



America the Beautiful Act

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The bipartisan *America the Beautiful Act* reauthorizes and strengthens the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (Legacy Restoration Fund) that was created in the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and signed into law by President Trump in 2020. The Legacy Restoration Fund has provided billions of dollars of much needed repairs for roads, waste water systems, visitor services, trails, employee housing, recreational assets and more that have fallen into disrepair.

Our cherished national parks and public lands face over \$40 billion in deferred maintenance. The *America the Beautiful Act* will help to reduce the maintenance backlog, ensure that visitors and employees are safe, and reinvigorate the public lands that make America great. The bill further brings needed transparency to the program while also leveraging public donations and eliminating assets to further reduce the maintenance backlog.

Section-by-section:

Section 1, Short Title:

- Creates *America the Beautiful Act* as the title of the bill.

Section 2, Reauthorization and Program Strengthening:

- Subsection (a)
 - Reauthorizes the Legacy Restoration Fund for 8 years, through 2033
 - Increases funding from \$1.9 billion to \$2 billion per year
- Subsection (b)
 - Ensures all land administered by US Fish and Wildlife Service is eligible for LRF funds
 - Prioritizes projects that have a 15 percent match from stakeholders
- Subsection (c)
 - Requires agencies to have a two-year running list of projects
- Subsection (d)
 - Allows the agencies to move forward with next year's projects under a Continuing Resolution
- Subsection (e)
 - Bolsters the ability for public donations to the fund by requiring agencies to run public awareness campaigns and make known the ability to donate
- Subsection (f)
 - Requires the agencies to assess and dispose of unneeded constructed assets
 - Requires additional reporting to Congress on actions taken by the agency to reduce their Deferred Maintenance backlogs.