Year Constructed or Established: Starting in the 1960s

Recreational Opportunities: The roads provide for the diverse recreation opportunities on federal lands, including BLM, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service lands, and on state lands.

Annual Visitation: 12.5 million at recreation sites statewide in 2020; higher numbers for road use statewide in 2020.

Transportation Project

Purpose and Need: This project will repair outstanding aggregate road issues on priority roads that provide safe access for hunting, fishing, and numerous recreation opportunities. The project includes drainage and stability repairs to provide safer roads for the public while reducing excessive and repeated annual maintenance.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $575,000

Total Economic Benefits from BLM Transportation Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:

- 462 jobs supported
- $50.3 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $575,000
Project ID L016

Year Constructed or Established: Varies

Recreational Opportunities: Buildings support a diverse range of recreational opportunities across Colorado BLM districts

Annual Visitation: 100,000 at Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center; 12.5 million at recreation sites statewide in 2020

District or Unit Name: All Colorado districts

BUILDING AND STRUCTURES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project improves visitor and employee safety by repairing the failing plumbing, elevator system, and floor structure at Canyon of the Ancients museum and addressing fire alarm and egress measures at Lamb House. In addition, this project mitigates physical security concerns at various Colorado BLM offices by upgrading equipment, including cameras and card readers, to meet current standards and improve employee and visitor safety.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $1,600,000

Cost

Through project efficiencies and other cost-saving measures, the funding received is anticipated to address a larger amount of deferred maintenance backlog

Benefit

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $2,500,000

Total Economic Benefits from BLM Building and Structures Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:

353 jobs supported

$37.7 million in economic contributions
Year Constructed or Established: Canyons of the Ancients administrative site in 1982, Craig Field Office administrative site in 1979, and Grand Junction Air Center in 1978

Recreational Opportunities: Sites support a diverse range of recreational opportunities

Annual Visitation: 100,000 at Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center; 12.5 million at recreation sites statewide in 2020

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repair and replace aging and deficient infrastructure with current sustainable features for water consumption when repairing electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems at the Grand Junction Air Center, Canyon of the Ancients visitor center and housing, and Craig Field Office and warehouse.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $500,000

Total Economic Benefits from BLM Water and Utilities Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:

188 jobs supported
$19.7 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $1,345,000

District or Unit Name: Southwest, Upper Colorado River, and Northwest Districts
Colorado Recreation Site Repairs
(Phase 1 of 3)

Project ID L018

**District or Unit Name:** All Colorado districts

**Year Constructed or Established:** Varies

**Recreational Opportunities:** Camping, hiking, climbing, rafting, hunting, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle use, and biking

**Annual Visitation:** 12.5 million at recreation sites statewide in 2020

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**RECREATIONAL ASSETS PROJECT**

**Purpose and Need:** This project will repair and replace aging and deficient infrastructure and features at recreation sites including restrooms, trailheads, parking areas; campgrounds and day-use picnic tables; fire rings; and kiosks. The project will improve public access to popular recreation areas, meet ADA accessibility goals, and mitigate public safety issues created by broken tables and signs at the recreation sites. These repairs will enhance the visitor experience at Mud Springs, Rabbit Valley, Painted Hand Pueblo, Zapata Falls, and McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$2,345,000

**Cost**

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:**

$2,345,000

**Total Economic Benefits from BLM Recreational Assets Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:**

- 80 jobs supported
- $8.6 million in economic contributions
Colorado Radio Towers Repair (Phase 2 of 3)

Project ID L019

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will fund foundation, bracing, and building repairs at communication tower sites. The repairs to the towers and buildings will keep the communications sites in compliance with current standards and requirements to address safety concerns. Repairs mitigate potential communication system shutdowns that would pose a safety concern for state, county, and BLM fire and law enforcement personnel.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $250,000

Total Economic Benefits from BLM Water and Utilities Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:

- 188 jobs supported
- $19.7 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $1,418,000

Year Constructed or Established: Towers constructed from 1980–2002

Recreational Opportunities: The communication system supports various recreation activities across the state

Annual Visitation: N/A
Grand Junction Air Center Containment Pond Repair

Project ID L020

COLORADO

YEAR CONSTRUCTED OR ESTABLISHED: Tanker base operations building in 1979 and containment pond in 1995

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

ANNUAL VISITATION: N/A

DISTRICT OR UNIT NAME: Upper Colorado River District

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

PURPOSE AND NEED: This project repairs or replaces a failing primary containment liner for waste from slurry used for wildland firefighting, mitigating resultant environmental and safety concerns.

GAOA FUNDING, FISCAL YEAR 2021: $350,000

TOTAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM BLM WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECTS, FISCAL YEAR 2021:

- 188 jobs supported
- $19.7 million in economic contributions

ESTIMATED DEFERRED MAINTENANCE REDUCTION: $340,000

COST

The complexities within the project result in a cost that is greater than the amount of deferred maintenance that will be reduced.
San Luis Valley Well and Water Delivery Repairs (Phase 1 of 2)

Project ID L021

COLORADO

District or Unit Name: Rocky Mountain District

San Luis Valley

Year Constructed or Established: Blanca Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern restoration began in 1965; McIntire–Simpson area acquired 1998–2001

Recreational Opportunities: Hiking, fishing, bird and wildlife watching, bird and game hunting, picnicking, camping, biking, and river sports

Annual Visitation: 10,000 in Blanca Wetlands in 2020 and 603,298 total visits recorded by field office

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repair and replace water wells and water delivery systems that are over 35 years old and are out of compliance with Colorado Division of Water Resources groundwater rules. In addition to securing state water right regulatory compliance, the project will provide water to sustain habitat at the Blanca Wetlands and McIntire–Simpson recreation areas, which both provide excellent fishing and waterfowl hunting opportunities to the public.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:

$500,000

Total Economic Benefits from BLM Water and Utilities Projects, Fiscal Year 2021:

188 jobs supported

$19.7 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:

$1,794,000