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Colorado

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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 allocated 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 GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus are:

- Funding 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Addressing nearly \$6 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improving 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

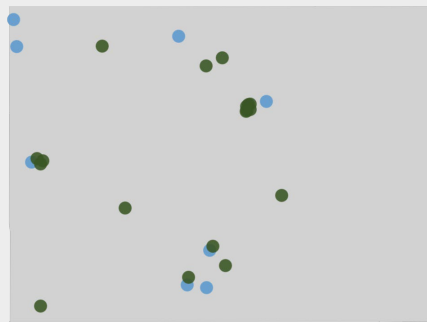
In Colorado, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$890,469,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$165,218,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$624,170,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$101,081,000

GAOA LRF in Colorado

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$136 million** towards improving over **180** assets across **17** projects in Colorado.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **6** FWS locations 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



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 9/30/2025, 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.



GAOA LRF Projects, Locations, and Funding in Colorado

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 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	\$6,020,000
BLM	Grand Junction Air Center	Grand Junction Air Center Tanker Base Repairs—Phase II	\$3,711,000
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 and Preserve	Rehabilitate Park Housing	\$14,082,000
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. Photo Credit: BLM

Grand Junction Air Center (GJAC) complex is a multipurpose wildland fire management operation center that provides tactical aircraft resources. This project repaired 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.

Rehabilitate Headquarters East Water System and Moraine Park Campground Electrical Distribution

Rocky Mountain National Park



New tent pad at a campsite in Rocky Mountain National Park. Photo Credit: NPS

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 rehabilitated the Headquarters East water system, including the nearly 60-year-old Moraine Park Campground water distribution systems and wastewater system, which had surpassed its typical 30-year service life. The project also replaced above-ground primary electrical distribution lines, improved drainage, addressed accessibility issues, and improved roads, parking, and campsite amenities.

Maintenance Action Teams



Visitor Center Stage replacement in progress. Photo Credit: USFWS

GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs are teams of federal employees, and in some cases NPS interns and members of youth and service corps, who can quickly mobilize across their region to complete smaller scope repair, rehabilitation, or historic preservation activities.

At Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, MATs replaced the wooden stage at the Visitor Center amphitheater with a concrete stage and a new electrical system.