

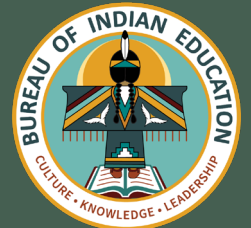
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The Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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What is GAOA?



The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) is a historic investment in the protection and sustainment of our public lands and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools.

Signed into law on August 4, 2020

Provides permanent full funding to the **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** – a fund aimed at safeguarding our natural areas and cultural heritage with \$900M per year.

Established the “**National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund**” (LRF)

- 🔧 Fund is used to address priority deferred maintenance projects
- 🔧 Five-year program (FY 2021-2025), funding derived from 50% of all energy development revenues ... on Federal land and water ... in the preceding fiscal year. Not to exceed **\$1.9 billion per fiscal year.**
- 🔧 Department of the Interior (DOI) + U.S. Department of Agriculture anticipate receiving as much as **\$9.5 billion** over the life of the fund (70% to **National Park Service [NPS]**, 15% to **U.S. Forest Service [USFS]**, and 5% each to **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS]**, **Bureau of Land Management [BLM]**, and **BIE**)



Asset Portfolio – DOI GAOA Bureaus

- Total Assets ~ 130,000
- Current Replacement Value ~ \$180 billion
- DM&R Backlog > \$30 billion



Where We Are



LRF fully funded at \$1.9B in FY21, FY22, and FY23. Estimated economic impacts from DOI projects:

- \$1.8B in average GDP contributions per year
- 17,000+ jobs supported on average each year



>\$4.8B of LRF funding has been programmed

- 276 unique projects in progress from FY21-23
- Projects/MAT activities at 230+ unique stations/units
- Improvements to approximately 2,200 assets



A look ahead

- FY24 budget proposed 56 additional projects, average \$22+M, 800 assets
- FY25 final year of funding



