

Great American Outdoors Act | Legacy Restoration Fund | Fiscal Year 2021 Projects | Northern Region (R1)

Region	Forest or Grassland	Project Name	State	Cong. District	Asset Type	Project Description
R01	Aerial Fire Depot	Missoula Smokejumper Visitor Center Renovation	MT	MT-At Large	Public Service Facility, Recreation Site	Built in 1962, this Visitor Center last saw updates over 25 years ago, hosts up to 45,000 visitors in a 4-month span. This project will fully renovate both floors to modernize the visitor center and increase usable space. This project will improve management of forests by educating visitors in fire aware practices. The project will improve signage, information and interpretive displays, modernize bathrooms, improve lighting, restore facility HVAC service, and conduct asbestos abatement. The visitor center provides tours and educational programs to rural schools, 50-60/year totaling approximately 5,000 students. The project will improve ABA/ADA access and site compliance. The project augments visitor center and parachute loft access with interpretive displays and 24/7 accessible exterior storyboards. Work will improve the safety and remove environmental hazards from the Visitor Center. Work will be conducted in partnership with volunteers and museums to improve historical interpretation. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Recondition 500 Miles of Road in the Mountains of Southwest Montana	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project will recondition 500 miles on 54 roads across the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The recreation and commercial use such as timber haul and outfitter and guides are essential to the rural communities in southwest Montana. The lumber mills in these communities depend on roads for removal of timber. These roads provide access to camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and all-terrain vehicle riding which supports the local economy of these small communities. Addressing the deferred maintenance on these roads will help ensure safety access for all.
R01	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	East Fork #672, Highland #84, and Centennial Divide #100 Road Reconditioning & Aggregate Surfacing	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project will replace pipes, reshape prism, add gravel to improve access, and complete brushing to improve road safety, visitor access, and the quality of visitor experience.
R01	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Motorized and Non-motorized Trail Deferred Maintenance Reduction Project	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	Deferred maintenance tasks would be accomplished on trails across the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest beginning in 2021 using Partners, youth, volunteers and Forest Service seasonal employees. Partners may include Montana Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, Back Country Horsemen, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association, and local motorized and non-motorized trails groups. A high-quality system of trails creates opportunities to safely access the forest by non-motorized and motorized means, supporting hunters, outfitters and guides, and general recreation users and contributing to the local recreation and tourism economies. Proposed work will include removing hazards and restoring trail tread and constructed features to safe standards.
R01	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Delmoe Lake Road Resurfacing and Campground/Day Use Updates	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Trail	This project will add gravel over the entirety of the road. The project will increase maintainability, reduce erosion, and provide a safer route for the high volumes of traveling public. This project would bring the campground and associated boat launch and day use site up to current design and accessibility standards. A full redesign will incorporate off-highway vehicle use and link the campground to the motorized trail system. Replacement-only level of design could include replacement of hand pumps, replace/repair tables, fire rings, reconstruct spur roads and living areas, including tent pads, replace signage and bulletin boards, fee stations, and toilets. The project would also improve campground roads and boat launch parking. The project provides for improved delivery of services to the recreating public and accommodate today's RVs and trailers, and replace unserviceable and damaged furnishings. This campground and day use area contributes to rural community tourism in the Delmoe Lake area near Butte & Whitehall, MT. This project increases access to recreation resources by improving the quality of the facility and access to the lake, as well as bringing the facility up to meeting ADA accessibility standards. Reconstructed facilities would be safer for visitors by replacing damaged furnishings, replacing older toilets, and reducing vandalism and abuse that the deteriorating facility currently receives.
R01	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Southwest Montana Recreation and Road Signs Deferred Maintenance Reduction	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Road	This project will install directional road signs, recreation site signs, information kiosks and bulletin boards, trailhead signs, trail signs and markers, and Bear Aware signs. The project will reduce deferred maintenance in signage, meet road and recreation site standards, and improve the visitor experience. The project would enhance visitor experience by providing signage to recreation sites, facilities and locations. The project improves the delivery of quality recreation services to the public. The sign replacement project would provide and generate jobs in local rural communities as well as increase visitation in smaller communities. Jobs could be created through the local sign installation contract and could result in increased forest visitation. Recreation facilities contribute to rural community recreation and tourism in southwest Montana. Access would be improved by enhancing visitors experience and easier navigation to recreation sites and areas. Clear signage and direction helps ensuring the health and safety to the visiting public and improve emergency response. The project may also have potential for installation by force account crews and partners, contingent on opportunity and ability to meet project specifications and standards.
R01	Bitterroot	Motorized & Non-motorized Trail Reconditioning & Drainage Repair	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project would accomplish identified backlog deferred maintenance tasks on trails across the forest. Trails would be cleared of logs, brushed, drainage structures would be maintained or replaced, and tread would be repaired where necessary. This work will improve the quality and safety of the visitor experience by opening lines of sight, leveling the trail tread, and replacing hazardous failing drainage structures. This work would be accomplished with existing partner organizations and force account staff. Partners would include (but not limited to) Montana Conservation Corps, the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation, Montana Wilderness Association. The project would significantly reduce trails deferred maintenance. Trail work would enhance the existing recreational services and provide improved customer service for the recreating public. Visitor experience would improve with the clear and well-maintained trails to access recreation areas. Visitation would increase and existing conditions would be enhanced by improving the quality of experience for a variety of different user groups. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the network of trails that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities. Access would be greatly improved and would better serve the public with a well-maintained trail system. Outfitters and rural economies would continue to benefit for this increased access for the American public. Deferred maintenance to trails would ensure that the investment is protected. This would also enable safe trails for the recreating public. If no action is taken the investments will be lost. Partners are contributing funds to this work as well. Project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Bitterroot	Gird Point Road #714 Aggregate Surface In-place Processing & Drainage Repair	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	This road is the only route to the Gird Point Lookout rental cabin, which is very close to the city of Hamilton and gets a considerable amount of use. The road is also used by hunters, berry pickers and others who enjoy the forest as it is very close to the city of Hamilton. The Gird Point road is in very poor condition and due to the location it is not cost effective to haul gravel. However, in-place processing of the native material will provide a much better visitor experience and allow for proper best management practices for watershed and fisheries. This road also gets very high visitation. Continued community economic benefits attracting recreationists and visitors to the area, and enhancing the support and advocacy public lands. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Bitterroot	Eastside Bitterroot and Selway River Basin Wilderness Trail Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project will clear trails of logs, replace or repair drainage structures, and repair tread where necessary. This work will improve the quality and safety of the visitor experience by opening lines of sight, leveling the trail tread, and replacing hazardous, failing drainage structures. This project would significantly reduce trails deferred maintenance and enhance the existing recreational services and provide improved customer service for the recreating public. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the network of trails that attract visitors to this rural area. Outfitters and rural economies would continue to benefit for this increased access for the American public. Partner funds will be used as leverage. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Bitterroot	Developed Recreation Campground Maintenance & Accessibility Improvements	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Trail	The deferred maintenance projects will primarily occur in the developed campgrounds across the Bitterroot National Forest where a recreation fee is charged, sites where a new fee is proposed, and sites that receive high use. Sites include, but are not limited to, the Lake Como and Bass Creek Recreation Areas, Indian Trees and Spring Gulch Campgrounds, Sam Billings Campground, Blodgett Campground and Trailhead, Fales Flat Group Site, and Rombo and Alta campgrounds.
