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Montana

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 Montana

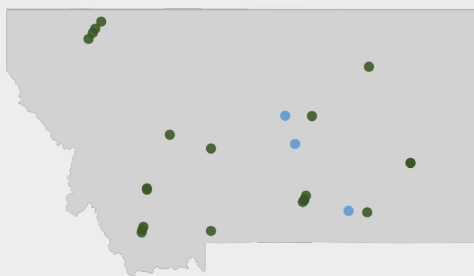
In Montana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$620,660,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$28,176,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$225,359,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$258,594,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$108,532,000

GAOA LRF in Montana

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$117.6 million** towards improving over **70** assets across **22** projects in Montana.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations and **1** NPS location in Montana.



● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Montana:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Transportation Assets

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

** DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2025, 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 Montana



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
BIE	Great Plains Region	Great Plains - Education Demolition Project*	\$914,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/ Dakotas District	Acton Road Gravel	\$238,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/ Dakotas District	Crooked Creek Road Repair Planning and Design	\$375,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/ Dakotas District	Eastern Montana Dakotas District Fog Seal	\$166,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/ Dakotas District	Stellar Creek Road Repair	\$469,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Montana FY 2024 Recreation, Roads, and Dams Repair Project	\$6,000,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Montana/Dakotas Recreation, Roads, and Dam Repairs*	\$6,660,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, North Central District, Western Montana District	Recreation, Roads, Dams, and Building Repair Project	\$7,681,000
BLM	Eastern Montana/Dakotas, North Central Montana, and Western Montana Districts	Montana Dakotas FY2025 Recreation, Roads, Dams, and Building Repair Project*	\$5,400,000
BLM	North Central District	Grub Dam Rehabilitation	\$1,602,000
BLM	North Central District	South Fork Dry Blood Creek Detention Dam Repair —Phase I of II	\$985,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Axolotl Lakes Road Surfacing	\$438,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Beartooth Landing Dock	\$30,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Big Hole Recreation Sites Maintenance and Restoration	\$916,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Carbella Boat Ramp Repair	\$150,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Monida Creek Dam #1 and #2 Repair	\$471,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Moose Creek Road Resurfacing	\$450,000
BLM	Western Montana District	Ruby Creek Road Chip Seal—Phase II of II	\$146,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Rehabilitate Final 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road & Replace Bridge Over McDonald Creek	\$26,076,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Headquarters Wastewater System	\$10,921,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Swiftcurrent Water Distribution System	\$15,726,000
NPS	Glacier National Park	Replace Utility Systems	\$33,350,000

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

† Rounded to thousands.



GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in Montana

Carbella Boat Ramp Repair

Carbella Recreation Site



New, completed Carbella Boat Launch at Cabella Recreation Site. Photo Credit: Zack Morgan

Carbella Boat Ramp, a primary takeout for whitewater rafting on the Yellowstone River just north of Yellowstone National Park, has been significantly upgraded to better serve the high volume of users it receives. The outdated concrete plank launch has been replaced with a longer, monolithic concrete boat ramp, providing a more durable, grooved surface designed for improved traction. This enhanced design greatly increases accessibility, safety, and efficiency, making it easier for recreationists to launch and retrieve boats. Overall, the new ramp is a substantial improvement and offers a far better experience for all river users.

Replace Swiftcurrent Water Distribution System

Glacier National Park



Fresh road paving completed as part of the Swiftcurrent water distribution system replacement. Photo Credit: NPS

Glacier National Park in Montana features glaciers, alpine meadows, carved valleys, and spectacular lakes with over 700 miles of trails, historic chalets and lodges, and the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road. This project replaced the 50-year-old water distribution system at Swiftcurrent, including rehabilitation and replacement of key system equipment for improved operational efficiency, reliability, and monitoring. This project helped improve the safety of drinking water, ensuring a reliable and adequate water supply, and enabling fire protection support.

Maintenance Action Teams



Old and new refuge signs. Photo Credits: 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 Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, MATs replaced entrance signs.