

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 allocates 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 all five years of GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus will:

- Fund 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Address over \$5.9 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improve the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

## **GAOA LRF Impacts Across America\***



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



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 ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

# Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Alaska

In Alaska, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$326,914,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$51,820,000	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$205,890,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$69,204,000	

# **GAOA LRF in Alaska**

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly \$116.5 million towards improving over 60 assets across 18 projects in Alaska.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations in Alaska.



### Assets improved in Alaska:



Operational Buildings



**Housing Assets** 



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets

GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

<sup>\*</sup>these numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

<sup>\*\*</sup>DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2023, 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.

# FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Alaska



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2024
BLM	Anchorage District	Campbell Creek Science Center Access Repairs	\$3,500,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Campbell Creek Science Center Access Repairs Phase II	\$2,100,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Campbell Tract Recreation Access Repair	\$100,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Glennallen Log Bunkhouse	\$276,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Glennallen Warehouse Consolidation	\$4,706,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Glennallen Warehouse Consolidation Phase II	\$2,200,000
BLM	Anchorage District	Sourdough Campground Bridge Replacement	\$1,900,000
BLM	Fairbanks District	Fort Egbert National Historic Landmark Repairs	\$440,000
BLM	Fairbanks District	White Mountains National Recreation Area Access Repairs	\$10,400,000
BLM	Fire and Aviation, Galena Zone	Alaska Fire Service Galena Joint Administrative Office Replacement with FWS	\$8,300,000*
FWS	Alaska Peninsula/Becharof NWR	Replacement & Rehabilitation of Refuge Buildings	\$7,000,000
FWS	Izembek National Wildlife Refuge	Modernize Facilities and Repair Seismic Issues Phase I - Design	\$636,000
FWS	Izembek National Wildlife Refuge	Modernize Facilities and Repair Seismic Issues Phase II - Construction	\$10,175,000
FWS	Kenai National Wildlife Refuge	Modernize Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Address Public Safety Issues	\$13,540,000
FWS	Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuges	Replacement of the Galena Headquarters with BLM	\$8,000,000*
NPS	Denali National Park and Preserve	Replace Ghiglione Bridge	\$16,000,000*
NPS	Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve	Replace Concessioner Housing Units	\$19,268,000
NPS	Katmai National Park & Preserve	Replace Water Filtration System at King Salmon	\$7,938,000

<sup>\*</sup>total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

<sup>†</sup>rounded to thousands

### **GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in Alaska**



#### **Replace Concessioner Housing Units**

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve



Current housing at Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Photo Credit: NPS

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve encompasses 3.3 million acres of rugged mountains, dynamic glaciers, temperate rainforest, wild coastlines, and deep sheltered fjords in Alaska's Inside Passage. The park's current apartments are undersized and in such poor condition that they were slated for demolition and replacement in 2005. Staff overflow have been living in the Glacier Bay Historic Lodge in rooms intended for guest rental. This project demolishes and replaces apartment buildings and replaces buried fuel and propane lines that are at risk of leakage. New buildings will house more employees, leaving the existing Lodge units available for guest rental.

### **Modernize Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Address Public Safety Issues**

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge



Construction at Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is known for its diverse ecosystems including ice fields, glaciers, tundra, forests, and coastal wetlands. While these public lands provide visitors with the opportunities to engage in recreational activities, rehabilitation is needed for the site's cabins, outdoor education facilities, and more. This project also repairs transportation assets such as roads and parking areas and mends pedestrian and vehicle recreation access points.

### **Sourdough Campground Bridge Replacement**

Anchorage District



New Sourdough Campground Bridge. Photo Credit: Curt Fortenberry

Sourdough Campground in Alaska is the end point for travels on the Gulkana Wild and Scenic River, one of the most popular rivers in the state for its abundant wildlife and water-based recreational activities. This project replaced the Sourdough Campground bridge, which provides sole access to the boat launch that is the take-out for fishing on an isolated portion of the river. The previous bridge was functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and restricted because it cannot carry highway legal loads. The bridge replacements will prevent bridge failure and restore access to the boat launch.