FY21: 154 Projects in Progress

FY22: 67 Projects in Progress

FY23: 55 Projects in Progress

FY24: Presented in President's Budget

FY25: Being Formulated

Funded Project Locations – FY21-23



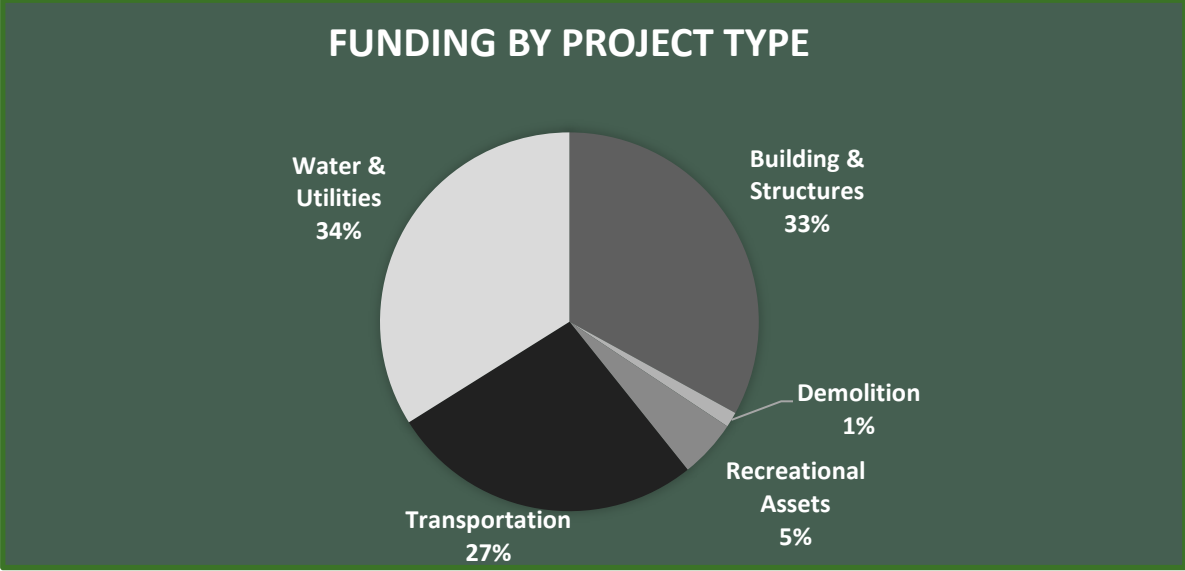
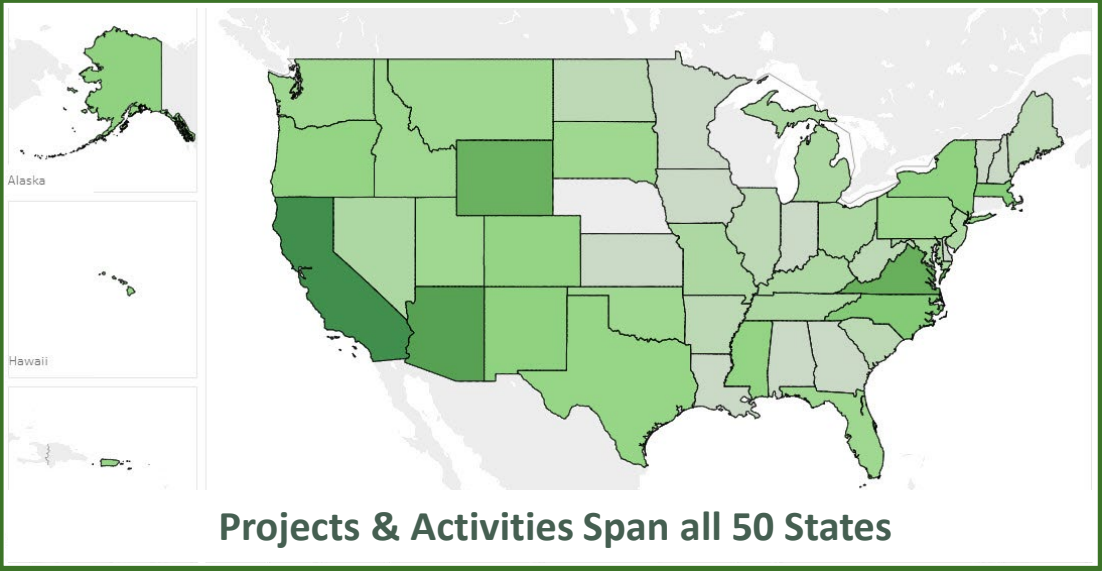
Interactive map available at <https://www.doi.gov/gaoa-project-data>



DOI Project Portfolio Overview – FY21 - FY24 (Proposed)

Project Cost	Count	%	FY21 - 24 Projects Budgeted: \$5.02 billion ↓ 27% of \$ Transportation 73% of \$ Non-Transportation Estimated DM Addressed: \$4.8 billion 3,000 assets
\$0 - \$500K	60	18%	
\$500K - \$1M	26	8%	
\$1M - \$5M	60	18%	
\$5M - \$10M	61	19%	
\$10M - \$25M	60	18%	
\$25M - \$50M	41	13%	
>\$50M	19	6%	
Total		327	100%
Average project cost is \$15.4M			

Bureau	Total Projects	Total Project Budgets
NPS	128	\$4,013,183,000
FWS	45	\$340,887,000
BLM	141	\$336,186,000
BIE	13	\$331,549,000
Total	327	\$5,021,805,000



What is GAOA Improving?



