WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

**Purpose and Need:** This dam is no longer supporting the BLM mission and will be decommissioned. This project will provide stabilization measures to allow upstream water to flow out of the reservoir in a controlled manner. The stabilization work is critical to prevent a dam breach that would flow water and sediment from the dam downstream, causing damage to the state highway and private property.

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$100,000

**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:**

$3,591,000

**District or Unit Name:** Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

**Year Constructed or Established:** Late 1960s (dam and reservoir)

**Recreational Opportunities:** Wildlife viewing

**Annual Visitation:** Unknown
Year Constructed or Established: 1966 by logging companies

Recreational Opportunities: Hunting, shed hunting, camping, UTV use, hiking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and mountain biking

Annual Visitation: 20,300 vehicles

District or Unit Name: Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will eliminate a safety hazard on Hyattville Logging Road. Boulders in the center of the roadway can cause damage to vehicle undercarriages and tipping of horse trailers and ATVs. The project consists of grinding boulders from the roadway, reshaping the road prism, and reestablishing drainage.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $897,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $1,422,000
Purpose and Need: This project will eliminate a safety concern in the parking lot where poor drainage causes slip hazards from freezing water on the ADA parking spaces. The project consists of improving parking lot drainage to mitigate freezing water hazards. Additional work includes applying seal coat and chip seal to extend the life of the paved parking lot. This project will modernize infrastructure and reduce annual maintenance costs.

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: $83,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions
Neiber Bridge Repair

Project ID L096

District or Unit Name: Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

Year Constructed or Established: 1998

Recreational Opportunities: Four-wheeling, hunting, camping, and hiking

Annual Visitation: 30 vehicles per day

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repair the Neiber #1 bridge, which is located near the Worland Field Office. The project consists of cleaning the bearing seat, replacing the wearing surface, repairing the bridge at the corners, and installing preformed compression seals at the expansion joints. This project will mitigate corrosion at anchor bolts as well as beneath the wearing surface due to water intrusion, reducing risk to the public due to bridge failure.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $500,000

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

- Cost
  - The complexities within the project result in a cost that is greater than the amount of deferred maintenance that will be reduced
  - $207,000

- Benefit
  - Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $207,000
  - 462 jobs supported
  - $50.3 million in economic contributions
TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will repave the entire parking lot at the site. The original paving has deteriorated beyond sealing, and portions of the lot are not paved due to the removal of the old Platte River Resource Area Office. This project will resolve standing water and mud issues and eliminate trip and fall hazards from cracked and deteriorating pavement.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $300,000

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: $307,000

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

462 jobs supported

$50.3 million in economic contributions

Year Constructed or Established: 1985

Recreational Opportunities: None

Annual Visitation: None
Little Robber Dam Repair

Project ID L098

Year Constructed or Established: 1953

Recreational Opportunities: Fishing

Annual Visitation: Not recorded by the BLM

District or Unit Name: High Desert District

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will address the repairs and maintenance items listed as deficient during the BLM’s 2020 dam safety inspection, which include the spillway; outlet works; riprap; downstream slope erosion; crest gravel; upstream slope protection; tree, shrub, and brush removal; weed spraying; and compacted embankment fill. This project will prevent dam failure and reduce downstream hazards, modernize infrastructure, and provide safe recreation access opportunities.

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

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: $1,000,000
Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility Repair

Project ID L099

District or Unit Name: High Desert District

BUILDING AND STRUCTURES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: This project will eliminate several health and safety concerns at the facility. This project consists of replacing the existing working chute structure, maintaining the existing saddle storage building, and installing a new shelter over the working chutes to address health concerns for both the BLM staff and the animals. The replacement structure over the chute will mitigate exposure and safety concerns for employees and animals in winter and summer months.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $400,000

Cost

Benefit

Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction: $400,000

Year Constructed or Established: 1977

Recreational Opportunities: N/A

Annual Visitation: 500 (depending on requests to visit site)

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

353 jobs supported

$37.7 million in economic contributions
Rock Springs District Office
Boiler Replacement

Project ID L100

Year Constructed or Established: 2003
Recreational Opportunities: N/A
Annual Visitation: N/A

District or Unit Name: High Desert District

WATER AND UTILITIES PROJECT

Purpose and Need: The existing heating system boiler contains components that have either failed or have reached the end of their useful service life. The boiler has been failing on a regular basis during cold weather, affecting employee comfort and productivity. The project will replace the failing system with a modern, efficient system designed to provide reliable comfort and reduce annual maintenance costs.

GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021: $200,000

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

188 jobs supported
$19.7 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: $479,000
**Gooseberry Recreation Repairs**

Project ID L101

**Year Constructed or Established:** 2002

**Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking, wildlife viewing, scenic viewing, photography, geology

**Annual Visitation:** 3,314 (trending upward)

**District or Unit Name:** Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

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**Purpose and Need:** The natural trail and the boardwalk have erosion and public safety concerns. The project will stabilize the existing natural trail, replace washed out culverts, and repair the existing boardwalk. Boardwalk repairs will mitigate existing trip and fall hazards and stabilize the foundation, which has been affected by erosion. The project will improve accessibility, modernize infrastructure, 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

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**RECREATIONAL ASSETS PROJECT**

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

- **$1,103,000**

**Cost**

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

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**Benefit**

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:** **$1,130,000**
**Snyder Creek Dam Repair**

**Project ID L102**

**District or Unit Name:** Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

**Year Constructed or Established:** In the 1950s

**Recreational Opportunities:** Hunting, hiking, and UTV use

**Annual Visitation:** Not recorded by the BLM

**Purpose and Need:** This project will address multiple issues listed as deficient during the BLM’s June 2020 dam safety inspection, which include the spillway; outlet works; riprap; downstream slope erosion; crest gravel; upstream slope protection; tree, shrub, and brush removal; weed spraying; and compacted embankment fill. This project will prevent dam failure and reduce downstream hazards, modernize infrastructure, and provide safe recreation access opportunities.

**GAAO Funding, Fiscal Year 2021:**

$1,000,000

- **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: $1,171,000

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

- **188** jobs supported
- **$19.7 million** in economic contributions