




RESTORING AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Great American Outdoors Act Improves
Visitor Experiences and Preserves Our
Nation's History

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Congress passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and President Trump signed the Great American Outdoors Act in 2020, creating the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address billions of dollars of deferred maintenance and repair needs in our national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests and other public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and at the Bureau of Indian Education schools.

Funding is directed to high priority deferred maintenance and repair projects, improving visitor experiences in every state, the District of Columbia and many US territories.

The hundreds of projects include the repair and maintenance of campsites, trails, roads, bridges, parking lots, visitor centers, water and wastewater systems, wildfire facilities, fish hatcheries, and more. The impact will be felt and seen by all who visit and live near our public lands for years to come.

On the following pages, you'll see some of the great investments from Congress and the Administration to create jobs for thousands of people and enhance the experiences of the millions of people that visit our public lands.

Congress dedicated funding through 2025, but much more is needed to address the billions of dollars in maintenance needs in our parks, forests and other land management agencies.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGACY RESTORATION FUND INVESTMENTS

Over **1,522 PROJECTS** in every state, District of Columbia and many US territories to improve, replace or demolish more than 11,000 infrastructure assets.

9 PROJECTS
over \$100,000,000

874 PROJECTS
under \$1,000,000

These investments support tens of thousands of jobs, improve public access and visitor experiences, and contribute billions of dollars to local economies.

650+
water & wastewater infrastructure
and other utility related assets that will provide access to drinking water, restroom facilities, and other critical utilities

6,500+
recreational & visitor experience
assets, including historic structures, dams, monuments, trails, campsites, and more

2500+
transportation
assets including roads, bridges, and tunnels

505+
housing
assets

Nearly 850
operational buildings
to allow employees and volunteers to work in safe spaces that can adequately support mission needs



TRAIL REPAIRS

Rehabilitation of one mile of trail at Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky. Improving access and safety via hardening the trail surface, installing new handrails and curbs and renovating several sets of stairs.

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Repaved trail through **Cherry Spring Nature Area** in **Caribou-Targhee National Forest** in **Idaho**. The rehabilitation of the trail included widening the path to improve accessibility for those with disabilities.



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Repair of the **Big Four Ice Caves Bridge** at **Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest** in **Washington State**. More than 60,000 people use the footbridge to access the 1.1 mile-Ice Caves Trail; however, it was closed in 2019 due to safety reasons. The bridge was reopened in the summer of 2023 and expanded to allow wheelchair accessibility.



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Trail maintenance along the **Landers Fork Trail** connecting the **Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex** and adjacent lands to the **Continental Divide National Scenic Trail** in **Montana**. Repairs removed vegetation overgrowth and fixed washed out trails by flooding that impeded access.



Project repaired the trail and boardwalk, replaced washed-out culverts and improved a parking lot and picnic areas at **Gooseberry Badlands Scenic Overlook Trail** in **Wyoming**. Improvements provide better safety for visitors and reduce annual maintenance costs.



San Isabel National Forest in **Colorado** received funding to rebuild three miles of the South Fooses Creek Trail, a popular trail for mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians and rebuild the Monarch Park Campground.



Project rehabilitated the **Redington Boardwalk** at **Patuxent Research Refuge** in **Maryland** after being closed for many years. Improvements to the boardwalk include new decking, handrails and benches.



Project replaced main boardwalk and trail at **Red River National Wildlife Refuge** in **Louisiana**. Previous extreme weather events exposed the outer footing of the primary boardwalk and damaged a popular pedestrian trail making them unsafe for visitors.



HABITAT RESTORATION

Habitat restoration at Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho. Funding helped restore water structures and remove invasive species from the refuge to support hundreds of species of waterfowl that use the refuge to rest, feed and raise their young.

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Restoration and modernization of the **Tuolumne Meadows campground** in **Yosemite National Park** in **California**. This major project will upgrade campground facilities and utility systems. It will also convert a campground road to a hiking trail to better protect the adjacent **Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River**.



Rehabilitation efforts at **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge** in **Utah** to improve water passage through the refuge and improve bird nesting habitat. Improvements also included roof and siding repair at the Bear River Wildlife Education Center.



Restoration efforts to improve and replace aging structures that diverts water that no longer occurs naturally to the **San Luis National Wildlife Refuge** in **California**. Projects included cleaning, regrading and resloping ditches, replacing water structures and piping, and removing excess sediment. This land offers refuge to tule elk and many species of migrating birds.



STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

George Hall House roof repairs at Minute Man National Historical Park in Massachusetts. This historical park is the location of the opening battle of the American Revolution in 1775 and a key location for celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation.



Rehabilitation of parking areas, sidewalks and the historic main parade ground barracks building at **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site** in **Washington State**. This work will continue to adapt the historic military site for public use and improve accessibility.



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Large projects to repair the roof at the historic **Buckstaff Bathhouse** and upgrade electrical, plumbing and fire suppression systems at the **Maurice Bathhouse** in **Hot Springs National Park** in **Arkansas**. This work provides visitors with more accessible, safe and energy efficient facilities.