🔧 GAOA LRF is used to address **priority deferred maintenance** projects



Housing Assets



School Assets



Mission Support &
Administrative Assets



Transportation Assets



Non-Transportation
Infrastructure Assets



Other Assets



Recreation Assets

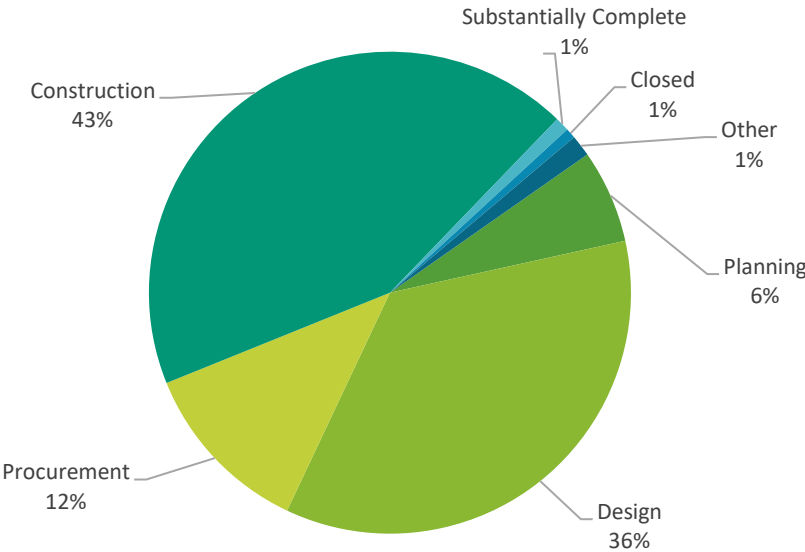
LRF Program Execution – FY21-23 Funding



Current Status of FY21-23 Projects

	<i>BIE</i>	<i>BLM</i>	<i>FWS</i>	<i>NPS</i>
Planning	4	14	6	-
Design	2	38	6	38
Procurement	-	16	7	11
Construction	6	29	12	47
Substantially Complete	-	11	2	4
Closed	-	17	-	2
Other	-	-	2	2

Status of FY21-23 Projects (as of 4/30/2023)



BLM Las Cruces District crews lay out and install articulating mats as part of a GAOA road improvement project.
Photo: BLM Las Cruces



Site of a demolished structure in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with newly planted trees behind.
Photo: NPS/Tim Fenner



Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School in South Dakota to be replaced.
Photo Credit: BIE



Improvements at Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge
Photo Credit: USFWS



LRF Project Spotlight

- **Project: Rehabilitate Schoodic Point Water and Wastewater Systems**
- **Location: Acadia National Park**

This project, located in the beautiful Schoodic District of Acadia National Park in Maine, will rehabilitate the potable water and wastewater systems. While over 250,000 visitors use these facilities each year, the 1970s-era water systems are in dire need of repairs. Improved systems will reduce the risk of environmental contamination, while ensuring that water is consistently available for fire protection and drinking. The project will also work to upgrade existing systems by replacing wastewater collection lines, reconstructing wells, and implementing systems to reduce the potential for freezing.



LRF Project Spotlight

- **Project: Modernize Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Address Public Safety**
- **Location: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is rehabilitating outdoor recreation facilities in the 1.9 million acre Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The project will include improvements to cabins, campgrounds, outdoor education facilities, fishing platforms, boat launches, related transportation assets (roads, parking areas), and other visitor-facing infrastructure. The project provides safe, all-weather pedestrian and vehicle access to the refuge's recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and environmental education.



LRF Project Spotlight

- **Project:** Punta Gorda Light Station Rehabilitation (Phase 2 of 3)
- **Location:** Northern California District, California

