



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and what it means for the Bureau of Land Management

Passed by Congress and signed by President Biden in November 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was historic in its breadth: more than 350 distinct programs, government-wide. The Law promised to rebuild America’s roads, bridges and rails; expand access to clean drinking water; ensure that every American has access to high-speed internet; tackle the climate crisis and advance environmental justice, while investing in communities – urban and rural – that have too often been left behind.



For BLM, the law was also significant, providing investments aimed at making America’s public lands healthier, safer, and more accessible.

BLM has concentrated most of its efforts into three primary activities. The Bureau received a large investment of funds for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous fuels management, firefighter labor compensation and mental health initiatives, fire science research, and burned area rehabilitation and restoration.

Two other initiatives are ecosystem restoration, and plugging and restoring lands around orphaned wells. Ecosystem Restoration is part of our core mission, and besides funding from this act, BLM leverages appropriated funds from Congress and from other sources like the Inflation Reduction Act.

CALIFORNIA: Fort Ord National Monument, Swazey Recreation Area, partnership with Western Shasta Resource Conservation District: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding was crucial in providing late season goat grazing in 2023 to reduce wildfire hazards adjacent to residential areas. Photo by Eric Morgan, BLM.

BY THE NUMBERS: Ecosystem Restoration: 2024-2026

\$41 Million

By Project Type: (dollars rounded)

Good Neighbor Authority Agreements	26 Projects	\$20.5 Million
Invasive Species Control and Eradication	10 Projects	\$2.6 Million
Resilient Recreation	8 Projects	\$1.8 Million
Abandoned Mine Land Restoration	15 Projects	\$9.4 Million
National Seed Strategy Implementation	15 Projects	\$6.3 Million
TOTAL	74 Projects	\$40.6 Million

By State (dollars rounded):

Alaska	10 Projects	\$10.65 Million
Arizona	5 Projects	\$2.95 Million
California	7 Projects	\$3.76 Million
Colorado	6 Projects	\$2.89 Million
Eastern States (AL, FL, MD)	3 Projects	\$1.16 Million
Idaho	7 Projects	\$2.74 Million
Montana/Dakotas	6 Projects	\$4.35 Million
Nevada	1 Project	\$350,000
New Mexico	8 Projects	\$2.36 Million
Oregon/Washington	10 Projects	\$5.23 Million
Utah	1 Project	\$300,000
Wyoming	2 Projects	\$1.35 Million
Multi-Unit Projects	4 Projects	\$395,000
Headquarters	4 Projects	\$2.10 Million
TOTAL	74 Projects	\$40.57 Million

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Crozier Mechanical Integrated Vegetation Management

Using the Good Neighbor Authority, the BLM Colorado River District will provide \$50,000 and collaborate with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Northern and Central Arizona Grassland Initiative to restore and enhance grassland and pinyon-juniper woodlands and improve habitat connectivity for wildlife and migratory species.

Cienega and Mattie Creek Restoration, east of Tucson

Using the Good Neighbor Authority, the BLM Tucson Field Office will partner with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and provide \$100,000 for the project to restore aquatic ecosystem function and habitat for rare and sensitive fish species within the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area. The project will include installation of beaver dam analogues, beaver reintroduction, and monitoring activities. This project will provide many benefits, including improved aquatic ecosystem resilience to climate change and ground water pumping; restoration of incised stream channel through sediment accumulation, thus restoring connection with floodplains; reduction of erosion potential and sediment carrying capacity of the stream; elevation of water tables and increased area of riparian and cienega habitat; increased water storage capacity leading to enhanced stream flow and extent during dryer periods; and maintenance and improvement of favorable habitat conditions for several Federally listed species whose distribution is tied to these habitats.



Truxton Habitat Restoration, east of Kingman

Using the Good Neighbor Authority, the BLM Colorado River District will provide \$1,250,000 over the next two years and partner with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to enhance and restore upland habitat for rare and sensitive game species and migratory birds. The project area includes 41,602 acres of public lands have been identified for habitat restoration treatments in the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Strategy.



Invasive Species Surveillance, east of Tucson

Using \$975,000 of BIL funding over three years, the BLM will conduct early detection surveys to help prevent the spread of yellow bluestem grass and other invasive and non-native species that can increase wildfire risk, degrade wildlife habitat, and pose other threats to public lands and natural resources. The surveys will identify and map any invasive and non-native species that may be present on approximately 3,000 acres within the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area and other sites in Arizona.

The BLM will use information gathered in the surveys to develop rapid response efforts and restoration treatments. This project is part of a coordinated effort by federal agencies and various local, state, county, private, and non-profit organizations working together to safeguard America's lands and waters from invasive species through the National Framework for Early Detection and Rapid Response.

Table Mesa Recreation Area, north of Phoenix

The BLM will invest \$472,000 of BIL funding in the proposed Table Mesa Recreation Area, which would establish appropriate recreational uses in specific areas to avoid user conflict, ensure visitor safety, and protect natural and cultural resources. Proposed improvements include developed recreational target shooting areas, camping areas, interpretive sites, non-motorized trails, and lead remediation at target shooting areas. The Table Mesa area is on the west side of Interstate 17 north of Phoenix. The area is popular for motorized and non-motorized recreation, including off-highway vehicle use, target shooting, mountain biking, and equestrian use.

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Working with Partners



BLM can't achieve everything it does without the valuable support of many partners. This includes other Federal, state, Tribal and local governments. It also includes many non-profit organizations, conservation organizations, youth groups, friends groups and foundations.

BLM also works with private individuals through stewardship contracting. This arrangement allows individuals and companies to contract for forest or vegetation products in exchange for services that improve, maintain, or restore forest or rangeland health; restore or maintain water quality; improve fish and wildlife habitat and reduce danger from wildfires.

We thank all of our partners for their assistance!