R01	Bitterroot	St Mary's Road (Forest Road #739) Aggregate Surface In-Place Processing	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	This road is the only route to the St Mary's trailhead, which leads forest users to the spectacular Historic St. Mary's lookout. Lookout has had as many as 150 visitors a day. The St Mary's road is in very poor condition and due to the location it is not cost effective to haul gravel. However, in-place processing of the native material will provide a much better visitor experience and allow for proper best management practices for watershed and fisheries. This road also gets very high visitation and use by back boundary horseman and others who trail ride the area. This will make it a much safer road to haul horse trailers on. Work will also include the McCalla Lake road, which is a popular recreation destination for the beautiful overlook it leads to. Currently the McCalla Lake road is impassable due to large rocks in the road surface. This project will support continued community economic benefits attracting recreationists and visitors to the area, and enhancing the support and advocacy public lands. Contractor would also purchase fuel, food and supplies locally. This project will ensure safe road condition for the large number of users.
R01	Bitterroot	Bitterroot Valley Recreation Site Access Deferred Roadside Brushing	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project would provide roadside brushing of 100 miles of forest roads leading to popular recreation sites. In many areas of the forest, alder grows rapidly impeding the ability of motorists to safely get to their destination. Many of the popular recreation routes are significantly brushed in. This project would open up 100 miles across the forest for easier recreation access. The contractor would be in the valley for several weeks buying food fuel and lodging. Brushed in roads is one of the most complained about issues we receive. This project would allow recreationists easier access to popular destinations. Site distance is severely reduced by the brush - this would remove that hazard for forest motorists. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Yellowstone Shortline (Rail) Trail Partnership	MT	MT-At Large	Trail, Trail Bridge	This project will restore a 9-mile section of railroad bed through the Forest into a world-class hiking, biking, and cross-country ski trail from West Yellowstone connecting to the Greater Yellowstone Trail to Grand Teton National Park. The minor realignment will only require 3 of 5 bridge replacements; will prevent future deferred maintenance at the crossings by capitalizing the 3 new bridges and stabilizing banks and abutments. This project repairs former rail crossings to improve the resiliency of the river and surrounding habitat by protecting water, wildlife, and fisheries. The restored trail will follow the historic route of the Oregon Short Line Railroad from the Montana-Idaho border at Reas Pass to the west boundary of Yellowstone National Park in West Yellowstone, MT. Amenities include pavilions, benches, and interpretive signage highlighting the history of the area. This project will contribute to the construction and year-around recreational sectors of the economy. Multiple partners are contributing additional funds for this project.

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R01	Custer Gallatin	West Zone Motorized Trail Deferred Maintenance Reduction Project	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	The west side of the forest provides 340 miles of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) specific trail opportunities. These trails provide opportunities for residents of local communities to utilize the forest as well as allowing for opportunities for local visitors and businesses. The ATV rental businesses support the economic vitality of West Yellowstone, Big Sky, Billings, and Bozeman, Montana. Getting out in a ATV becomes an ever more popular activity for those visiting the Great Yellowstone Area. This project would fund the rental of two mini-excavators, fuel costs and associated seasonal support to be operated by our existing qualified staff to increase our capacity to efficiently address motorized deferred maintenance. Miles of trails accomplished would include 69 miles/17 trails in FY21. Partners will contribute additional funds.
R01	Custer Gallatin	30 Miles Pavement Preservation & Replacement: West Yellowstone, Gallatin River, Beartooth Mountains, and Ashland	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project will improve access, preserve/replace road pavement, campgrounds, and public facing facilities on Ashland, Hebgen, Bozeman, Yellowstone & Beartooth Districts to address deferred maintenance, and improve visitor experience. The project will maintain access on roads, campgrounds and trailheads. Implementing this project will significantly reduce future deferred maintenance required if reconstruction is needed. Work supports public access to the forest and provides for agricultural, water, mineral, utility and timber commerce. Work supports all sectors of the economy including construction, recreation, resource use and recovery on forest. Visitor will continue to have great access to the priority destinations on the forest. Addressing deferred maintenance will improve surface conditions and drainage to help prevent accidents. The work complements other road work by other local, state, and federal agencies.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Main Fork Rock Creek, Trailhead & Campground Repairs, Upgrades, Surfacing: Beartooth Highway	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	Main Fork of Rock Creek is a priority recreation emphasis area-this project would complete last 2.6 miles of the surfacing and drainage project to the Trailhead and the M-K and Greenough campgrounds and trailhead. At Greenough Lake Campground units will be updated, added and accessibility standards met. Dispersed site resource protection along length of the road with barrier rocks in various locations. This project supports the critical management of recreation, wildlife, watershed and fisheries resources. Supports access to Beartooth Highway All American Road, developed and dispersed recreation, motorized and non-motorized trails, wilderness, fishing, hiking and outstanding scenic beauty. Recreation is the economic driver in this community and this work will contribute to contractor, recreationalist, and tourism sectors of the economy. Beartooth is an international destination connecting with Yellowstone National Park serving millions of visitors annually and a high priority area to make investments in recreation infrastructure. Work will promote safe travel on roads, campgrounds, dispersed sites and support the reduction of negative wildlife interactions. This project has local community partners, outfitters & guides, and others in the tourism sector.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Big Creek, Window Rock & Basin Station Rental Cabin Repairs: Paradise Valley, Hyalite Canyon, and West Yellowstone	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	The project focuses on 3 priority historic rental cabins- Big Creek Cabin, Window Rock Cabin, and Basin Station. The work includes highest priority deferred maintenance and critical stabilization work for roof, foundation, access and toilet replacement. This project would reduce deferred maintenance by stabilizing, protecting and restoring these very popular rental cabins, which support tourism in our local communities. This project provides for the protection of our heritage resources and by maintaining these facilities we contribute to overall water, wildlife, and fishery health by providing quality overnight opportunities in destination locations. This project addresses 3 of the highest use, year round, easily accessible historic cabins in 3 communities near Livingston, West Yellowstone and Bozeman. This work supports local contractors and provides quality local work for skilled workers for historic preservation along with the excavation & backfill contract work. This work will increase accessibility for people with mobility disabilities. This project addresses health and safety needs for building stabilization, code compliance, structural components, and accessibility to people with mobility disabilities by replacing old, non-accessible deteriorating toilets with toilets that have accessible approaches and connecting routes.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Madison Arm Road (Forest Road #291) Aggregate Surfacing	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Culvert	12 miles of native obsidian sand surface has proven very hard to keep maintained on one of the highest used roads in the area. Recreation is the largest economic contributor for the Forest. This route provides access for timber management, permitted resorts, recreation residents holders, campgrounds and Hebgen Lake. This project contributes to the management of water, fish, wildlife, fuels, fire and recreation. Hebgen Lake is an international summer destination that supports very high recreation use. This route specifically supports a summer resort, 40 recreational residences, motorized trails, campgrounds and multi-use recreation. The project will reduce potential for accidents and claims. Outfitter, guides, resort owners, concessionaires, and recreation residence owners are partners and contributors.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Black's Pond Access Roads (Forest Road #4131 & Forest Road #4021) Reconstruction & Site Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	This project will complete work on O'Dell and Stocker Branch roads for access to Blacks Pond and improvements at Blacks Pond Dispersed Sites. This project will reduce current deferred maintenance and accumulation of future deferred maintenance. Grazing and hunting are the largest economic contributor on the Ashland Ranger District, the project accesses improvements for grazing allotments and for future fuels and timber management specific timber sale awards in FY22, 23, 24 and into the future. This project will enhance visitor experience and supports the rural Ashland community by providing for construction, timber, grazing, and amenity sectors of the economy. These roads provide standard access from both directions to Blacks Pond. This project reduces the potential for accidents due to poor road surface and drainage conditions.