

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

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- Signed in to law by President Trump on August 4th, 2020.
- Bi-partisan bill: passed US House (310-107) and US Senate (73-25)
- Represents the greatest investment in outdoor opportunities in generations
- Establishes the **National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund** to address a significant “**deferred maintenance backlog**” at five federal agencies.
- Fully funds the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**
- Uses funds from energy development on public lands and waters; no cost to taxpayers.
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DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

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- Defined as “maintenance not performed as needed and put off for a future time”
- Examples include the elevators at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, roads, bridges, trails, visitor centers and employee office buildings.

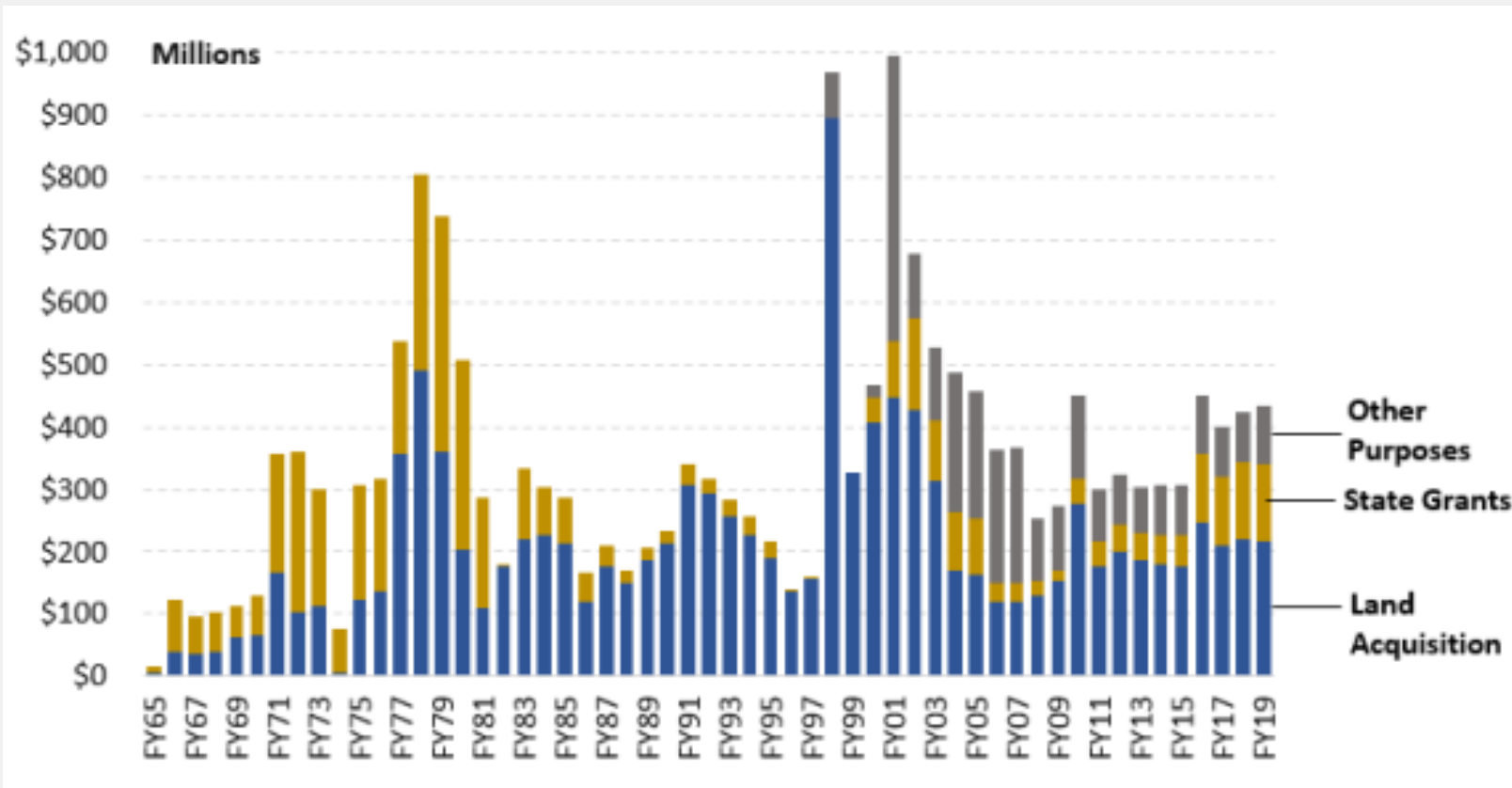
FY 2018 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

- National Park Service - \$11.9 billion
 - US Forest Service - \$5.2 billion
- US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$1.3 billion
- Bureau of Land Management- \$1.0 billion
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs - \$1.8 billion

