

**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA)**  
**Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) - FY21 Project List**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

State / Refuge	# of Projects	FY21 Investment	Short Description
<b>AR</b>			
Cache River NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 667 fee acres in the floodplain of the Cache River. Acquisition will significantly expand public access for hunting, fishing, boating, wildlife observation, and photography opportunities.
Felsenthal NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 952 fee acres of bottomland hardwood forest, with some upland hardwood/pine and pine forest. The acquisition will improve public access to existing Refuge lands and increase public opportunities for fishing, hiking, wildlife observation, and hunting.
<b>CA/OR</b>			
Lower Klamath Water Rights	1	\$ 6,300,000	FWS will acquire leases for water rights for five years with an option to purchase adjudicated water rights. Currently, the Refuge lacks sufficient water supplies to meet its wildlife habitat objectives and public use objectives, and acquisition will ensure that the Refuge can provide the public with high quality opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting.
<b>CT/MA</b>			
Silvio O. Conte NF&WR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire several tracts in Connecticut and Massachusetts within the Connecticut River watershed. The tracts are adjacent to existing Refuge lands and will enhance and expand public access to wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.
<b>FL</b>			
St. Marks NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 1,333 acres of longleaf pine forest including a key segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail. The acquisition will provide public hunting and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities.
Everglades Headwaters NWR & CA	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 2,000 acres of Florida prairie that will provide public outdoor recreation opportunities and protect habitat and wildlife corridors used by game species and numerous Federal- and State-listed threatened and endangered species.
<b>HI</b>			
Hakalau Forest NWR	1	\$ 2,200,000	FWS will begin phased acquisition of a 1,021-acre tract at the entrance to the Refuge's Kona Unit. The acquisition will enhance public access for recreational opportunities, including hiking, wildlife viewing, and photography.
<b>IA/MN</b>			
Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	1	\$ 500,000	FWS will acquire approximately 175 fee acres of tallgrass prairie. Acquisition will increase opportunities for public wildlife-dependent recreation, such as hunting, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and hiking.
<b>IA/IL/MN/WI</b>			

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Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	1	\$ 1,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 250 fee acres along the Mississippi River. Acquisition will provide year-round public fishing opportunities and public hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer, turkey, and squirrel.
<b>KY</b>			
Green River NWR	1	\$ 8,000,000	FWS will acquire several tracts of bottomland hardwood forests. Acquisition will provide public outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing.
<b>LA</b>			
Bayou Sauvage NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will continue the phased acquisition of a 2,703-acre tract within the city limits of New Orleans. Acquisition will improve public access to wildlife-dependent recreation, such as fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.
<b>ME/NH/NY/RI/CT/MA</b>			
Great Thicket NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 285 fee acres of shrubland habitat for the benefit of migratory birds and wildlife, and expand public hunting opportunities.
<b>MO</b>			
Big Muddy NFWR	1	\$ 1,500,000	FWS will acquire several tracts within the Missouri River floodplain. Acquisition will protect waterfowl habitat and provide public outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing.
<b>MT</b>			
Montana NWRs & CAs	1	\$ 10,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 756 fee acres for Charles M. Russell NWR and approximately 12,500 conservation easement acres within Rocky Mountain Front, Blackfoot Valley, and Swan Valley Conservation Areas. The acquisitions will protect critical elk, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope wintering habitat and migration corridors and enhance public wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting.
<b>NC</b>			
Alligator River NWR	1	\$ 1,000,000	FWS will begin phased acquisition of an 8,263-acre tract that will connect Alligator River NWR with Pocosin Lakes NWR, providing a travel corridor for black bear, and other wildlife species. Acquisition of this tract will provide public hunting opportunities for a deer, waterfowl, and small game, as well as excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.
<b>PA</b>			
Cherry Valley NWR	1	\$ 1,500,000	FWS will acquire approximately 530 acres of forested uplands, wetlands, and riparian areas. The tracts will provide public recreational opportunities, including hunting, wildlife observation, photography, and environmental education.
<b>TX</b>			

