Alkali Creek and Centennial Trail Creek Crossing Replacement

Project ID L028

**GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT**

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**District or Unit Name:** Eastern Montana/Dakotas District

**Year Constructed or Established:** Centennial Trail bridge in 2009 and Alkali Creek Trail bridge in 1995

**Recreational Opportunities:** Auto touring, biking, historical and cultural sites, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, and wildlife viewing

**Annual Visitation:** 7,500

**Purpose and Need:** This project replaces two unsafe recreation trail creek crossings to improve safe access to picnic areas and the 111-mile Centennial Trail. One bridge will replace an existing culvert with concrete ford that typically plugs and overtops, and the second will replace a log stringer bridge that is impassible during spring runoff. The existing crossings are dangerous for the public to navigate and replacing them reduces liability as well as reoccurring maintenance.

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

- **80** jobs supported
- **$8.6 million** in economic contributions

**RECREATIONAL ASSETS PROJECT**

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

- **$197,000**

**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:**

- **$319,000**