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Completed structural repairs and repainting of the 114-year-old **Punta Gorda Light Station** in **California**. The station was a beacon for ship navigation from about 1910 until 1951 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Rehabilitated bunkhouse at **Kenai National Wildlife Refuge** in **Alaska**. Kenai provides world-class fishing, camping and hiking opportunities for people around the world.



Rehabilitation of the **Texas White House Complex** at **Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**.

The house closed in 2018 due to health and safety concerns and is currently being restored by repairing structural components, removing mold and improving building accessibility.



Project rehabilitated Darrah Hall, one of the oldest buildings in the **Reconstruction Era National Historical Park** in **South Carolina**, with exterior maintenance repairs and paint. The work was completed through a Maintenance Action Team that trains the next generation of historic restoration and preservation tradespeople.



A new boat ramp at **Carbella Recreation Site** in **Montana** was built to better withstand the flow of the river and accommodate a variety of recreation activities from boating, floating and fishing. This is a heavily visited site on the Yellowstone River just north of Yellowstone National Park.



Restoration of the historic Wade and Curtis Cabin at Gates of Lodore in **Dinosaur National Monument** in **Colorado**. Renovations included repairs to the foundation, roof, walls, windows, floor, electrical outlets and more for visitors to enjoy and learn about the history of the area.



A rehabilitation project to restore the iconic brickwork and unique casemate ventilations systems at **Fort Pulaski National Monument** in **Georgia**. The work was completed through a Maintenance Action Team that trains the next generation of historic restoration and preservation tradespeople.



SCHOOL AND VISITOR FACILITY UPGRADES

Rebuilt headquarters and visitor center at **Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge** in Illinois. This will enhance the visitor experience in the 44,000 acres refuge with a wide diversity of wildlife and plants.



The **Flathead National Forest** in **Montana** received funding to restore and upgrade over half of the 14 cabins and lookouts available for the public to rent. Improvements included furniture upgrades, electrical repairs, septic tank repairs, window and floor replacements and improvements for accessibility. Some of the work was completed by the Trapper Creek Civilian Conservation Corps Center.



New school and support buildings for the **Wounded Knee District School**, affiliated with the **Lakota Sioux Nation**, in **South Dakota**. This investment provides LEED certified buildings, improves water distribution and sewer collection, reconstructs roads and sidewalks for students from kindergarten to 8th grade.

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Much needed project to replace toilets at the Echo Amphitheater at **Carson National Forest** in **New Mexico**. The previous system broke often causing the toilets to overflow.

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This project demolished over 173,000 feet of excess buildings at six schools in the **Navajo region** in **Arizona** and **New Mexico** that were unused and unsafe.

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New accessible toilets were installed at six different locations throughout the **Superior National Forest** in **Minnesota**. These facilities provide a necessary convenience for all visitors to the national forest.

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This project demolished excess education buildings at two schools, **Hotevilla Bacavi Community School** and **Santa Rose Ranch School**, in **Arizona**. The removal of these buildings provide a safer learning environment for students, teachers, and staff.

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This project will consolidate and modernize the visitor center with the administration building and improve recreation access by replacing the entrance road, parking lot, sidewalks at **Seney National Wildlife Refuge** in **Michigan**. Repair work will also include shoreline stabilization in the refuge.

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ROAD REPAIRS

Replacement of the **Sourdough Campground Bridge** over the **Gulkana Wild and Scenic River** in **Alaska**. The replacement restored public access for thousands of visitors per year to the campground's boat launch, a popular spot for water-based activities.

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Rehabilitation of the 50-year-old **Saratoga Battlefield Tour Road** at **Saratoga National Historical Park** in **New York**. The project improves the visitor experience by restoring educational waysides, parking, walkways and viewing areas along the 10-mile route.



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Replacement of the **Laurel Fork Bridge** at **Blue Ridge Parkway** in **North Carolina**. Funding will replace the 80-year-old, 550-foot-long bridge that reached the end of its service life and closed during periods of high wind.



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Improvements to natural surface roads in the **Bureau of Land Management Las Cruces District** in **New Mexico**. These roads provide access for multiple federal agencies and private companies to access radio and cell towers. Also, they provide recreational access to view fossils, hike and horseback ride.



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A portion of the historic Old Mine Road on the **New Jersey** side of the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** was resurfaced and repaired to improve safety and ensure access to many popular recreation sites and emergency services.



The Hoonah road system in the **Tongass National Forest** in **Alaska** was in desperate need of repair. The project resurfaced two Forest Service roads, removed roadside hazards, improved visitor access, restored the Bear Paw Lake Trail and the boardwalk at Wukuklook Trail and increased parking.



Project to reconstruct 7.6 miles of the **George Washington Memorial Parkway** in **Virginia**. The project is critical to improving the driving experience, safety, water drainage and the scenic views on the parkway. The George Washington Memorial Parkway is a commuter road that roughly 70,000 vehicles drive on daily.

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