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Jackson Creek Road (Forest Road #977) and Trailhead Reconditioning and Aggregate Surfacing	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Culvert, Trail	This project will repair a road that provides access to the Bangtail Mountain Range a popular recreation area for multi-use recreation, including year-round motorized opportunities for the communities of Bozeman and Livingston. Performing work will reduce future deferred maintenance needs and costs. This project supports grazing allotments and upcoming timber sales on forest, state and private lands and will reduce impacts to water and fisheries in the adjacent creek. Currently roads are extremely rutted and impassible with a passenger vehicle, towing vehicle or during any wet weather. This project supports local construction and multi-use recreation activities, will improve access to the popular motorized recreation network and hunting areas in the Bangtails Mountains, and addresses surface and drainage issues that contribute to accidents and hinder emergency response.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Sioux District Access and Campground Deferred Maintenance	SD	SD-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	This project bundles work associated with Reva Gap and Lantis Spring campgrounds deferred maintenance with associated access road (Snow Road) deferred maintenance on the Sioux District. Work complements the Forestwide Toilet Replacement Project at Reva Gap. This project addresses longstanding deferred maintenance for campgrounds and access routes. Grazing is the largest economic contributor on the Sioux Ranger District and the project improves access improvements for grazing allotments and for future timber management. These campgrounds are popular during spring hunting season with multi-use recreationists. This project will contribute to the community by providing jobs for local construction and recreation interests. The project would place Erionite free gravel on all surfaces for health and safety and improve surfacing and drainage on the roadway.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Trail System Deferred Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project will create a more sustainable trail system to access high use areas within the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. Work encompasses 10 trails that connect the Beartooth, Gardiner and Yellowstone Ranger Districts; the system consists of Lake Abundance #389, Slough Creek Trail #104, Rock Creek #109, Horseshoe Mountain #310, and Lake of the Woods #34, Lost Creek #212, Livingston Peak #449; Gardiner RD: Red Rock Plateau #395, and West Fork of Hellroaring trails. This project will reduce deferred maintenance on 28 miles of trails and move the forward toward a more sustainable trail system. Visitation in the wilderness area has steadily increased nearly 25% in the past 5 years. This project supports water, fish, wildlife resources in high use areas of the wilderness affected by wildfires and pine beetle. The project will improve visitor experience with safe, clear and well-maintained trails for humans and stock. This work will benefit the local economies in a dozen rural gateway communities, including the 50 outfitters and guides operating in the wilderness area. The project improves connectivity the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness to multiple trail systems, enhances safety for trail users by reestablishing trail corridor and tread, reestablishing drainage features, eliminating failed boardwalk.
R01	Custer Gallatin	Trail Bridge Replacement - Central Zone Bundle	MT	MT-At Large	Trail Bridge	This project includes the replacement and installation of two critical bridges in that service the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness - the Horseshoe Creek Stock Bridge and the Timberline Bridge. The project also covers the installation of the Blue Lake foot bridge in the Crazy Mountains. Bridge materials have already been purchased. Work will eliminate deferred maintenance for three trail bridges- two the service the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and one in the East Crazy Mountains. Visitation in the wilderness area has steadily increased nearly 25% in the past 5 year. The project supports water, fish, wildlife resources in high use areas of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and the Crazy Mountains. Replacement structures will ensure better dispersal of users across the landscape and increase solitude by reducing interactions, particularly in the early season. Recreation is the leading economic contributor on the forest, supporting rural communities and outfitters & guides. This project provides continuity and sustainability on the existing trail system, allows for safer participation and reduced erosion and sedimentation. The project reduces the risk of human and livestock injury at crossings, particularly during high water and also contributes to the reduction of sedimentation into waterways. Partners include the Wilderness Foundation, the American Hiking Society and the Montana Wilderness Association, and outfitters & guides.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Recondition, Spot Surface, & Drainage Repairs on 47 Roads	SD	SD-At Large	Road, Culvert	This project will recondition various locations on roads including spot surfacing and culvert replacement. Reconditioning allows greater access while addressing and mitigating safety concerns. The project will improve access for visitors and permittees. Roads provide access to recreational opportunities including fishing dams, Shadepill Reservoir, hunting land, and trailheads in the National Grasslands. This project is supported as a high priority from North Dakota Parks & Recreation.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Forest Road #1201 Reconditioning and Resurfacing	ND	ND-At Large	Road	This project will resurface with 4" of specified aggregate and compact to improve the movement of public traffic involved in various activities associated with activities on the Grasslands. This work will increase the capacity to move product and cattle without lengthy rerouting and improve access during wet periods. This project is supported as a high priority from North Dakota Parks & Recreation.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Recondition, Spot Surface, and Drainage Repairs on 7 Roads	ND	ND-At Large	Road, Culvert	This project will recondition, spot surface, and replace culverts on 7 roads totaling 46.5 miles accessing the National Grasslands. This project will improve deteriorating road conditions and safety to meet driver expectation and increased use by permittees, local residents and recreationists that support the local economies.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Forest Road #5733 Recondition and Drainage Repairs	SD	SD-At Large	Road, Culvert	This project will recondition, spot surface and replace a failed culvert. Increased access allows for free movement of recreationists and permittees in the National Grasslands. The repair will address the existing safety concern due to large, sharp rocks.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Civilian Conservation Corps Campground Updates near Maah-Daah-Hey Trail, Theodore National Park and Bakken Oil Formation	ND	ND-At Large	Recreation Site, Road, Water System, Wastewater System	This project will update the campground to accommodate increased visitation and create dedicated loops for equestrians, tent and RV users. This project will expand the main trailhead, create a dedicated equestrian trailhead, improve parking, install a pressurized water system, make the pavilion and sites ABA/ADA accessible. This is the premier campground associated with Maah Daah Hey Trail access and in close proximity to Theodore National Park and Watford City, ND in the heart of the Baaken Oil Boom. Possible partnership with McKenzie County to pave access road to campground. This project supported as a high priority from North Dakota Parks & Recreation.

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R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Buffalo Gap Campground Maintenance and Improve Sanitation	ND	ND-At Large	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	This project will improve shower facilities through mudjack shower building foundations, replacement of concrete sewer cap. Additionally, this project will expand the host site accommodate a larger RV. This will help to provide uninterrupted service to campground fee users. This project responds to visitor complaints by improving shower maintenance and usability. This is a popular campground that brings in users who spend multiple nights and frequent local communities in North Dakota for supplies.
R01	Dakota Prairie Grassland	Blacktail Trail Deferred Maintenance	SD	SD-At Large	Trail	The Blacktail Trail is located on the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands, Grand River Ranger District in Perkins County, South Dakota. This almost 7 mile non-motorized loop trail begins and ends at the Blacktail Picnic Area, a popular Day Use site for the surrounding towns such as Lemmon, Bison, and other communities that border this part of the Grand River and Cedar River National Grasslands. The trail is used by hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian users and is in need of reconditioning. Deferred Maintenance activities include retreading much of the trail where rutting and erosion issues have damaged the trails tread; reestablishing water bars, and other maintenance activities needed to bring the trail back to appropriate standards. This trail project will provide a safe and positive experience for those who use this trail.