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Laguna Atascosa NWR	1	\$ 3,500,000	FWS will begin the phased acquisition of a 1,687-acre tract of native Tamaulipan brush and wetland habitats, which will connect existing Refuge lands to the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR. Acquisition will provide additional public access points to the approximately 20,000-acre Bahia Grande Unit and expand public wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, including wildlife observation and photography, hunting, hiking, and biking.
Balcones Canyonlands NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire a 262-acre tract that will connect existing Refuge lands to create a 969-acre block of unfragmented habitat for golden-cheeked warbler and other migratory birds and wildlife species. Acquisition will enhance and expand public recreational opportunities, including hunting and fishing.
<b>VA</b>			
Rappahannock River Valley NWR	1	\$ 2,000,000	FWS will acquire approximately 1,000 acres along the Rappahannock River that support the densest breeding population of bald eagles in Virginia. Acquisition will expand public recreational opportunities, including hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.
<b>WV</b>			
Canaan Valley NWR	1	\$ 3,500,000	FWS will begin phased acquisition of a 3,301-acre tract consisting of wetland and forest habitats. The initial acquisition will connect two public use trails. Acquisition will provide public hunting opportunities for turkey, white-tailed deer, and black bear and will provide county road access to 412 acres of existing Refuge lands that are currently inaccessible.
<b>Total, Line Item Projects</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$57,000,000</b>	

Total by Project Type	Amount (\$)
Line Item Projects	\$57,000,000
Land Acquisition Management	\$14,000,000
Exchanges	\$1,000,000
Land Protection Planning	\$500,000
Inholding, Emergencies, Hardships	\$3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,500,000</b>

*All projects provide recreational public access.*

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**National Park Service**

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<b>AK</b>			
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve*	1	\$3,500,000	This acquisition consists of private inholdings that were originally conveyed as Native Allotments to tribal citizens. All of these lands are highly scenic, and particularly valuable for plant and wildlife. Two are located on salmon streams and one has an active wolf den. The allotments are often situated on or near the shore, and are thus visible for long distances across the water. One parcel is an island surrounded by marine Wilderness, offering a unique recreational opportunity in the Park where no motorized vehicles are permitted. The other two parcels are sacred sites for the Hoonah Tlingit clan as the origin site for these Hoonah people.
Wrangell-St.Elias National Park and Preserve	1	\$700,000	In 1998 the National Park Service purchased most of the original Kennecott property, but 87 subdivision plots remain under private ownership. This project would acquire several of those parcels, most of which include historic mine worker homes that are still in use. Acquiring key parcels is necessary to prevent intrusive and unsympathetic development that will be incompatible with the existing historic landscape. Under NPS management, these properties will maintain the scenic integrity and will remain a crucial part of the Kennecott visitor experience. Some funds will also be used to acquire mineral interests that have become available as owners age-out.
<b>CA</b>			
Death Valley National Park*	1	\$5,100,000	This acquisition is comprised of 6 tracts in the historic mining district within the park boundary. The property makes up a large portion of the Zabriskie Point viewshed, as well as Twenty Mule Team Canyon and Golden Canyon, three of the most visited and visible locations within the park. These properties are integral to the history of borax mining in Death Valley. Golden Canyon and 20 Mule Team Canyon are two of the most popular attractions within the park and access could easily be restricted, causing a significant loss of accessible recreation opportunities and mining history.
Mojave National Preserve*	1	\$1,525,000	This property comprises 2,210 contiguous acres in Round Valley, a high elevation valley in the center of Mojave National Preserve with an abundance of natural resources, long open vistas, pleasant temperatures, and permanently available water (a rare feature). Acquisition would expand recreational access and enhance visitor opportunities for hiking, camping, exploring, and hunting. The Round Valley property is perhaps the best example of historic cattle ranching in the Mojave Desert and represents the cultural heritage identified by Congress as reason for the creation of Mojave National Preserve. Acquisition would also provide protection of and connectivity for species migration which is currently threatened by development.
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*	1	\$5,200,000	This inholdings acquisition includes Zuma and Trancas Canyons, which are part of an area of over 13,000 acres of contiguous federal parkland interspersed with inholdings. These lands will increase the core habitat and recreation areas within the SMMNRA, connecting areas of scenic ridgelines, coastal vistas, and colorful native flora as well as providing a diversity of landscapes for hiking, horseback riding, and other trail recreation activities. Total visitation and use of the existing 20-mile recreational trail system in Zuma and Trancas Canyons exceeds 100,000 visitors annually. Acquisition of the identified tracts will protect critical portions of the trail system that cross private inholdings.
<b>CO</b>			

