\$150,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Monida Creek Dam #1 and #2 Repair	\$471,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Moose Creek Road Resurfacing	\$450,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Ruby Creek Road Chip Seal Phase II of II	\$146,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Rehabilitate Final 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road & Replace Bridge Over McDonald Creek	\$26,076,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Headquarters Wastewater System	\$10,921,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Swiftcurrent Water Distribution System	\$15,726,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Utility Systems	\$33,350,000*

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

**project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated total amount of funding for this project across states

†rounded to thousands



GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in Montana

Rehabilitate Final 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road & Replace Bridge Over McDonald Creek

Glacier National Park



Bikers enjoying Going-to-the-Sun Road.
Photo Credit: NPS/Jacob W. Frank

Glacier National Park, named for the powerful glaciers that carved the landscape during the last ice age, showcases various alpine meadows, carved valleys, and spectacular lakes. This project rehabilitates two major roads, including the reconstruction of 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road, which is the primary roadway that park visitors use to access and enjoy the park's scenic views. Improvements include widening the road's curves, and changes to the pavement's friction and traffic control and safety. This project will also demolish and replace McDonald Creek's bridge that services several visitor access points, a ranger station, and landowner residences. This project will extend the life of the road, improve safety, and help ensure continued access for visitors at the park.

Grub Dam Rehabilitation

Grub Dam



Grub Reservoir during construction.
Photo Credit: Gina Baltrusch/BLM

Grub Reservoir in Montana provides a consistent source of water to control wildfires and has a riparian area that supports wildlife habitat and wildlife-dependent recreation. Grub Dam's aging infrastructure posed a safety risk for staff, the public, and downstream roads and grazing allotments. This project removed and replaced an existing steel outlet works with a reinforced concrete outlet works, which allows for the controlled release of water from the dam. By rehabilitating the dam, this project mitigates future dam failure, protecting staff, residents, and local wildlife habitats.

Maintenance Action Teams

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge



Old and new refuge signs. Photo Credits: USFWS

GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs primarily consist of federal employees who mobilize regionally to work on smaller scope construction, demolition, rehabilitation, or preservation activities. As of September 2023, MATs have completed work at Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge in Montana.

At Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, MATs replaced entrance signs.