R01	Flathead	Meadow Creek Road #2826 Surfacing & Slope Stabilization: Bob Marshall Wilderness & South Fork of the Flathead Access	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Culvert	Meadow Creek Road provides sole access to numerous visitor destinations including the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Meadow Creek campground and trailhead. 12 miles of road surfacing has deteriorated and must be replaced. The previous emergency culvert replacement site requires slope stabilization to ensure safe road width is maintained. Improved road surface results in more efficient travel for various restoration activities and gravel reduces road erosion and sediment delivered to nearby streams. Improved road conditions result in safe access for passenger cars and a more comfortable visitor experience and will result in increased visitor use and economic benefit to local economy. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Flathead	Rental Cabin Deferred Maintenance Reduction	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project would comprehensively address deferred maintenance that cannot be covered by fees for the forest's rental cabins. The forest cabin rental program provides a unique recreation experience and is very popular with cabins exceeding 75% occupancy. The program fees not only help to ensure operations and maintenance of the sites, but helps to ensure a legacy and historic preservation of the range of these facilities. The goal of this project is to address the deferred maintenance. The proposal includes a range of maintenance and improvement needs such as roof replacements, window replacement, septic tank repairs, replacing heaters, kitchen cabinets, countertops, and appliances. The Cabin Rental program is a critical part of the overall Flathead National Forest sustainable recreation strategy and 2018 Flathead Forest Plan recreation desired conditions. The 16 recreation rental cabins have varying degrees of deferred maintenance needs across the forest, from major roof replacements to small repairs. This work would boost the economy through contracts and employment as well as continue to attract visitors to rural areas. The project will improve accessibility in each cabin to help meet ABA requirements and correct deteriorating conditions that present increased safety risks over time. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Flathead	Flathead National Forest Trail Deferred Maintenance Reduction Project	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project will reduce deferred maintenance on over 340 miles of trails on the Tally Lake and Swan Lake Ranger Districts located on the Flathead National Forest, improving trail safety and quality of experience for visitors. Trails include those used by motorized, bicycle, accessible (adaptive mountain bike trails), stock, and pedestrian users. This proposal includes trails within the Mission Mountain Wilderness. Work will be accomplished by partners, volunteers, youth groups, and Forest Service seasonal employees over a five year period. This project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Flathead	Bob Marshall Wilderness Access Improvement: Spotted Bear River Road	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project will eliminate deferred maintenance by replacing 14.5 miles of gravel surfacing on Spotted Bear River Road (Forest Road 568). This road provides primary access to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Improved road surface will result in more efficient travel for various restoration activities. Gravel reduces road erosion and amount of sediment delivered to nearby streams. New gravel overlay will increase user comfort and safety. The contract will be available to local businesses. Improved surface conditions will result in increased visitor use and resultant economic benefit to local economy. Improved road surface will improve visitor access. Additional gravel will allow better results from routine road surface maintenance. Improved road surface enhances health and safety of road users. This project will also improve access for partners performing work in wilderness area.
R01	Flathead	Summit Nature Center Interpretive Display Upgrade and Replacement	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will upgrade and replace existing displays in the Forest Service Summit Nature Center, located in the Summit House on top of Big Mountain at Whitefish Mountain Resort in MT. With increasing visitation and to improve visitor experience, upgrades are required to the outdated Summit House. Increasing visitation to the center and upgrades to the Summit, quality, updated information and interpretive displays are needed to have professional looking, attractive, quality materials. The Center attracts over 14,000 local, national and international visitors during the 80 day summer and 50 day winter seasons. The center provides hands-on activities and displays, nature discovery walks, Junior Forest Ranger program, family "adventure packs" for outdoor exploring and, in the summer, formal programs for visiting adult and family tour groups and local youth groups. The original 25 year old, worn, low-grade displays which were mostly developed in-house, are still in use today in addition to more recent displays, created by center interns and seasonal employees. Funds are requested to create a visitor center interpretive plan, and fund the design and fabrication of new and upgraded permanent and portable seasonal displays, with the goal to provide attractive, inviting, professional looking displays with quality materials that will reduce the need for future deferred maintenance. Modernizing the displays will make them more accessible to all visitors. Modernizing the center design will optimize the use of the space. This project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Flathead	Forest-wide Water and Wastewater System Deferred Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Water System, Wastewater System	This project addresses deferred maintenance items for water and wastewater systems in 12 recreation sites. Work items were identified in recent facility engineering surveys. The project is phased over 3 years. FY21 includes design for Holland Lake Campground, Tally Lake Campground, and Devil Creek Campground and implementation of projects not requiring design. The project will improve visitors' peace of mind and confidence in water and wastewater systems on the forest. System upgrades will enable growth in the local recreation economy. The project includes system upgrades to meet ADA accessibility requirements, improves security of water/wastewater systems on the forest, and prevents failure and system closures. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Flathead	Flathead National Forest Backcountry Airstrip Hazard Mitigation	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	The Spotted Bear airport is located on the South Fork of the Flathead river in the Spotted Bear Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest, between the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Great Bear Wilderness Areas. Surrounded by thousands of acres of pristine forest land with abundant wildlife, the airstrip is a gateway to adventure for many visitors to the area. The Spotted bear airport was first built by CCC's around 1935. In the ensuing 85 years the airport has provided an essential function for local employees and visitors to the local lodges and the Spotted Bear Ranger Station. As the number of recreational users to the area dramatically increases, it is essential that the airport continue to safely provide this critical function. The purpose of this project is to reduce the DM on this back country airstrip and provide some upgrades that correct safety issues and improve experiences for all recreationists that use this site - both pilots as well as those who access areas in and around this airstrip from the ground. Key components of this project include: removing vegetation that create obstructions to runway 32; straighten the runway (remove the existing dogleg); establish sustainable vegetation on the runway that both protects surrounding resources as well as the runway surface; reroute the road that accesses nearby dispersed recreation sites; and reducing non-essential vehicle traffic on the runway by using natural barriers to help sustain the landing strip's condition.
R01	Flathead	Flathead Wild and Scenic River Access Site Deferred Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Water System, Wastewater System	This project addresses deferred maintenance needs at each of Flathead National Forest 14 developed river access sites over 3 years. The project would improve visitor experience at Three Forks of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River. The project includes gravel and asphalt maintenance, brushing, stripping, boat ramp reconstruction and minor traffic flow improvements. The project supports sustainable growth of local recreation economy and ensures sustainable access to sites for wide range vehicles and trailers. Barrier maintenance will protect natural resources adjacent to sites. Flathead Rivers Alliance partnership would help prioritize work and identify volunteer opportunities in support of project. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Helena-Lewis & Clark	Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and Adjacent Lands Priority Area Trail Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Trail, Trail Bridge	This project is focused on reducing deferred maintenance on the 3,247 miles of trails within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and Adjacent Lands Priority Area established under the National Forest System Trail Stewardship Act of 2016. This is one of 15 Priority Areas established across the nation and includes another Priority Area, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) Priority Area and much of the 225 miles of the CDT within this area will see deferred maintenance reduced as well. The proposal would be implemented in a landscape level phased approach and distributed by trail miles between the Helena-Lewis and Clark, Lolo and Flathead National Forests. This work will be accomplished by using partnerships, volunteers, youth (YCC), contracts, and Forest Service seasonal employees. Partners would include the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Montana Conservation Corps, Back Country Horseman, Montana Wilderness Association, and Youth Conservation Corps. Deferred maintenance reduction activities would include brushing, heavy deferred trail tread maintenance, replacing and improving trail drainage structures, turnpike and puncheon replacement and repair. Trails that have been inaccessible due to windfall caused by the pine beetle epidemic will be cleared. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the network of trails that attract visitors to rural areas. Access would be greatly improved and would better serve the public with a well-maintained trail system. Reducing deferred maintenance on trails would ensure the public's investment is protected and this work would create a more sustainable trail system. The project would reduce resource impacts by failing drainage structures and provide enhanced safety for all trail users. There is potential to develop additional challenge cost share agreements and participating agreements with additional partners to further leverage this funding. By utilizing these agreements there is a potential to engage more youth in this overall effort helping local employment and communicating the importance of public lands to the younger generation.
