WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

**Purpose and Need:** The five Starvation Draw dams no longer support the resource management program. The dams will be removed and retrofitted with grade control structures to allow wider and natural channel flow. This project will include the hydrology and hydraulic analysis, assessment of downstream flood risk, and design of the grade control structures.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:** $635,000

**Year Constructed or Established:** 1956

**Recreational Opportunities:** N/A

**Annual Visitation:** N/A

**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:** $2,941,000
Wild Rivers Backcountry Byway Repairs

Project ID L043

NEW MEXICO

District or Unit Name: Farmington District

Year Constructed or Established: In the 1960s, with subsequent repairs and paving; most recent pavement overlay in 2003

Recreational Opportunities: On and off-road biking, hiking, fishing, camping, sightseeing, and bird watching

Annual Visitation: 10,500

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: The Wild Rivers Backcountry Byway provides the sole access to the Wild Rivers Recreation Area and the stunning scenery of the Rio Grande Gorge National Monument. This project will extend the life of the road by constructing an asphalt overlay on the deteriorating pavement as well as establish a dedicated bike lane to improve the safety of bikers riding the road.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:

$2,649,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:

$1,900,000
**GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT**

**Pinon Dam Repairs**

**NEW MEXICO**

**Project ID L044**

**District or Unit Name:** Albuquerque District

**Year Constructed or Established:** 1953

**Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking and hunting

**Annual Visitation:** Unknown

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**WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT**

**Purpose and Need:** This dam is rated in poor condition resulting from a recordbreaking storm event. This project will repair the dam to prevent failure and the risk it poses to public safety.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$986,000

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

188 jobs supported

$19.7 million in economic contributions

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**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:**

$986,000
Purpose and Need: The facilities are dilapidated and need to be replaced as safety concerns rise with increasing use. In addition, access to the facilities is not in compliance with ADA accessibility requirements. This project will bring the site into compliance with ADA and ABA requirements and eliminate safety hazards that pose a threat to the visiting public.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $400,000

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: Initiated in 1994 and constructed in 1995

Recreational Opportunities: Hiking and nature education

Annual Visitation: 14,000 at Socorro Nature Area in 2019
Apache Dam Repairs

Project ID L046

NEW MEXICO

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

Year Constructed or Established: 1936
Recreational Opportunities: History appreciation
Annual Visitation: N/A

District or Unit Name: Las Cruces District

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repair the Apache Dam, which was built for irrigation and flood control purposes. This dam requires downstream embankment repairs following a recent overtopping event. The primary outlet requires a new trashrack to stop clogging and concrete repairs at the outlet and the secondary spillway.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $140,000

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: $175,000

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

Benefit
Permian Trackways Road Repairs

Project ID L047

NEW MEXICO

Year Constructed or Established: 2009 (Prehistoric Trackways National Monument)

Recreational Opportunities: Viewing trackway fossils, hiking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle use

Annual Visitation: 43,194

District or Unit Name: Las Cruces District

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repair safety issues with the primary access road into the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument. This project will reconstruct an aggregate road surface and harden the arroyo crossings to ensure safe public access by buses and passenger vehicles. Failure to improve the road will result in further degradation and increased cost for future repairs. Continued loss of access across the arroyo crossings can jeopardize the safety of members of the public, leaving them unable to exit the trailhead after heavy rainstorms.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $200,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $67,000

Cost

The complexities within the project result in a cost that is greater than the amount of deferred maintenance that will be reduced

Benefit

The complexities within the project result in a cost that is greater than the amount of deferred maintenance that will be reduced
**TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**

**Purpose and Need:** The Caballo and Cooke’s Roads are natural surface roads that provide access to radio and cell towers for multiple government agencies and private companies and also provide recreation access. The roads require embankment rebuilding where erosion has occurred and repair to the armoring of culverts and arroyo crossings to prevent road failure and closure, which would negatively impact all access.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$143,000

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

$50.3 million in economic contributions

**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:

$210,000

**Year Constructed or Established:** N/A

**Recreational Opportunities:** History appreciation, hunting, hiking, walking, photography, and wildlife viewing

**Annual Visitation:** N/A

**District or Unit Name:** Las Cruces District

**NEW MEXICO**

**Caballo and Cooke’s Road Repairs**

Project ID L048

**GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT**

**District or Unit Name:** Las Cruces District

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

462 jobs supported

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:**

$210,000
Palomas Dam #9 Repairs

Year Constructed or Established: 1957
Recreational Opportunities: N/A
Annual Visitation: N/A

District or Unit Name: Las Cruces District

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: The structure is a small dam with a low hazard rating that recently failed. The BLM has determined that a dam no longer supports the resource management program, so the dam will be removed and replaced with a grade control structure to allow a wider, more natural channel flow.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $330,000

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: $330,000
Lake Valley Host Site and Other Site Maintenance

Project ID L050

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

NEW MEXICO

District or Unit Name: Las Cruces District

Purpose and Need: Lake Valley Historic Townsite provides visitors the opportunity to learn about life in the historic mining town in 1878. This project will repair the host site, replace fencing, provide site grading improvements, and repair site trails to make the site safer and more stable for the public to walk around the historic structures. Regrading work will mitigate erosion around the site to reduce impacts on the buildings and reduce annual maintenance costs.

Year Constructed or Established: Townsite constructed in 1878; site acquired by the Bureau of Land Management in 1990

Recreational Opportunities: History appreciation, walking, photography, and wildlife viewing

Annual Visitation: 5,500

Building and Structures Project

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $559,000

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: $635,000

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

353 jobs supported

$37.7 million in economic contributions