

Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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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 Arizona

In Arizona, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$1,849,640,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$352,063,000	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$125,712,000	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$1,335,700,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$36,166,000	

GAOA LRF in Arizona

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly \$672.2 million towards improving over 390 assets across 23 projects in Arizona.





Assets improved in Arizona:



Housing Assets



Operational Buildings



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 9/30/2023, 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 Arizona

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
BIE	Navajo Region	Many Farms High School	\$171,384,000
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**	\$7,112,000
BIE	Shonto Preparatory School	Shonto Preparatory School - Replacement	\$81,900,000
BIE	Shonto Preparatory School	Shonto Preparatory School Employee Housing New (Replacement) or Improvement Repair	\$39,000,000*
BIE	Western Region	Western - Education Demolition Project	\$337,000
BLM	Arizona Strip District	Nixon Site Repairs and Quail Hill Access Road Repairs	\$3,700,000*
BLM	Colorado River District	La Posa Wastewater Septic/Lagoon Replacement Phase III of III, and Site Road Repairs	\$5,559,000
BLM	Colorado River District	Partners Point Boat Dock and Ramp Replacement	\$3,500,000*
BLM	Colorado River District	Partners Point Pole Barn and Admin Building Replacement	\$2,250,000
BLM	Colorado River District	Water System and Dump Station Repair Burro Creek Recreation Site	\$590,000
BLM	Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area	Gila Box Recreation Sites and Access Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs	\$5,400,000
BLM	Gila District	Haekel Road Rehabilitation Chip Seal, FLTP Phase I of II	\$1,000,000
BLM	Gila District	Haekel Road Rehabilitation Chip Seal—Phases IV, V, and VI	\$3,500,000
BLM	Gila District	Hot Well Dunes Facilities and Site Repairs	\$5,180,000
FWS	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Public Use Facilities and Improve Recreational Access Phase I	\$14,760,000
NPS	Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	Rehabilitate Critical Utility Systems**	\$72,489,000
NPS	Grand Canyon National Park	Rehabilitate the North Rim and Roaring Springs Utility Systems	\$180,642,000
NPS	Grand Canyon National Park	Replace Wastewater Plant at South Rim Village	\$40,456,000
NPS	Lake Mead National Recreation Area	Replace Water Tanks and Water Treatment Systems**	\$74,642,000*
NPS	Organ Pipe Cactus National Historic Site	Rehabilitate Primary Park Water Systems	\$9,887,000
NPS	Petrified Forest National Park	Rehabilitate Painted Desert Community Complex	\$33,327,000

^{*}total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

^{**}project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated total amount of funding for this project across states

GAOA LRF Project Spotlights in Arizona



Shonto Preparatory School - Replacement

Shonto Preparatory School



Shonto Preparatory School. Photo credit: BIE

Shonto Preparatory School is a Navajo Nation school in Arizona which serves students in grades K – 8. However, current school facilities are inefficient and unable to address modern educational requirements. This project replaces the school campus, which currently consists of seven main buildings and several smaller support structures. The new academic facilities will maintain the highest possible level of water and energy conservation designed using Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver guidelines. The project, one of two GAOA LRF projects at the Shonto School, will also address major site infrastructure, such as replacing the 60-year-old water distribution and sewer systems.

Replace Wastewater Plant at South Rim Village

Grand Canyon National Park



Construction at the South Rim Wastewater Plant. Photo Credit: NPS

Grand Canyon National Park, considered one of the Natural Wonders of the World, is an immense, 277-mile-long canyon bisected by the Colorado River. The 1970s-era South Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant equipment and processes are outdated, inefficient, and overloaded. This project will replace the South Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant with a new plant that is able to efficiently process peak season wastewater demands, minimizing emergency repairs and helping to ensure safety for visitors, staff, and residents. The project will also upgrade the new control building with modern code-compliant HVAC and electrical systems, fire alarms and fire suppression systems, and modern wastewater processing equipment.

Haekel Road Rehabilitation Chip Seal, FLTP—Phase I of II

Gila District



Haekel Road under repair. Photo credit: BLM

Haekel Road is an asphalt road that provides access to Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area, which attracts thousands of off-highway vehicle enthusiasts every year. The road had potholes, rutting, and spalling, all of which posed a serious safety risk and could have caused the road to become unusable. This project repaired the road surface and subgrade to resolve road safety issues and provide visitors and employees with safe access to the popular recreation area.