R01	Helena-Lewis & Clark	Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Trail	The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC), located in Great Falls, Montana sits on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) and is one of the Forest Service's premier interpretive centers. The center has the following deferred maintenance: River-Side elevator repair, security camera repair, foot bridge repair, resurface parking lot, facility maintenance and updates including: exterior repair, plumbing, carpet replacement, sound system, appliances, picnic tables and exhibit update. The LCIC provides outstanding customer service, recreation and interpretation for the American people, as well as international visitors. Center is an economic engine for the tourism sector by attracting visitors to the area. This project will bring visitation and creates jobs in rural Montana communities by hiring contractors. The National Historic Trail is administered by National Park Service. Other partners are Lewis & Clark Foundation, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Giant Springs State Park, City of Great Falls. The Missouri/Madison River Fund has supported some improvements at the Center.

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R01	Helena-Lewis & Clark	Forestwide Campground & Trailhead Deferred Maintenance & Improvements	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Recreation Site	This forestwide campground and trailhead improvement project would include resurfacing campgrounds and trailheads, parking areas, spurs as well as road improvements and maintenance to access these investments. Upgrades would include increasing the size of camping areas to accommodate larger recreation vehicles. Trailheads are in much need for updated kiosks, signage and gravel in parking areas. Hazard tree and vegetation treatments have been conducted at many sites leaving campgrounds less desirable for the public to visit. This proposal would include revegetation of some of these sites that have been impacted by these vegetation treatments. Upgrades to these sites would improve access to public lands and encourage economic activities for outfitters and recreating public to these sites. Improving campgrounds and trailheads would increase the goods and services provided to rural communities. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Kit Price Campground Renovation	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	The forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. The project renovates the fourth largest campground on the forest. This concessionaire operated campground is located within the Coeur d' Alene River Priority Area. Improvements include renovation of all existing infrastructure in order to make the sites relevant to present day use. This project will improve the visitor experience and at the same time decrease deferred maintenance. New infrastructure will enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the site that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities. The project will leverage funds from Idaho Parks and Recreation RV Grant program.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Bonnerr's Ferry Trail Reconstruction	ID	ID-01	Trail	This project reduces deferred maintenance on trails throughout the Bonners Ferry Ranger District on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest in Boundary County. This project will improve trail safety and the overall experience of the visiting public. Approximately 50 miles will be maintained and improved in FY21. Work will be performed with partners, Youth Conservation Corps, and force account crews. This work will be heavily leveraged with our partner groups.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Shadowy St. Joe and Tin Can Campground Deferred Maintenance	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	This project would reduce deferred maintenance at the Shadowy St. Joe campground by adding hookups and renovate Tin Can Campground. These two sites are located within the St. Joe River Corridor Priority Area. Improvements also include renovation of all existing infrastructure. This project will improve visitor experience and at the same time decrease deferred maintenance by replacing infrastructure. New infrastructure will enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the site that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities. Leverage funds from Idaho Parks and Recreation will be sought.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Route of the Hiawatha Rail Trail Resurfacing Project	ID	ID-01	Trail	The Route of the Hiawatha Trail is a unique, highly scenic 15 mile trail that follows the railroad grade of the Milwaukee Railroad from near St. Regis, MT to Wallace, ID. The route provides experiences through 10 tunnels and over 7 trestles. The Route of the Hiawatha was named a "Hall of Fame" trail by the Rail-to-Trail Conservancy-one of only 15 such designations in the country. Visitation is now over 60,000 and contributes significantly to tourism in the Shoshone, Kootenai, Benewah, and Latah counties in Idaho and Mineral County in Montana. This will significantly decrease deferred maintenance, continue to create jobs, address critical health and safety issues, and provide exceptional customer service on this crown jewel.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Mallard Larkins & Upper St. Joe River Deferred Trail Maintenance	ID	ID-01	Trail	The Idaho Panhandle National Forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. This project will reduce a significant backlog of deferred maintenance associated to the Forest's Mallard Larkins Priority Area. Eliminating Deferred Maintenance to this trail system would ensure trail viability. In turn, brushed out and well-maintained trails improves the visitor experience to the area by improving access and ensuring public health and safety. Furthermore, this would enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service for the recreating public. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the network of trails that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities. Partners will provide additional funding to support this work.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Bonnerr's Ferry Ranger District Toilet Replacement	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	The Forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. This project is to replace in-kind of six toilets at Bonners Ferry District. Smith Lake toilets will be replaced through an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant. This project will increase visitor experience and at the same time decrease deferred maintenance on the 21-50 year old infrastructure. New infrastructure will enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the site that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Priest Lake Priority Area Deferred Maintenance Reduction	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	Priest Lake and the surrounding recreation facilities are a little more than an hour's drive from Spokane Washington and Coeur d'Alene Idaho. This area is a very popular destination for many recreationists located in the Inland Northwest. This project will upgrade all lake-based sites on Priest Lake and Upper Priest Lake. Site amenities such as picnic tables and fire rings will be replaced at locations including Kalispell and Bartoo Islands, lake shore sites on the upper west side of the main lake, and sites located around Upper Priest Lake. Toilets will be replaced in the following years as this project will continue beyond 2021.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Historic Route of the Hiawatha Rails-to-Trails Tunnels Improvements	ID	ID-01	Trail	The Route of the Hiawatha Trail is a unique, highly scenic 15 mile trail that follows the railroad grade of the Milwaukee Railroad from near St. Regis, MT to Wallace, ID. The route provides experiences through 10 tunnels and over 7 trestles. The Route of the Hiawatha was named a "Hall of Fame" trail by the Rail-to-Trail Conservancy-one of only 15 such designations in the country. Its visitation is now over 60,000 and contributes significantly to tourism in the Shoshone, Kootenai, Benewah, and Latah Counties in Idaho and Mineral County in Montana. This will significantly decrease deferred maintenance, continue to create jobs, address critical health and safety issues, and provide exceptional customer service on this crown jewel. This project is a high priority as communicated from Idaho State Parks & Rec on 8/28/20.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Priest Lake Toilet and Information Center Deferred Maintenance Reduction	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	The Idaho Panhandle National Forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. This project is to replace in-kind of all ten land based toilets on the Priest Lake District at Forest Service operated sites within the Priest Lake Priority Area as well as improvement to the information center. This project will increase visitor experience and at the same time decrease deferred maintenance on the 21-30 year old infrastructure. New infrastructure will enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the site that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities. Leverage funding from the Resource Advisory Council.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Eight Toilet Replacement at Recreation Sites near Coeur d'Alene	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	The forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. This project is to replace eight toilets at Coeur d'Alene River District at Forest Service operated sites. This project will improve visitor experience and at the same time decrease deferred maintenance on the 28-35 year old infrastructure. New infrastructure will enhance the existing recreation services and provide improved customer service. Local impacts to the economy will be both direct, by providing job opportunities, and indirect, by improving the site that attract visitors to this rural area. This project would create jobs and promote economic activity in rural communities.
R01	Idaho Panhandle	Whiskey Rock and Green Bay Campground Improvements	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Road	The Idaho Panhandle National Forest is within an hour's drive of a million people. This project in Bonner County consists of a complete redesign of these two lake-based sites on the Sandpoint Ranger District. Designs for both campgrounds will include new site layouts to meet accessibility requirements, new toilets, fire rings, picnic tables, and other minor features. Green Bay Campground is a heavily used, 11 site campground and swimming beach (day use), popular with campers and boaters recreating on Lake Pend Oreille. Whiskey Rock Bay Campground features 9 camp units. In addition, there are 4 picnic sites with fire rings, vault toilets, a dock, and a swimming beach. Deferred maintenance needs include replacing 15 fire rings, 15 picnic tables, 2 fee tubes, new signage, creation of a host site, water system maintenance, and repair of the existing dock.
