Project ID L082

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

Canyon Rims Roads, Needles Overlook Road, Westernmost Portion, Maintenance and Repairs (Phase 2)

District or Unit Name: Canyon Country District

Year Constructed or Established: 1964 (Canyon Rims Recreation Area), making it one of the BLM’s earliest recreation facilities

Recreational Opportunities: Day use, camping, ATV use, mountain biking, backpacking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, auto touring, observation site, and photography

Annual Visitation: 75,992 at Canyon Rims Recreation Area in 2019

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: The project will include full-depth asphalt reclamation, repaving, and replacement of culverts, signage, and guardrails, as warranted. The project will modernize infrastructure and enhance the public’s experience while reducing annual maintenance costs.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:

$4,089,000

Cost

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

Benefit

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:

$3,521,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions
Monticello Trail,
Mill Canyon Tracksite
Boardwalk Maintenance

District or Unit Name: Canyon Country District

Year Constructed or Established: Mill Canyon in 1988; Recapture Canyon/Brown’s Canyon in 1986

Recreational Opportunities: Four-wheeling, biking, camping, and interpretive programs at Mill Canyon; hiking, biking, and camping at Recapture/Brown’s Canyon

Annual Visitation: 18,000 at Mill Canyon; 5,000 at Recapture Canyon/Brown’s Canyon

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project provides repairs of trails and replacement of a portion of boardwalk. The project will correct drainage and erosion issues and protect historic trails and cultural resources, enhancing the public’s experience and recreation access.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $350,000

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

Benefit
Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $118,000

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

- 462 jobs supported
- $50.3 million in economic contributions
Moab Recreation Site Repairs (Phase 1 of 2)

Year Constructed or Established: Big Bend Campground in 1966; Poison Spider Trailhead in 1997

Recreational Opportunities: Camping, mountain biking, four-wheeling, ATV use, river sports, and event hosting; hiking and boating and Big Bend and Poison Spider

Annual Visitation: 1.04 million in the Colorado Riverway Recreation Area in 2019

Purpose and Need: This project will repair outstanding drainage and flood damage issues. The drainage issues at Poison Spider Trailhead cause debris to be washed out onto the adjacent state highway in any significant storm event, creating a significant road hazard until it can be cleaned up. The state road crews have made several complaints against the BLM. One accident involving both property damage and personal injury has been directly attributed to site deficiency. The project will modernize infrastructure, mitigate significant safety hazards, and increase recreation access.

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

80 jobs supported
$8.6 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $365,000
**RECREATIONAL ASSETS PROJECT**

**Purpose and Need:** This project will correct the existing drainage problems through a combination of regrading, channelization, installation of culverts, realignment of sections of the road, and relocation of some of the sites. The current alignment of the site road near the rock formation creates multiple blind spots near family campsites. Proposed realignment of portions of the road will repair this safety issue. The project will modernize infrastructure, enhance the public’s experience, and provide additional recreation access.

**Year Constructed or Established:** 1991

**Recreational Opportunities:** Camping, rock climbing, ATV use, wildlife viewing, photography, and auto touring

**Annual Visitation:** 2,240 user days (based on 2019 fee revenue)

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**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$135,000

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

80 jobs supported

$8.6 million in economic contributions

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:** $154,000

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**District or Unit Name:** Canyon Country District
Hanging Rock Recreation Site and Road Maintenance and Repairs

Project ID L086

Year Constructed or Established: Hanging Rock is a historical dance hall site; newer features, including the pavilions, installed in 2014

Recreational Opportunities: Day use, camping, fishing, hunting, swimming, wildlife viewing, photography, auto touring, and hiking

Annual Visitation: 4,500

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: Current access to the site is unsafe for the site users and the public driving on Highway 21. The project will improve recreation site access and public safety by rebuilding the entrance/exit off of Highway 21 to improve the site distance on the highway and mitigate accidents. The project will also repair the site road and camping units within the site, enhancing the public’s experience and increasing recreation access.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:
$300,000

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

462 jobs supported
$50.3 million in economic contributions

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

Benefit
Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:
$265,000
**Color Country Recreation Sites**

**Maintenance and Repairs (Phase 2)**

**Project ID L088**

**District or Unit Name:** Color Country District

**Year Constructed or Established:** Three Peaks Large Group Campsite and Radio Control Model Port last improvements/build in 2006; Ponderosa Grove Campground in the 1970s; and South Fork Indian Canyon pictographs discovered, and features put in place to protect them, in 1968

