



# Oklahoma

## Great American Outdoors Act

## National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: USFWS

**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 Oklahoma

In Oklahoma, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$90,396,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$12,613,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$2,587,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$31,316,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$43,880,000

### GAOA LRF in Oklahoma

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$77.1 million** towards improving over **250** assets across **5** projects in Oklahoma.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1** FWS location in Oklahoma.



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

### Assets improved in Oklahoma:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



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 Oklahoma



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access—Phase I	\$26,832,000
FWS	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access—Phase II	\$3,635,000
FWS	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access—Phase III	\$2,961,000
NPS	Chickasaw National Recreation Area	Address Critical Repairs in the Platt and Buckhorn Developed Areas	\$38,564,000
NPS	Chickasaw National Recreation Area	Repair and Preserve Roads and Parking Areas	\$5,120,000*

\*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding  
<sup>†</sup>rounded to thousands

## Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access, Phase II Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge



Repairs at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is known for its freshwater lakes and streams, ancient granite mountains, and roaming herds of bison, longhorn, and Rocky Mountain elk. The refuge had several unresolved health and safety risks at a bunkhouse and public use areas and had identified major deficiencies that pose public safety risk at its high-hazard Quanah Parker Dam. This project is repairing the dam and will co-locate and consolidate the previously demolished bunkhouse, providing safe, energy efficient quarters for refuge staff, volunteers, and students. Project work also includes smaller-scale building, road, bridge, trail, and fishing pier repairs.

## Address Critical Repairs in the Platt and Buckhorn Developed Areas Chickasaw National Recreation Area



Antelope Springs at Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Photo credit: NPS

Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma contains springs, streams, and lakes and protects important historic structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The existing water system and visitor amenities at the park are deteriorating. This project will repair or replace water and wastewater systems, improve and relocate electrical infrastructure, replace lift stations, and rehabilitate park comfort stations. The project also includes repairs, replacements, historic restoration, removal of non-historic elements, and code compliance improvements to walkways, restrooms, parking, RV sites, trails, campsites, campsite features, and multiple park buildings. Completion of this project will improve utility operation, increase reliability, automation, and safety, and prevent disruptions to the availability of drinking water. It will also improve visitor experience and recreation opportunities.