Definitions and Numbers

As you browse the project sheets, you will see descriptions of the major projects, assets to be changed, and the economic impacts. On each sheet, **the economic impacts shown are for the category of the project** *nationwide*, not for the single project on the page. A table of these economic impacts are shown below using data provided by Department of the Interior economists.

Definitions:

- Asset: In broad terms, an asset is real property, a physical structure or group of structures, a
 road, a trail, or any tangible property with a specific service or function tracked and managed as
 a distinct, identifiable entity.
- *Project:* A project is an activity or action designed to reduce or eliminate deferred maintenance of an asset.

BLM: GAOA Economic Benefits - FY 2021 and 2022

*Data provided by the Department of the Interior, June 2021

Economic contributions include not only direct benefits to the companies executing the projects, but also indirect benefits to industries that support those workers and contractors: suppliers, distributors, and source material industries. It may also include induced benefits to communities as a result of salaries and supplies paid by local companies: sales of groceries to workers who are doing the local work, salaries paid to grocery store workers as a result of increased sales, salaries paid to store owners and workers for supplies needed to complete the work, etc. A good explanation about quantifying direct, indirect, and induced economic benefits can be found here:

https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/quantifying-economic-benefits .html

| | | 2021 | | 2022 | |
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| Issue | Description | Jobs supported (nationwide) | Economic Contributions | Jobs supported (nationwide) | Economic Contributions |
| Buildings and | Includes improvements to | 353 | \$37.7 million | 326 | \$38.4 million |
| Structures | visitor centers, administrative buildings and associated facilities at selected field stations (e.g., fire and field staff quarters, restrooms, observation decks). Improvements will ensure safety issues are mitigated, requirements met for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and security improved. | | | | |
| Demolition | Removal of unsafe or unneeded assets, and site rehabilitation after removal. | 12 | \$1.3 million | No projects planned in this category for FY 2022. | |

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| Issue | Description | Jobs supported (nationwide) | Economic Contributions | Jobs supported (nationwide) | Economic Contributions |
| Recreational Assets | Includes improvements to campsites, vault toilets, small- to medium-sized rec site water systems. Repairing moderate damage to road and trails that may affect the recreation user experience. Resurfacing parking lots and improving fencing to protect visitors and resources. | 80 | \$8.6 million | 236 | \$25.4 million |
| Transportation | Includes improvements to culverts, roads and trails to reduce erosion, reduce long-term maintenance costs and make systems more sustainable, improve signage and access to recreation opportunities. Improved traffic flow at high-use locations, including access for law enforcement and emergency medical services. | 462 | \$50.3 million | 304 | \$33.1 million |
| Water and Utilities | Includes improvements to radio and communication sites to improve coverage for public and emergency responders, extensive repairs to recreation site water and septic systems. | 188 | \$19.7 million | \$260 | \$27.2 million |

FY21 GAOA LRF Project Selection Criteria



Primary Objective = Reduce/eliminate deferred maintenance

Bureaus are selecting projects with the potential to:

- Improve DOI's Financial Health: Deferred maintenance reduction, financial leveraging, and portfolio right-sizing
- Maximize Citizens Served: High use facilities, improve ADA accessibility, expand outdoor recreation/public access
- Protect Those We Serve: Public safety, student/workforce safety, fire suppression
- Plan for the Future: Ability to support conservation, recreation, and education opportunities into the future

Other considerations:

- Project Readiness: Projects were largely sourced from prioritized lists for existing funding programs (e.g., line item construction, federal lands transportation program, federal lands recreation enhancement act)
- High Cost: Large projects that have been "out of reach" due to annual discretionary funding limitations
- Leveraging Opportunities: Projects that attract outside investment/donations and employ sustainable life-cycle asset management strategies
- Alignment with Presidential Priorities: Job creation, youth/job corps, climate resiliency, underserved communities, clean energy, and conservation/resource threats

Multiple layers of review:

Bureau Investment Review Boards → Bureau Leadership → GAOA PMO → DOI Leadership → OMB