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

- Since 1965, New Mexico has received \$312 million from LWCF.
- LWCF was used to purchase the Valles Caldera National Preserve and the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.
- Used to purchase “in-holdings” or private lands adjacent to public lands.
- State Parks, baseball fields, neighborhood parks, skate parks, pools, etc.
- In January, it was announced that Apodaca Park will receive a \$750,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund

LWCF ANNUAL DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS, FY 1965-FY2019



NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGACY RESTORATION FUND

- A new mandatory fund to address the deferred maintenance backlog.
- 50% of all federal energy revenues (from oil, gas, coal, or renewable energy) up to \$1.9 billion annually will be deposited in the fund for the next 5 years.
- The potential \$9.5 billion will help cover about half of the current deferred maintenance backlog.
- NPS is to receive a 70% share, FS 15%, FWWS 5%, BLM 5%, and BIE 5% for its schools.

EXAMPLE: BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT

Portfolio Summary

The table below provides a snapshot of the park's real property asset inventory and deferred maintenance (DM) as of end of fiscal year 2018.

| <i>Asset Category</i> | <i>Quantity</i> | <i>DM (,000)</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Facilities & Infrastructure | | |
| Buildings | 42 buildings / 46,627 GSF | \$3,108 |
| Housing | 35 units / 31,235 GSF | \$2,241 |
| Campgrounds | 71 sites / 15 acres | \$73 |
| Trails | 79 MI | \$2,965 |
| Waste Water Systems | 8 systems / 30,624 GPD | \$138 |
| Water Systems | 4 systems / 25,609 GPD | \$437 |
| Unpaved Roads & Parking Areas* | 2 MI | \$0 |
| All Other [†] | 64 assets | \$2,437 |
| Paved Roads & Structures | | |
| Roadways | 6 MI | \$2,201 |
| Parking Areas | 26 lots / 185,818 SF | \$1,032 |
| Bridges & Tunnels | 1 bridges and 0 tunnels / 1,248 SF | \$0 |
| Totals[‡] | 226 assets | \$14,631 |

Park Assets With Highest DM Cost (,000)

1. Park Entrance Road RT 010 - **\$1,588**
2. BC- Mid-Alamo / Stone Lions - **\$660**
3. HB-32 Quarters - **\$548**
4. HB-17 Snack Bar/Gift Shop+E159/Storage - **\$520**
5. FC - Tyuonyi Loop / Long house Trail (Main Loop Trail) - **\$473**
6. Frijoles Canyon Historic Walkway - **\$431**
7. HB-8 Quarters - **\$428**
8. Tsankawi Parking, RT 910 - **\$392**
9. Main Park Water System - **\$349**
10. HB-15 Historic Dining Room, Kitchen and Lunchroom - **\$315**

This list identifies the assets with the highest DM costs documented in FMSS. It does not necessarily reflect the highest priority assets for investment consideration. Visitor use and access, resource protection, and other mission-related factors are also considered in project investment decisions.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Federal Side

- At least 40% of the \$900 million annually appropriated must go to federal land acquisition.
- For example, for FY21 New Mexico has 6 projects identified for acquisition by the USFS for a total of \$12.7 million.

Stateside Program

- At least 40% must be granted to states for recreation, conservation or preservation projects.
- provides matching grants to States and local governments for conservation purposes.

STATESIDE PROGRAM

- **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP):** grant program helps urban communities by supporting projects in cities and urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces and reinvigorate existing parks.
- **Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF)** - Grants to states to work with private landowners, conservation organizations, and other partners to protect and conserve the habitat of threatened and endangered species.
- **Forest Legacy Program (FLP):** provides grants to states to permanently protect forested properties through conservation easements or purchase. FLP projects typically restrict development, require sustainable forestry practices, and protect other public values like clean water, wildlife habitat, and public access for sportsmen and other recreation enthusiasts.
- **American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)** In cooperation with state, local and private partners, ABPP has protected more than 28,000 acres since 1999 with over \$86 million from LWCF.

STATE & LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- LWCF State and Local Assistance Program provides matching grants to state, local and tribal governments to create and expand parks, develop recreation facilities, and further local recreation plans.
- Administered by the National Park Service and State Parks Division.
- Each year, funds are distributed to every U.S. state and territory using a population-based formula.

STATE & LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

| FY | NM allocation | US \$ total | (calculated % of total) |
|------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2020 | \$2,500,656 | \$227,125,000 | 1.10% |
| 2019 | \$1,996,570 | \$170,623,713 | 1.17% |
| 2018 | \$1,890,423 | \$161,562,107 | 1.17% |
| 2017 | \$1,103,088 | \$94,309,439 | 1.17% |
| 2016 | \$1,110,301 | \$94,924,927 | 1.17% |
| 2015 | \$500,138 | \$42,794,497 | 1.17% |

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