R01	Kootenai	Ross Creek Ancient Cedar Grove Protection, Trail Accessibility, and Parking Improvement Project	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project will construct a boardwalk on Ross Creek Cedars Nature Trail, winding through an ancient cedar grove, improving access and creating a sustainable recreation opportunity to protect natural resources. The boardwalk will protect cedar grove and vegetation from high visitation, provide consistent trail surface, and define the route of the Nature Trail. One of the top two visited sites on the forest, promoted by state, county and local tourism officials. The proposed alternation will meet ABA standards and provide a sustainable trail for all. The project will also replace toilets and expand the parking area. Local organizations are supporting interpretation and long-term maintenance of the trail. The Lincoln County Commissioner sent letter of support.
R01	Kootenai	Boat Launches and Dock Replacements	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will replace damaged or missing boat docks that do not meet accessibility standards and repair boat launches across the forest. This project will replace 4 aging docks and 1 dock burnt in 2020. New boat docks will improve recreation opportunities and experience for families. Water sports contribute to the local county and community tourism in rural western Montana. New boat docks will be installed to meet all standards. New boat docks and repaired launches will provide safe facilities for accessing waterways.
R01	Kootenai	Rexford Bench Recreation Complex Water and Wastewater System Reconstruction & Deferred Maintenance Reduction	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	This project will replace over 1,600 feet pressure septic line, 1,600 feet water line, and water chlorination system in a recreation complex. The project will replace a 50-year-old water/wastewater system for the recreation complex. New systems would eliminate periodic system closures due to failure and leaks. Rexford Bench complex is one of only a few developed recreation complexes on Lake Koocanusa (northwestern MT). This project will ensure that the recreation area, with current and project use, will be sustainable in the future. Existing facilities are beyond their designed life and maintenance and repair of the system is no longer feasible. The District partners with the rural city of Rexford, MT for water and septic management.
R01	Kootenai	Northwest Montana Recreation Sites Campfire Ring Replacement	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will replace damaged or missing steel fire rings that do not meet accessibility standards across the forest. Replacement will improve public safety, increase visitor enjoyment, and reduce potential for wildland fires that impact forest conditions. The project will replace 50 fire rings annually; new campfire rings or cooking grills will improve camping and day use experience for families, providing safe campfires and cooking facilities. Campgrounds and day use areas contribute to and local county and community tourism in rural western Montana. New campfire devices will be accessible for all. New campfire devices will be installed to meet all standards, with adequate clearances and reach, reducing hazards to visitors. Potential leveraging of project includes Youth Conservation Corps, Montana Conservation Corps, and volunteers.
R01	Kootenai	Kootenai Access Improvement & Trails Deferred Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Trail	This project will bring trails that have not been maintained up to national standards. Trails will be addressed over 5 years, through combination of partners and force account crews. Approximately 65 miles of deferred maintenance will be accomplished annually. Maintained trails reduce soil erosion, noxious weeds, and other impacts to healthy forests. Maintained trails enhance visitor experience by reducing brush and other hazards. Visitor satisfaction will improve, visitors will have a more enjoyable experience on trails that are open and maintained. Improved trail access supports rural communities by increasing and improving trail-based tourism, providing employment opportunities. Several accessible trails across forest will be maintained.

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R01	Kootenai	Kootenai National Forest Recreation Site Picnic Tables and Bench Replacement	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will replace damaged or missing picnic tables that do not meet accessibility standards across the forest. Replacement will improve public safety and the visitor experience. The project will replace up to 10 tables and 700 table planks annually. New picnic tables will improve camping and day use experience for families, providing safe eating and cooking facilities. Campgrounds and day use areas contribute to and local county and community tourism in rural western Montana. New picnic tables will be accessible for all. New tables will be installed to meet all standards, with adequate clearances and reach, reducing hazards to visitors.
R01	Kootenai	Recreation Site Toilet Replacement and Repair	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will update or replace toilet facilities across the forest to improve the recreation experience of our visitors. Numerous aging vault and pit toilet facilities have been identified for replacement across the Forest. These aging facilities will be removed and replaced with vault toilet facilities that provide a healthy, safe and universally accessible facility for use by forest visitors. For toilet facilities that need to be upgraded, it is proposed to paint, replace hardware, doors, risers and other interior features where needed, and improve accessibility when accessing the facility through concrete entrance pads and improved aggregate access. The project will replace 5 old toilets, repair 5 toilets. New toilets will provide improved visitor services and facilities. Recreation sites contribute to local county and community tourism in rural western Montana. New toilets will be accessible for all. New toilets will reduce potential health and safety hazards for visitors from ageing facilities.
R01	Kootenai	Northwest Montana Recreation Sites, Cabins, Lookouts Deferred Maintenance Reduction	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project is a proposed to be phased over the 5 year GAOA period. It is located on the Kootenai National Forest in Sanders and Lincoln counties. Overall it will reduce deferred maintenance on recreation sites across the Kootenai National Forest and bring these sites up to current Forest Service standards. This first year will focus on painting rental cabins and lookouts; fixing lookout shutters; replacing roofs, and upgrading electrical components. This work will improve visitor access for a variety of sites spread across the forest and benefit many communities served by these rentals. This proposed project will utilize a combination of partners, other agencies, contracts, cooperators, and Force Account crews.
R01	Kootenai	Campground Reconstruction	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will reconstruct several campgrounds across the forest to reduce deferred maintenance and improve visitor services. The project will reconstruct 11 campsites that have extensive deferred maintenance. Reconstruction would include vegetation plans and dust abatement. Campgrounds will provide improved visitor services and facilities such as campsite spurs that accommodate modern RVs, paved roads improve access by reducing dust, and fully accessible campsites. Campgrounds contribute to and local county and community tourism in rural western Montana. Campgrounds will be reconstructed with facilities accessible for all. Reconstructed facilities will be safer for visitors will hazards removed or addressed. Potential leveraging of project includes contractors and local counties.
