

# **GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT**

# **Program Impact: First Three Years**

The <u>Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF)</u>, enacted on August 4, 2020, is a historic investment in much-needed maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure on America's public lands and Bureau of Indian Education funded schools. From the breathtaking vistas of the Grand Canyon to the diverse wildlife of the Everglades, GAOA LRF funds are improving thousands of Department of the Interior assets across the United States.

Through Fiscal Year 2023, GAOA LRF is funding **276 projects** across **50 states** and multiple U.S. territories to address an estimated **\$3.4B** in deferred maintenance and repairs. These projects collectively plan to improve **2,100+ Interior assets**:



**500+** recreational and visitor assets



**280+** housing assets



**580+** transportation assets



**50+** BIE schools and associated assets



**250+** water infrastructure or other utilities assets



**320+** operational building assets

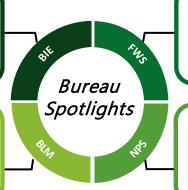
The following measures illustrate the expected impact of GAOA LRF Projects across Interior bureaus.

## **Bureau of Indian Education**

**Over 170** unused or unsafe assets planned to be demolished or replaced on BIE school grounds

## **Bureau of Land Management**

**Nearly 4 million** acres of land protected by BLM fire management assets with GAOA LRF-funded improvements



#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Over 120** at-risk species live in states where FWS National Wildlife Refuges are receiving GAOA LRF funding

## **National Park Service**

**Over 165 million** people visited GAOA LRF-supported NPS locations in 2022

In total, Interior bureaus have programmed \$4.8B in funding and obligated over \$2.3B.

\$1B+

17,000+

\$1.8B

Funding for Projects Supporting Highest Need Communities\*

Average Jobs
Supported Annually

Average Annual Contribution to GDP\*\*

As of September 2023, **110** projects are in the planning phases, **102** are in construction, and **59** are either substantially or fully complete\*\*\*. GAOA LRF has also funded Maintenance Action Teams completing repairs at **126** locations.

<sup>\*</sup>Funding for projects with at least one asset in a county with a score in the top 20% of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI).

Only assets documented in the Federal Real Property Profile are considered in calculating this measure.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dollars rounded to the nearest \$100 million.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Project totals as of September 2023 – Maintenance Action Team projects are not included in counts.