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Dinosaur National Monument*	1	\$850,000	This project consists of two tracts of land, one being the final inholding in the Wild Mountain area of the monument, thus completing the total landscape of this particular area. The property contains important native vegetation and is an important wildlife corridor between the monument's high country and the Yampa River. The second parcel contains the access road to Island and Rainbow Parks. If the owner were to change its use to prevent public access, the Rainbow Park boat launch ramp, one of the principle recreational river launching sites for the park, would be rendered inaccessible. Approximately 15,000 visitors float the rivers of Dinosaur each year.
<b>FL</b>			
Big Cypress National Preserve*	1	\$311,000	This three acre inholding, mostly comprised of live oak uplands which provide significant habitat for wildlife species (both resident and transient) is an opportunity purchase tract within the original Preserve Boundary (1974). Acquisition provides excellent resource protection and passive recreational activities, such as birdwatching or wildlife viewing, as well as hunting and access to boating and fishing. Moreover, law enforcement and general management on these private lands has been extremely difficult. Access by state law enforcement is challenging, and must be coordinated with federal entities, which do not have jurisdiction on the private parcels.
<b>GA</b>			
Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park*	1	\$2,865,000	This project will acquire four tracts that will connect the Park's two units, the Main Unit and the Lamar Unit. The Lamar Unit is currently separated and surrounded by private lands, resulting in management challenges in patrolling and maintaining. The Lamar Unit does not have consistent public access. Contiguous land will provide protection and access to these very important and unique cultural resources. This project comprises 63 percent of lands defined in the Dingell Act.
<b>ID</b>			
City of Rocks National Preserve*	1	\$350,000	The acquisition will protect rock formations that are of significant interest to climbers, geologists and sightseers visiting the Preserve. There is also open range that will continue to provide habitat for traditional uses such as grazing. In addition to connecting and protecting the lands for visitors and wildlife, the parcel ensures recreational access will be provided through an existing ranch road that connects to the surrounding Federal lands.
<b>KY</b>			
Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument	1	\$425,000	The property is located between Mill Springs Battlefield Road and the western banks of the Cumberland River. This tract contains an original Confederate trench line, the site of Brig. Gen. Zollicoffer's headquarters, a 2-gun cannon battery position, and the Confederate Cemetery. Indentations in the ground remain from hundreds of Confederate cabins. The Battlefield is the site of the Union's first decisive Civil War victory and where Zollicoffer, a Congressman from Tennessee, was killed. Its importance was recognized by both sides during the war and acquisition of this parcel will preserve this historically significant area.
<b>KY, TN</b>			

