The Great America Outdoors Act (GAOA)

Taking Aggressive Steps to Address Deferred Maintenance of our Recreation and Trail Infrastructure for the enjoyment of current and future generations
• Directs US Treasury to deposit 50% of energy development revenues, up to $1.9B/FY, from oil, gas, coal, or alternative/renewable energy development on Federal land

• Deposits are to be used for priority Deferred Maintenance (DM) projects
  - 70% to the National Park Service (up to $1.33 billion);
  - 15% to the Forest Service (up to $285 million);
  - 5% to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (up to $95 million);
  - 5% to the Bureau of Land Management (up to $95 million); and
  - 5% for the Bureau of Indian Education (up to $95 million).

• For the Forest Service, equates up to $1.4B over the five-year period 2021-2025
GAOA Criteria

- **GAOA Sideboards**
  - Reduction of Infra (Database of Record) Deferred Maintenance
  - Improve Visitor Experience
  - Contribute to Rural Economic Development
  - Improve Visitor Access
  - Ensure Health & Safety
  - Leverage External Agencies and Resources
FY 2021 GAOA Projects Submitted & Approved

- Very Short Turn around time in August 2020

- Over 100 projects submitted by the forest and prioritized by leadership on the IPNF that included:
  - Large Scale Recreation projects aligned to our 10-Year Implementation Plan within our Sustainable Recreation Strategy
  - District Level Recreation Projects
  - District Level Trail Projects
  - District Level Transportation Projects

- 11 Projects Approved by Congress for the IPNF
What makes a Competitive GAOA Project?

**Very Important!**
- Reduction of Infra (Database of Record) Deferred Maintenance
- Revenue Generated on the Project
- High Recreation Priority Index (RPI) score – Prioritized Infrastructure
- Does it align to our Sustainable Recreation Strategy (Priority Areas)
- Occupancy/Visitation
- Miles of Trail Returned to Standard

**Other contributing factors**
- Supported by Collaboratives, Partners and Cooperators
- Watershed Improvements
- Active Management (Volume and Acres Treated)
- Fire Operations (WUI and Wildfire Hazard Potential)
FY 2021 GAOA Projects

- **Route of the Hiawatha (Crown Jewel of Rail Trails) – We can compete really well Nationally!**
  - **Resurfacing Project** – Resurfacing of both the Taft (St. Paul) Tunnel and the bottom 4.65 miles of trail
  - **Tunnel Improvements YEAR 1** – Survey and Design for Critical Health and Safety Issues w/in the 9 tunnels along the trail
FY 2021 GAOA Projects

- Campgrounds
  - Priest Lake Boat in Campsite Improvements YEAR 1 – Replaces all fire rings, picnic tables, and kiosks at over 125 campsites along the Upper Priest Lake, Priest Lake Lakeshore, and Island sites. Design for Toilet Replacements
  - Whiskey Rock and Green Bay Campground Improvements YEAR 1 - Site Planning as well as Survey & Design work for the Campgrounds as well as road/parking for Green Bay
  - Kit Price Campground Renovations – Complete Redesign of 4th largest campground on the forest and matches RV Grant
Toilet Replacements - Will be replaced by fully accessible and properly ventilated vault toilets

- **CDA Toilet Replacement** - 7 Toilets
  - English Point Trailhead (2 Single Vault Toilets that were installed in 1993)
  - Fourth of July Ski (2 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1985)
  - Mullan Tree (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1985, decom. additional toilet)
  - Rainy Hill Boat Launch (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1988, decom. additional toilet)
  - Avery Creek Day Use (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1992)

- **Priest Lake Toilet Replacement** - 9 Toilets
  - Beaver Creek Campground (5 Single Vault Toilets that were installed in 1992)
  - Navigation Trailhead (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1992)
  - Hanna Flats Day Use (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1999)
  - Kalispell Day Use (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1994)
  - Priest Lake Info Center (1 Single Vault Toilet that was installed in 1997)
FY 2021 GAOA Projects

• Trail Improvements/Reconstruction
  ▪ **Mallard Larkin Trail Improvements** – 68 miles of trail restoration efforts within the Mallard Larkin Priority Area
  ▪ **Bonners Ferry Trail Reconstruction YEAR 1** - 13 projects over a five-year time span that follows NEPA decisions
Timeline of GAOA

● FY 2022 GAOA Projects Submitted
  ▪ Even quicker turn around time in September 2020
  ▪ Understood more of what makes a good GAOA Project
  ▪ Top 15 projects were submitted by the forest and prioritized by leadership on the IPNF.
  ▪ Has not been approved through Congress yet

● FY 2023- FY 2025 -Where we need your help/support!
  ▪ Short Term
    • Can you support the following phased projects
  ▪ Long Term
    • Work with us and other partners, stakeholders, and communities to address future needs associated to:
      – Roads (Next Transportation and/or Infrastructure bill)
      – Trails
      – Recreation
**FY 2022-25 GAOA Projects**

- **Competitive**
  - RoH Tunnel Improvements (Construction 2022-2023)
  - RoH Trestle Improvements (S&D 2022, Construction 2023-2024)
  - Sam Owen Campground Expansion and Renovation (Survey & Design 2022, Construction 2023-2024)
  - Priest Lake Boat-in Sites Year 2- Toilets (Construction 2022)
  - Whiskey Rock & Green Bay Improvements Year 2 (Construction 2022)
  - CDA River Corridor Campground Improvements (Survey & Design 2024, Construction 2025)
  - CDA Front Campground Improvements (Survey & Design 2024, Construction 2025)
FY 2022-25 GAOA Projects

- **Competitive**
  - Honey Badger Buckskin Integrated Infrastructure Project
    - **Canfield Mountain Trail Improvements** – 32 miles of trail improvements and reconstruction.
    - **Buckskin Trail Improvements** - contains 17 separate trails that total approximately 56 miles.
    - **Trailhead Improvements** – Resurfacing of Nettleton Gulch and English Point Trailheads
    - **Road Improvements** – Aggregate Resurfacing (Possibly FSR 278, 332, and 437)
    - **Bridge Improvements** – Possibly Johnson Creek Bridge
Other projects under consideration

- Sandpoint RD Trails Deferred Maintenance
- Salmo-Priest Recommended Wilderness & Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance
- Little Snowy Top Trail Improvements
- Lake Pend Oreille Recreation Improvements
- Toilet Replacements Sandpoint & CDA River Corridor
- Kalispell Bay Boat Launch Improvements
- Ledgewood Day Use Improvements
- Porcupine Lake ATV Suspension Bridge over Lightning Creek
FY 2022-25 GAOA Projects

Road Projects for GAOA and/or Future Transportation and/or Infrastructure Bills

- Grouse Creek Road Reroute FSR 280 and Aggregate Surfacing Project
- Scotchman's Peak FSR 2294 and FSR 2294A Aggregate Surfacing Project
- Auxor FSR 489 Surface Rock Replacement
- Butler Creek Road FSR 230 Road Reconstruction
- Moose Creek Road FSR 419 and FSR 1022 Road Aggregate surfacing
- Other