



Oklahoma

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: Martha Spadafore

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

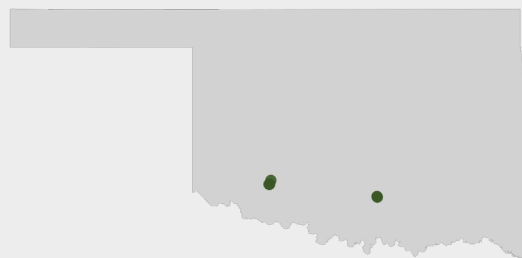
Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Oklahoma

In Oklahoma, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$151,771,000*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$15,928,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$2,717,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$36,141,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$96,985,000

GAOA LRF in Oklahoma

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$77.1 million** towards improving over **255** assets across **5** projects in Oklahoma.



● GAOA LRF Projects

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 9/30/2024, 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 Oklahoma

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
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

[†] Rounded to thousands.

Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access—Phase I

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge



New administrative building at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: Rosemarie Spano

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 facilities are inefficient, geographically dispersed, and pose health and safety issues for visitors and staff. This project is demolishing infrastructure and constructing a new administrative headquarters, multipurpose maintenance/fire cache building, and bunkhouses. It is also renovating the visitor center and cleaning up the abandoned Treasure Lake Job Corps Civilian Conservation Corps site. This will centralize offices and meeting space for staff, improve logistics for administering natural resource protection, and improve accessibility.

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 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.