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Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area*	1	\$1,037,000	These two tracts represent the most threatened real property lying within the boundary of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Most of the lots outside the boundary have been developed, whereas lots within the boundary remain, for the most part, in their natural state. The acquisition of these tracts would, by and large, provide complete protection to this section of the park, as mandated by Congress. The current owners have been approached by individuals who want to develop the properties. These tracts connect to larger segments of protected property, thus providing critical corridors for wildlife migration, refuge for endangered or threatened species, and a necessary first step to expanding recreational access through the development of key trails and trailheads for hiking and horseback riding within the park.
<b>LA, MS</b>			
Vicksburg National Military Park	1	\$1,453,000	This acquisition is comprised of 21 tracts purchased by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) for the purposes of creating the Champion Hill Unit of Vicksburg National Military Park. They are in the highest tier of lands identified for acquisition in the park's 2018 Land Protection Plan. In addition to its historical significance, this area connects to adjacent tracts (800 acres) donated by the state of Mississippi in 2019 to help form a contiguous park. The area has experienced threats of encroachments, poaching, and archaeological resource theft. Acquisition will allow the resources to be protected and visitors to access a portion of the core battlefield.
<b>ME</b>			
Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument*	1	\$380,000	Acquisition of these tracts will allow for access to these lands and will provide enhanced recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy. Acquisition will connect separated Federal parcels, ensuring additional access to the river for recreational purposes and across the property for snowmobiles. The land has wetlands and low, marshy areas known for wildlife habitat. The streams in the parcel are all critical habitat for the Atlantic Salmon recovery program, and the area is critical Canada Lynx habitat, both of which are currently Federally listed endangered species.
<b>MI</b>			
River Raisin National Battlefield Park	1	\$1,100,000	This request includes 72 tracts of lands that are located in the core area of the unit, including the Springwells site and the Hulls Trace unit. Fee and easement interests will be donated to protect a variety of archaeological and cultural landscape resources directly relating to the Battles. This includes the site where the U.S. launched the first shots of the War of 1812 and more than 1000 years ago Native residents of Springwells toiled, prospered and raised monuments. The acquisition will also provide recreational opportunities associated with increased public access the Huron River.
<b>MO</b>			
Sainte Genevieve National Historical Park	1	\$563,000	This parcel was added within the park boundary by the Dingell Act (P.L. 116-9). The property includes a modern building that currently functions as the Ste. Genevieve visitor center for the Colonial Dames, called the Centre for French Colonial Life. The building has been recently updated and is ideal for visitor contact and orientation. National Park Service ownership would save this critically important building and allow for its utilization for park operations. The Colonial Dames have sent a letter to the NPS offering to sell the property, as they do not possess the financial resources to maintain and operate the building in the near future.
<b>MS</b>			

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Natchez National Historical Park	1	\$900,000	This project will acquire four to seven tracts at the Forks of the Road slave market site, which faces multiple threats of urban intrusion to both the site itself and its immediate viewshed. The site and its potential archaeological resources have been under pressure from urban development; protecting the small area that remains is vital to preserving and interpreting this part of the nation's history. The park has also been working in partnership with the City of Natchez and other nonprofit groups for over a decade to develop downtown walking trails, with interpretive signage, that would extend to the Forks of the Road site.
<b>Multiple</b>			
Battlefield Parks	1	\$621,000	This project will acquire high priority battlefield land inholdings within the National Park System that are experiencing significant threat to the resource. These lands are often temporarily protected by partner organizations able to nimbly navigate real estate acquisition and then wait for the Federal Government to bring the land into individual park units. As of December 30, 2018, within park units that have battlefields there are over 36,000 unprotected acres in individual parcels. Funds from this project will be directed to the highest priority "shovel ready" acquisitions, which will be dynamic as landowners consider options once funding is available.
<b>OH</b>			
Cuyahoga Valley National Park*	1	\$3,800,000	Funds will be used to acquire the 213-acre Brandywine Golf Course property located prominently within the park. The property, owned by the local Conservancy, is a critical acquisition that has been a focus for NPS protection efforts since the late 2000's. Because of its size and location, protection of this property is a critical concern for the park and an important connection with other parklands, recreational opportunities and resources. Loss of this property to development would greatly diminish the open space character. The threat to natural resources includes the loss of approximately 80-acres of forested hills and riparian areas; along with the potential for degraded downstream water resources.
<b>TN</b>			
Fort Donelson National Battlefield	1	\$559,000	Acquisition of these tracts will protect battlefield land that saw considerable action and troop movement. In this area of the Confederate Break-Out, the Confederates attempted an unsuccessful surprise assault in hopes of opening a corridor to flee the Fort. In addition, these lands are affiliated with the former African-American community, "Free State" (created by those formerly enslaved). They include historical structures such as surviving "colored school," and an abandoned African-American Methodist Church. Acquisition of these tracts will complete the Confederate Break-Out area and the primary "Free State" interpretive area for public use and access.
Shiloh National Military Park	1	\$558,000	The seven tracts identified for this acquisition are part of the Fallen Timbers battlefield. The tracts are owned by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) and comprise 57% of the Fallen Timbers site. Tens of thousands of citizens from across the nation directly donated funds to complete the purchase and preservation of these tracts. The site lacks protection by an authorized land management steward and archaeological resources associated with the Civil War and other periods of human occupation are unprotected and open to looting. Sites have also recently experienced vandalism to existing structures and natural features. The purchase of these tracts will significantly enhance the battlefield scenery and permit visitor access to the property for recreational use consistent with park purposes.

