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# South Dakota

## 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 South Dakota

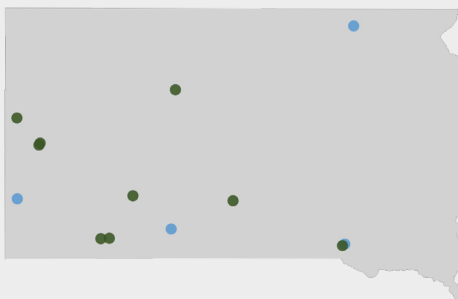
In South Dakota, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$292,674,000\*\*.

| Bureau                               | DM&R**        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)     | \$112,268,000 |
| Bureau of Land Management (BLM)      | \$6,700,000   |
| National Park Service (NPS)          | \$126,189,000 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | \$47,516,000  |

### GAOA LRF in South Dakota

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$134.1 million** towards improving over **60** assets across **9** projects in South Dakota.

As of December 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:



Operational Buildings



BIE Schools and Associated Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience 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 South Dakota



| Bureau | Unit Name  | Project Title  | Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Dec. 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*                                      | \$6,660,000                          |
| 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.

<sup>†</sup> Rounded to thousands.

## Wounded Knee District School–Replacement

### *Wounded Knee District School*



Design Rendering of the main entrance of the new Wounded Knee District School. Photo Credit: Co-op Architecture

Wounded Knee District School is an Oglala Lakota Sioux Nation school serving students from kindergarten through 8th grade. The campus was in poor condition and inadequate for current student and staff needs, which negatively impacted student learning capacity. This project is replacing the existing campus with new, energy-efficient academic facilities. When complete, this 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.