



Colorado

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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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 nearly \$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

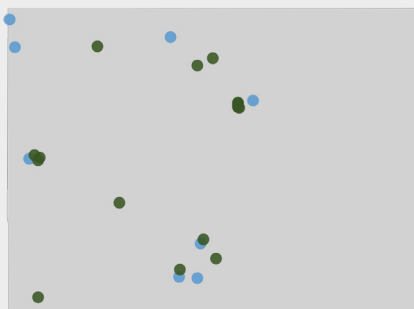
In Colorado, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$864,395,000**.

| Bureau | DM&R** |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) | \$0 |
| Bureau of Land Management (BLM) | \$145,408,000 |
| National Park Service (NPS) | \$622,085,000 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | \$96,902,000 |

GAOA LRF in Colorado

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$133.3 million** towards improving nearly **190** assets across **17** projects in Colorado.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **6** FWS and **2** NPS locations in Colorado.



● GAOA LRF Projects

● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Colorado:



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Housing Assets

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

** DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2024, 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 [†] as of Mar. 2025 |
|--------|--|---|---|
| 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 |

[†] 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

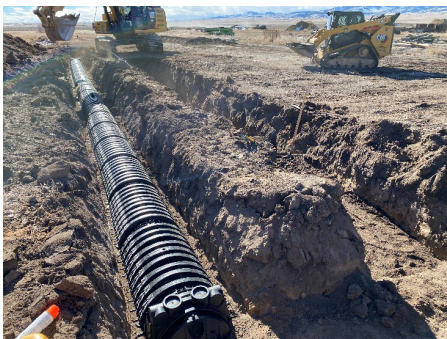


Rocky Mountain National Park is one of the highest elevation national parks in the nation, with elevations from 8,000 to 14,000 feet along the Continental Divide. This project is rehabilitating the Headquarters East water system, which includes the nearly 60-year-old Moraine Park Campground water distribution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



Installation of septic system at Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credits: 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 replacement of bunkhouse 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.