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Stones River National Battlefield	1	\$243,000	This project would preserve part of the core battlefield and the scene of intense fighting, including the location of Federal artillery on the final day of the battle. The Union victory at this site resulted in the Confederate withdrawal from middle Tennessee. Acquisition of this tract would protect the site of significant battlefield action, enhance wildlife habitat, and provide for trail development for visitor access and recreation.
<b>TX</b>			
Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park	1	\$3,500,000	This property is the last high-priority core battlefield inholding, containing valuable cultural resources including much of the Mexican battle line; Arista's Hill, which was used as a vantage point by commanding Mexican General Mariano Arista during the battle; and the Palo Alto Inn, which was constructed during the U.S.-Mexican War to serve as a stopover for individuals traveling from Port Isabel to Matamoros, Mexico. Protection of this property will expand recreational access for almost 260,000 neighbors, giving visitors the ability to visit the entire battlefield and it will provide more than 10 miles of trail to connect current battlefield trails to city trails, including the 8.5 mile Historic Battlefield Rail-Trail.
<b>VA</b>			
Appalachian National Scenic Trail*	1	\$645,000	This project will acquire 236 acres known as the Doc's Way property, which is the dominant viewshed from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail's iconic McAfee Knob. Visited by 90,000 people annually, McAfee Knob is the most photographed vista on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and is just a fifteen minute drive from downtown Roanoke, a city with a population of 100,000. This acquisition will also improve individual hiker safety and improve or expand recreational access.
Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park	1	\$931,000	This project will acquire two tracts that fall within the 1989 revised boundary and are located at the Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield, which received the highest condition and significance ratings from the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. Acquisition of these tracts provides important access and interpretive opportunities to key areas of the battlefield, preserving the sense of place that surrounds Burnside Drive. Burnside Drive is the scene of heavy fighting during a May 12, 1864 battle.
Petersburg National Battlefield	1	\$341,000	The tracts of this acquisition are the core of two nationally significant battles (as determined by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and approved by Congress). Acquisition would allow for long term protection and preservation of key terrain and the many landscape elements that have survived. The federal objective of destroying Confederate supply lines, especially railroads, into Petersburg and Richmond is best exhibited and interpreted on these locations. Local law enforcement have dealt with cases of relic hunting in the area but lack legal authority to enforce action under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA); Federal law enforcement will be able to enforce the Act more effectively.
<b>WI</b>			
Ice Age National Scenic Trail*	1	\$2,043,000	The 197-acre property is located within the boundaries of the 1,700-acre Ice Age Complex at Cross Plains. The Complex is comprised of four public land agencies: NPS-Ice Age Trail; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; US Fish & Wildlife Service; and Dane County. Acquisition will provide landscape connectivity to adjacent property already owned by USFWS, WDNR and Dane County Parks within the Complex, and will allow for greater land management efficiencies as the Complex partners continue to develop compatible recreation opportunities. This project also expands recreational access opportunities. Acquisition would allow for hiking, bird watching, and educational tours.
<b>Total, Line Item Projects</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$39,500,000</b>	



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Line Item Projects		\$39,500,000	<i>* Project provides recreational public access</i>
<i>Recreation Access</i>		<i>(27,606,000)</i>	
Land Acquisition Management		\$10,500,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000,000</b>	