**Recreational Opportunities:** Camping, hiking, off-roading, horseback riding, paintballing, playing disc golf, biking, model plane flying, recreational vehicles, day use, and picnicking at Three Peaks Large Group Campsite and Radio Control Model Port; camping, hunting, ATV use, and general recreating at Ponderosa Grove Campground; and hiking, off-roading, and historical site visitation at South Fork Indian Canyon pictographs

**Annual Visitation:** 7,500 at Three Peaks Large Group Campsite and Radio Control Model Port; 4,000 at Ponderosa Grove Campground; and 5,000 at South Fork Indian Canyon pictographs

**Purpose and Need:** This project repairs multiple issues at recreation sites and campgrounds across the district that have a direct impact on public safety. High visitation and deteriorating infrastructure are creating significant maintenance issues. Work includes repairing drainage and resurfacing parking lots, replacing failing handrails near cliff edges, and repairing fencing that protects cultural resources. The project will enhance the public's experience, increase recreation access, and reduce annual maintenance costs.

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

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

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:** $903,000

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:** $350,000
Year Constructed or Established: Roads created prior to the 1970s but exact construction dates are unknown

Recreational Opportunities: Recreation, hunting, and the Tanker 11 Memorial site access from Eagle Valley Road; wildlife viewing, recreation, hunting, and fishing access from South Creek Road

Annual Visitation: Hundreds of users on Eagle Valley Road; hundreds of users on South Creek Road

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will include road maintenance and repair on roads to provide safe and reliable access for the public. Roads have drainage issues and deep ruts, creating the potential to strand the recreating public. The project would provide reliable access for hunting and camping and reduce annual maintenance costs.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $300,000

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

- 462 jobs supported
- $50.3 million in economic contributions

Benefit

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $291,000

Cost

The complexities within the project result in a cost that is greater than the amount of deferred maintenance that will be reduced
Swasey’s Campground, Parking Expansion, and Boat Ramp Repair

Year Constructed or Established: 2002 (Swasey’s Rapid boat ramp site)

Recreational Opportunities: Boating, camping, fishing, picnicking, auto touring, biking, hiking, horseback riding, photography, water sports, and hunting

Annual Visitation: 6,200 visitor trips (permit only) in the Desolation Canyon section of the Green River; 1,000–2,000 additional day use visits

**TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**

**Purpose and Need:** This project includes repairing the Swasey’s Rapid boat ramp and rehabilitating gravel-surfaced access and parking facilities. Low water levels in late summer and fall result in unsafe conditions at the lower portion of the ramp. This project will modernize infrastructure, increase safe recreation access, and reduce annual maintenance costs.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**
$300,000

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

- **Cost:** $320,000
- **Benefit:** 462 jobs supported
- **Total Economic Contributions:** $50.3 million
Project ID L091

**District or Unit Name:** West Desert District

**Year Constructed or Established:** 1980

**Recreational Opportunities:** N/A

**Annual Visitation:** N/A

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**Purpose and Need:** This project will consist of the design and replacement of a warehouse with a new prefabricated steel building with a slab-on-grade concrete floor. The existing warehouse is currently unusable due to its dilapidated state and is overrun with rodents, which poses a health threat to employees. This project will modernize infrastructure, and the replacement building will reduce the existing footprint.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:** $500,000

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

**Benefit**
Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $357,000

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

- **353** jobs supported
- **$37.7 million** in economic contributions
Little Sahara Recreation Site Maintenance (Phase 1 of 3)

Purpose and Need: This project will fix multiple comfort station issues that are critical to maintaining sanitary conditions in this high-visitation area. These restrooms are now 40 years old and are past their useful life, and the septic systems were underdesigned for current visitation levels and have been functioning well over maximum capacity for 20 plus years. This project will replace aging infrastructure, modernizing it to support current visitation capacities and resolving ADA accessibility issues. This project will enhance the public’s experience and increase recreation access.

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

- 353 jobs supported
- $37.7 million in economic contributions

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:

- $566,000

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

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:

- $1,750,000

Year Constructed or Established: Little Sahara in 1977; White Sands Campground in 1980

Recreational Opportunities: Off-highway vehicle use, camping, hiking, bike riding, wildlife viewing, auto touring, horseback riding, photography, and recreational vehicles.

District or Unit Name: West Desert District

Annual Visitation: 300,000 (with 25,000+ on Easter weekend)