R01	Lolo	Little Joe Road #282 Resurfacing, Drainage and Safety Repair	MT	MT-At Large	Road	Project improves access and reduces deferred maintenance by shaping the road template, surface replacement, and drainage maintenance to meet standards which will reduce sediment in a priority watershed for bull trout. This work is required for the upcoming Redd Bull project that will treat over 20,000 acres. This project will improve safe access to the St. Joe Scenic Highway and St. Joe National Recreation Area. Local communities rely heavily on recreation and tourist travel through the Little Joe to support the local economy as well as the removal of timber products being hauled from Idaho to the mill in St. Regis, Montana. In addition to cost share cooperators and schedule A Agreements with counties, there are several partners associated with this project which can help leverage funds. Project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	Thompson River Road #56 Resurface and Drainage Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Road Bridge	This project will address critical deferred maintenance such as surfacing replacement, bridge maintenance, and drainage maintenance to meet standards which will reduce sediment in a priority watershed for bull trout. This project will provide safe access and improve the overall visitor experience to a major recreation corridor between Highway 200 and Highway 2. Recreation and commercial use such as timber haul and outfitter and guide services are essential to the rural communities in Sanders County, MT. The lumber mills in these communities depend on this road for removal of timber. The project would leverage funds through Cooperative Partnership Agreements with Sanders County, Sanders County Resource Advisory Council and various watershed groups using local contractors to complete the work. Project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	Route of the Olympian Rails to Trails Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Trail, Trail Bridge, Road	Route of the Olympian (ROTO) connects Mineral County rural communities to enable recreationists to support local businesses and economies year-round. This is vital access for motorized and non-motorized users where terrain, Interstate 90, and St. Regis River constricts access to this trail-way. Maintenance on this historic railroad bed ensures trail users can utilize ROTO safely and mitigates impacts to adjacent St Regis river and bull trout. The Superior Ranger District partners with snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle clubs, running clubs, private landowners, and Mineral County Resource Advisory Council to keep the route functioning. Significant funds have been invested through partners and grants. Mineral County and partner groups would assist in the implementation. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	Cedar Creek Road #320 Resurface and Drainage Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Road	This project reduces deferred maintenance of gravel surfacing and road drainage features. Work will reduce sediment and improve watershed conditions for bull trout while bring the road up to best management practices for 3 active timber sales. The project will improve access and provide a safer road with a higher degree of user comfort which will increase recreation and tourism in the local community since this road access provides a connection to Idaho and several recreational opportunities along the way. Partnerships with Mineral County and Trout Unlimited will help leverage funding. Several prior phases of work have already been completed including crushing and stockpiling gravel surfacing necessary for this project. Work will be contracted within the local community creating jobs. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	ACM Road (Forest Road #9991) Resurface and Drainage Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Road Bridge	This project would address critical deferred maintenance such as surfacing replacement, bridge maintenance, and drainage maintenance to meet best management practices, which will reduce sediment in a priority watershed for bull trout. This project will provide for safe access and improve the overall visitor experience to a major recreation corridor between Highway 200 and Highway 2. The recreation and commercial use such as timber haul, outfitter and guides are essential to the rural communities in Sanders County. The mills in these communities depend on this road for removal of timber. This project would leverage funds through Cost Share Agreements, Cooperative Partnership Agreements with Sanders County, Sanders County Resource Advisory Council and various watershed groups using local contractors to complete the work.
R01	Lolo	Fish Creek Road #343 Resurfacing and Drainage Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Road, Road Bridge	This project would address critical deferred maintenance such as surfacing replacement, bridge maintenance and drainage concerns to meet standards which will reduce sediment in a priority watershed for bull trout. This project will provide for safe access and improve the overall visitor experience to a major recreation corridor between I90 and Lolo Pass. Recreation and commercial use such as timber haul, outfitter and guides are essential to the rural communities in Mineral County. The project would leverage funds through Cooperative Partnership Agreements with Mineral County and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks using local contractors to complete the work. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	Historic Savenac Recreation Rental Facility Maintenance	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	This project will reduce deferred maintenance by replacing the water/wastewater system, replacing furnaces, electrical updates to meet code, and parking areas. Maintenance of this historic facility will ensure Savenac continues to operate as a cabin rental facility and visitor center for decades to come. This project will resolve continual problems which have impacted renters. Savenac is rented year-round helping to support the local economy by bringing in 4,500 people annually from around the world. Savenac operates in one of the poorest counties in the state. It is a vital piece of history for the county. The Superior Ranger District partners with Friends of Savenac, Passport-In-Time, and Glacier Country Tourism to annually maintain the facility and staff the visitor center. The project would significantly reduce deferred maintenance over the next 10 to 20 years. The cabins are set in an historic nursery, and repairs to waterline, roads, and parking areas will promote healthy management of vegetation on the site. The Savenac cabin rentals are some of the most sought after rentals, and visitor experience would be greatly enhanced. The project is located in Mineral County, and developed recreation is closed tied to the service industry in Mineral County, St. Regis, and other smaller communities along I-90. Visitor access would be improved with repairs to the current access road and parking lot. Public health and safety will be enhanced with facility improvements proposed. Partnerships with Mineral County and other historical societies will lend resources to help with implementation.
R01	Lolo	Seeley Lake Recreation Area Campgrounds & Day Use Sites Maintenance & Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project will repair and replace waterline and water systems across 10-campgrounds; repair & replace toilets; replace picnic benches and old fire rings; reconstruct degrading boat launch at Seeley Lake campground, add electrical pedestals to Big Larch, Seeley Lake and Riverpoint campgrounds, improve beach areas, parking, and access at day use sites on Seeley Lake. Hazard tree removal in campgrounds would reduce insect and disease outbreaks to private and public lands from the Rice Ridge Fire. This project increases amenities and will improve customer satisfaction with the developed recreation experience. This area is heavily tied to the local economy and the community relies heavily on the campground and day use visitation to support the local service industry. Access to campgrounds, day use area, and Seeley Lake would be improved. Deferred maintenance repairs and improvements will reduce health and safety risks from hazard trees, signs, and other amenities. Partnerships with Seeley Lake community and Missoula County will help contribute to project. This project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Lolo	Rock Creek Recreation Sites Water System Repairs and Toilet Replacements	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	This project would reduce deferred maintenance on existing wells and water systems at recreation sites that are either experiencing ongoing maintenance issues or are no longer functional. The project will provide modernized outhouse facilities by replacing wooden pit toilets with concrete toilets. Improved water systems and outhouse facilities would enhance the visitor experience and ensure health and safety of forest visitors. Rock Creek is a blue ribbon trout fishery that is valued by the local public and draws thousands of tourists to the area annually contributing to the economy of the rural Granite County, MT. Forest Service recreation sites along the river corridor are critical to facilitating recreational use of the area while protecting water quality and fish habitat. The project will significantly reduce deferred maintenance on 5 developed recreation sites in the Rock Creek recreation area. Improvements will increase visitor use and the quality of experience by providing amenities that are consistent with the public needs and requests in the Rock Creek recreation area. Improvements will increase access to the Rock Creek recreation area by providing increased access to developed recreation sites and improve overnight amenities. Drinking water supply and repairs and replacement of old toilets will improve health and safety at the recreational sites. Project would leverage additional funding through Missoula County Resource Advisory Council and Missoula County. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.

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R01	Lolo	Urban Interface Campground and Trailhead Updates: Blue Mountain & Pattee Canyon, City of Missoula	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site, Road	This project will replace existing information boards, replace picnic tables and covered pavilion, road recondition, surfacing (aggregate and paved), brush clearing, drainage repair, and fence repair. The project will reduce soil erosion and vegetation impacts to the site, creating a healthier forest. The Blue Mountain and Pattee Canyon Recreation Areas are used year-round by recreationists for hiking, dog walking, running, mountain biking, environmental education, berry picking, disc golfing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. As a high-use recreation site within the Missoula Valley, it contributes to the City of Missoula and Missoula County's local economy. Local community groups and stewardship partners such as the Missoula Nordic Ski Club, Garden City Flyers, Montana Natural History Center, Missoula YMCA, Missoula Outdoor Learning Adventures, and Missoula Parks and Recreation will provide leverage funding for this project.
R01	Lolo	Forestwide Picnic Bench Replacement	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	The Lolo National Forest is proposing to replace picnic benches in campgrounds and day use areas to address deferred maintenance, enhance visitor experience and increase public safety across 5 ranger districts. New picnic benches would help reduce trash and other resource damage in developed recreation areas. Family gatherings and visitor use would be enhanced with these amenity updates.
