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New Mexico

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 New Mexico

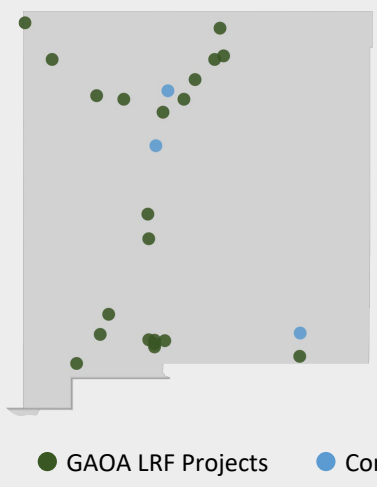
In New Mexico, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$883,592,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$198,507,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$422,675,000
National Park Service (NPS)	\$212,943,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$49,467,000

GAOA LRF in New Mexico

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$93.9 million** towards improving approximately **90** assets across **21** projects in New Mexico.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **3** NPS locations in New Mexico.



Assets improved in New Mexico:

-  Housing Assets
-  Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets
-  Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

* 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 New Mexico



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
BIE	Navajo Region	Navajo - Education Demolition Project a*	\$6,961,000
BIE	Navajo Region	Navajo - Education Demolition Project b*	\$10,688,000
BIE	Navajo Region	Navajo - Education Demolition Project c*	\$7,141,000
BIE	Southwest Region	Southwest - Education Demolition Project	\$328,000
BLM	Albuquerque and Las Cruces Districts	Albuquerque and Las Cruces Recreation Site Repairs	\$5,000,000
BLM	Albuquerque District	Pinon Dam Repairs	\$986,000
BLM	Albuquerque District	Socorro Nature Area Repairs	\$400,000
BLM	Farmington District	Taos Field Office Recreation Sites	\$7,330,000
BLM	Farmington District	Wild Rivers Back Country Byway Repairs	\$2,649,000
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BLM	Las Cruces District	Apache Dam Repair	\$140,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Caballo-Cooke's Road Repairs	\$103,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Cox Well and Water System	\$43,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Lake Valley Host and Site Maintenance	\$768,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Palomas Dam #9 Repairs	\$637,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Permian Trackways Road Repairs	\$200,000
BLM	Las Cruces District	Starvation Draw Detention Dams Decommissioning—Phase II of II	\$3,033,000
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FWS	Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access	\$19,376,000
NPS	Bandelier National Monument	Rehabilitate Underground Utilities	\$29,089,000
NPS	Carlsbad Caverns National Park	Replace Main Water Distribution System	\$8,000,000

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

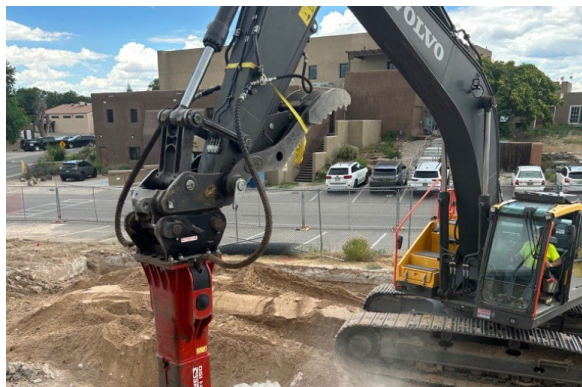
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GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in New Mexico



Southwest - Education Demolition Project

Southwest Region

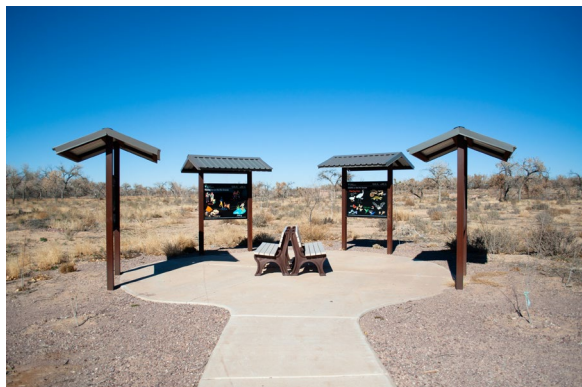


Demolition at Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Community School. Photo Credit: BIE

This project demolished 9,613 square feet of excess education buildings at multiple BIE-funded schools, including Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Community School, Haak'u Community Academy, and San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School. These buildings were unsafe and had a negative impact on academic performance. Demolition resolved safety and health hazards, improved the visual aesthetic of the campus, and eliminated the ongoing and deferred maintenance costs associated with these buildings.

Socorro Nature Area Repairs

Albuquerque District



New interpretive kiosks and benches installed at Socorro Nature Area. Photo Credit: BLM New Mexico

The Socorro Nature Area is a 120-acre environmental education area in the Rio Grande Bosque with numerous outdoor facilities, including a nature walk featuring interpretive signs, picnic tables, a group shelter, and an amphitheater. The facilities were deteriorated and posed safety concerns with increasing use. This project replaced shelters, a viewing deck, picnic tables, benches, kiosks, and security fencing around the water well at the site. This project helped to bring the site into compliance with Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility requirements and eliminated safety hazards that posed a threat to the visiting public.

Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge



Aged building that will be replaced.
Photo Credit: USFWS

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge restores and preserves seasonal wetland habitat critical to tens of thousands of birds as well as four endangered or threatened species. The refuge has multiple deteriorating facilities that have reached the end of their serviceable life. This project will consolidate the facilities into an administrative headquarters building, a multi-purpose maintenance and fire building, and a bunkhouse building. The new energy efficient facilities will reduce annual operating costs, improve outdoor recreational access, and provide a central office for staff, fire crews, and volunteers.