



South Dakota

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 South Dakota

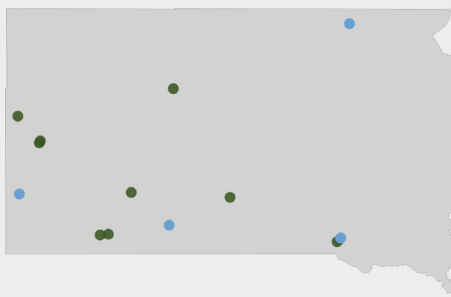
In South Dakota, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$246,813,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$78,206,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$5,964,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$119,950,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$42,692,000

GAOA LRF in South Dakota

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$134.1 million** towards improving approximately **65** assets across **9** projects in South Dakota.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **3** FWS locations and **1** NPS location in South Dakota.



● GAOA LRF Projects

● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in South Dakota:



Housing Assets



Operational Buildings



BIE Schools and Associated 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 South Dakota



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
BIE	Great Plains Region	Cheyenne Eagle Butte—Replacement	\$2,400,000
BIE	Great Plains Region	Great Plains - Education Demolition Project*	\$914,000
BIE	Wounded Knee District School	Wounded Knee District School—Quarters	\$20,160,000
BIE	Wounded Knee District School	Wounded Knee District School—Replacement	\$84,300,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District	Alkali Creek and Centennial Trail Creek Crossing	\$197,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Montana/Dakotas Recreation, Roads, and Dam Repairs*	\$6,640,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas, North Central Montana, and Western Montana Districts	Montana Dakotas FY2025 Recreation, Roads, Dams, and Building Repair Project*	\$5,400,000
FWS	Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge	Improve Resilience and Modernize Flood Damaged Buildings & Recreational Assets	\$10,724,000
NPS	Badlands National Park	Rehabilitate Building for Headquarters and Concession Operations and Demolish Structures	\$15,000,000

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

† Rounded to thousands.

Wounded Knee District School—Replacement

Wounded Knee District School



Aerial View of Wounded Knee District School.
Photo Credit: BIE

Wounded Knee District School is an Oglala Lakota Sioux Nation school serving students from kindergarten through 8th grade. The existing campus is in poor condition and inadequate for current student and staff needs, which negatively impacts student learning capacity. This project will replace the existing campus with new, energy-efficient academic facilities. The project will provide students with a safe and functional learning environment, which will help improve their ability to learn and grow.

Improve Resilience and Modernize Flood Damaged Buildings & Recreational Assets

Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge



Completed headquarters building at Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge is a critical wetland habitat for migratory birds and provides recreational opportunities for visitors including fishing, wildlife observation, and environmental education and interpretation. Due to flooding, some of the infrastructure at the refuge had been damaged beyond repair. This project is replacing the flood-damaged headquarters building; replacing trails, kiosks, a boat ramp, and observation deck; repairing damaged levees; and demolishing multiple excess buildings. These improvements will allow staff to administer environmental protection and public programming, increase access for employees and visitors, and support staff in carrying out the USFWS mission.