R01	Lolo	Historic Double Arrow Lookout Rental Repairs	MT	MT-At Large	Recreation Site	This project would reduce deferred maintenance by replacing the tower support legs and bracing, concrete footings, staircase, and repainting the lookout which is listed on the National Historic Register. The lookout is generally used for the cabin rental program, but under extreme fire conditions the lookout is staffed for fire suppression. This project will improve access since the structure was recommended for closure due to a critical finding on a recent inspection. The lookout is booked solid for the entire season, which brings tourists through the community of Seeley Lake. The Regional Historic Preservation Team will leverage partners and fee collections to complete this project using a programmatic agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office. Soil erosion and vegetation impacts would be reduced around the site. Cabin rentals and developed recreation sites are tied to the service industry in Seeley Lake. Access to the lookout will be greatly enhanced, and improve rental use for this facility. The project is needed to make the tower safe for the cabin rental program. Support from local historic societies and volunteers will assist with implementation. The project has local support from MT Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation via 8/26/20 letter.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Repair 3 Historic Routes and Associated Recreation Sites	ID	ID-01	Public Service Facility, Recreation Site, Road, Trail	This project will repair or replace recreation facilities, conduct deferred maintenance on national historic trails, provide interpretation, and repair historic roads within the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark, the Elk City Wagon Road, and Magruder Corridor. Much of the cultural heritage of the forest can be experienced by traveling these historic routes. Facilities along these travel routes are relatively primitive, so updated facilities would improve the visitor experience without changing the rustic character. Local construction contractors would be used where possible. Road and trail projects will be designed to improve access in these corridors. Toilet replacements or repairs at selected sites would improve sanitation. These projects would qualify for recreation access grants through Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This project is supported by our local stakeholder group, Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership, as one which will support improved forest conditions.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Trailhead and Road Access Repairs and Updates	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Road	This project will complete deferred maintenance for major trailheads and access roads, which will improve trail safety and quality of experience for visitors. Trailheads include: Indian Hill, Fog Mountain, Idaho Point, Tom Beale, Elk Summit, Mocus, Warm Springs, Split Creek, Coolwater, Elk Summit, Five Mile, Gospel Hump Trailheads, Frank Church Trailheads, and major trailheads. Partnerships with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and trail users will support this project. This project is supported by our local stakeholder, Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership, as one which will support improved forest conditions.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Salmon River & Red River Campgrounds Deferred Maintenance Reduction	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Road	Deferred maintenance would be reduced at recreation facilities along the South Fork Clearwater, North Fork Slate Creek and Fish Creek Campground Complex. Repair of facilities would reduce maintenance costs and provide high quality facilities for visitors. Construction contracts for completion of the work would improve the local, rural economy. Improvement of campground access roads would improve visitor access. Replacement/improvement of existing sanitation facilities and water systems would ensure health and safety at these sites. This work would qualify for Recreational Vehicle Grants for Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Lolo Pass Visitor Center & Trail Maintenance	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Trail, Water System, Wastewater System	Deferred maintenance work at Lolo Pass includes water and waste water repairs, building repairs, trail and sidewalk repairs and repair and replacement of existing interpretive displays, which directly improves access and quality of experience for visitors. Repair and replacement work would reduce deferred maintenance needs at the facility. Lolo Pass informs visitors of the rich cultural history of the Forest. Improved facilities will enhance the visitor experience at Lolo Pass. Much of the repair work would be done using local contractors and vendors. Improvements to signage, sidewalks, and trails would improve access to the site. Repairs to the water and sanitation facilities and trails access will maintain safe and healthy recreation opportunities.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Trail Stewardship Act Priority Area: Central Idaho Complex Deferred Maintenance Reduction Project	ID	ID-01	Trail, Trail Bridge	The forest has approximately 5,200 miles of trail of which 5,000 are in the Central Idaho Complex Priority Area, which is a nationally selected priority area under the Trail Stewardship Act. This project plans to address approximately 46% of the deferred maintenance for trails including trail bridges over 4 years using a combination of cooperators, contractors and normal trail crews. Better management will be achieved by improving access for fire crews who rely on these trails, especially within the Selway Bitterroot, Gospel Hump and Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Areas. Visitor satisfaction will be significantly improved when trails are cleared and brushed open; visitors will be able to have a more enjoyable experience along trails that are open and maintained to standard. Improved trail access supports rural communities by increasing and improving trail based tourism, providing employment opportunities for local contractors, cooperators, and the addition of seasonal Forest Service employees. In addition, all these crews depend on local communities for food, clothes, and other supplies. Visitor access will be significantly improved across the Central Idaho Priority Area for all users: motorized; non-motorized; wilderness; and non-wilderness trails alike. Improved and expanded access across the Priority Area with trails maintained to standard, including the removal of brush that greatly improves the safety of the trail for all users. There is opportunity to leverage Trail deferred maintenance on both motorized and non motorized trails through the Recreational Trails Program and Motorized Trail Grants offered by Idaho Parks and Recreation. AmeriCorps and Foundation cooperating partners as well as Idaho Department of Correction partners matches. This project is high priority as communicated from the Idaho State Parks & Rec on 8/28/20.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Water and Wastewater System Maintenance	ID	ID-01	Water System, Wastewater System	This project will repair or replace Washington Creek, Kelly Forks, Laird Park, Elk Creek, Giant White Pine, Wendover, Whitehouse, White Sands, Jerry Johnson, Wilderness Gateway, Powell Campground, Fish Creek, Red River, Spring Bar, Castle Creek, and Red River and Cedar Flats dump stations. Repair of water system infrastructure would reduce the deferred maintenance for these sites. Providing safe potable water is critical for recreation management. Improving potable water service would improve camping experiences for forest visitors. Construction contracts would benefit local, rural businesses. Providing accessible potable water at recreation sites will enhance recreation opportunities. Improving potable water systems will help ensure safer water systems. This project would meet the criteria for grants through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Toilet Repair and Replacement	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	Numerous aging vault and pit toilet facilities have been identified for replacement or repair across the forest. Aging facilities will be repaired or replaced with vault toilet facilities that provide a healthy, safe and universally accessible facility. Replacement or repair of toilets would reduce deferred maintenance and improve sanitation. Replacement of toilets would improve the visitor experiences and local contractors would be used to accomplish this work, especially for the maintenance activities. Access to recreation infrastructure would be improved and partnership funding would be pursued with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Moose Creek Wilderness Work Center Deferred Maintenance	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	The Moose Creek Ranger Station is located in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. Repairs are proposed to reduce deferred maintenance at the Ranger Station and several of its outbuildings. Work includes painting, chinking, roofing, and water/wastewater system repair. Proposed repairs will reduce deferred maintenance across the complex and improve current water/waste water system conditions. Moose Creek Ranger Station reflects the rich heritage of the forest and the wilderness area. Wilderness visitors enjoy the rustic nature of this unique backcountry ranger station.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Lochsa Historic Ranger Station Deferred Maintenance Reduction	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site, Water System, Wastewater System	Lochsa Historic Station is a National Historic Site that is a popular visitor center and interpretive site. Several buildings need repairs including roofing, log work, site work and repairs to water and sanitation. Current interpretation is dated and needs to be updated. Repairing historic facilities will maintain them for the future. Local contractors will be used and improved facilities will encourage recreation visitors to use the site. Improvements to water and waste water will maintain health and safety of facilities. This site is manned with volunteers.
R01	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Realign Parking and Repair Boating Facilities at Six Sites: Lochsa River and Salmon River	ID	ID-01	Recreation Site	This project will address river access at several sites, including Knife Edge, Fish Creek, Boulder Flat (all on Lochsa River), Spring Bar, Carey Creek, and Wind River Trailhead (all on Salmon River). River recreation is a major recreation opportunity on the forest. Realigning parking and repairing boating facilities would improve visitor experience and better access to boat launch facilities will improve visitor access. Improved boat access will improve safety at boat launch sites. This project will meet the criteria for State Waterways Grant funding through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This project is a high priority as communicated from Idaho State Parks & Rec on 8/28/20.