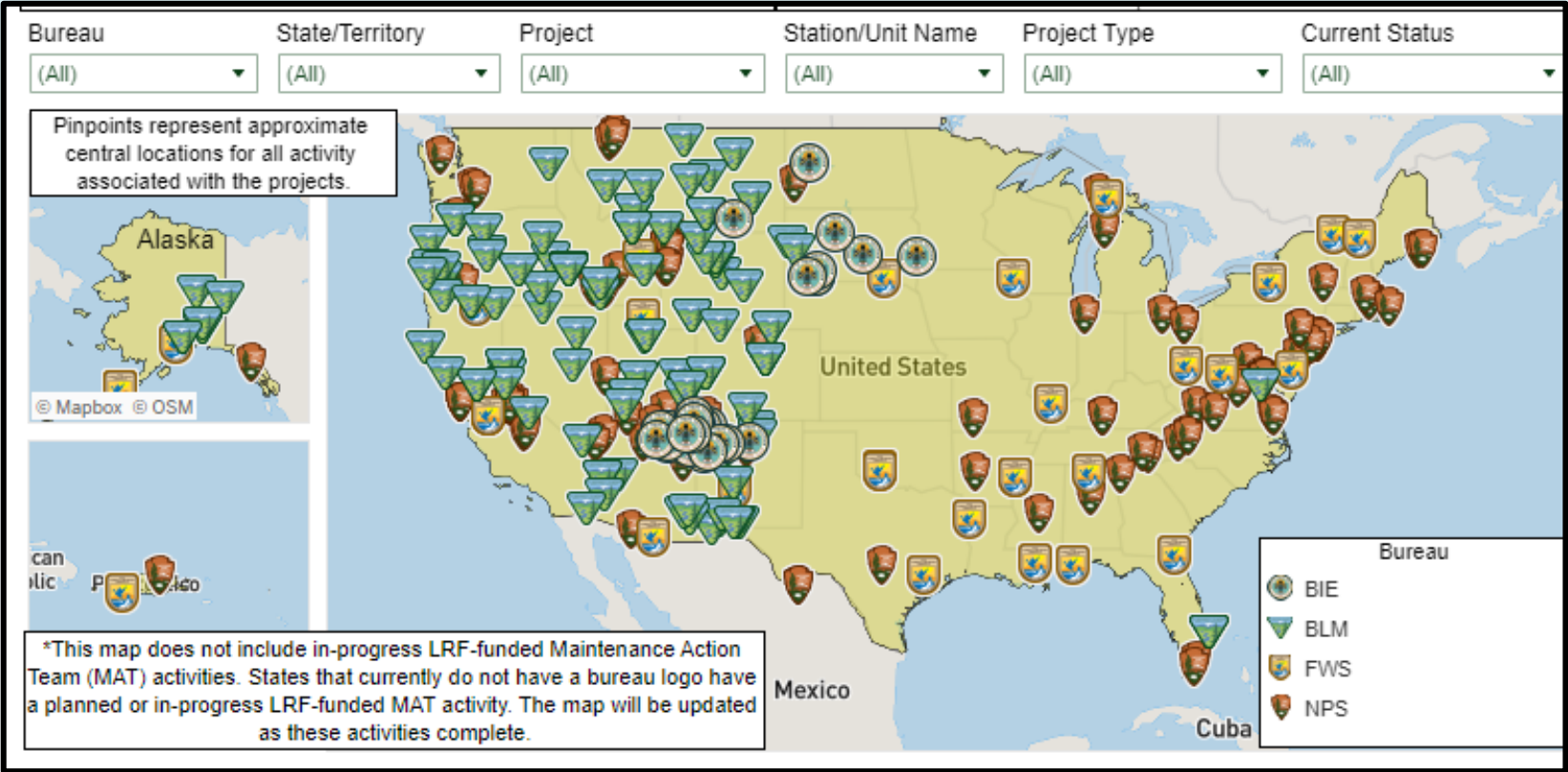
The Bureau of Land Management has substantially completed major structural renovations on the Punta Gorda lighthouse and oil house, which are both on the historic register. To preserve the historic character of these buildings, the Bureau of Land Management selected modern, weather-resistant materials consistent with the original appearance of the buildings wherever possible. The project also repaired the deteriorating trails, which are the only access point to the lighthouse, thus eliminating a safety hazard to the public.



Additional Information



[DOI.gov/GAOA](https://doi.gov/GAOA)



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