

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund Proposed Acquisition Lists

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) (P.L. 116-152), enacted in 2020, permanently funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), investing in conservation and recreation opportunities in public and private lands.

In 2024, the Forest Service is requesting \$123.9 million for Federal Land Acquisition projects and program administration and \$94 million for Forest Legacy projects and program administration. These levels are subject to a 5.7 percent sequestration rate, and this is reflected in the tables below. The Forest Service has developed the projects in accordance with GAOA requirements and Administration guidance. The full project sheets will be transmitted to Congress concurrently with the 2024 Budget request. These project lists may differ from those provided in an enacted appropriations bill.

Treasures of the Central Appalachians – The 2024 Budget submission for LWCF directly supports the *Treasures of the Central Appalachians* to strengthen conservation in this ecologically rich and culturally significant region. The Budget proposes \$11.6 million for land acquisition projects in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. These projects will advance key forest conservation priorities including watershed protection, protection of habitat for at-risk-species, and preserve access for outdoor recreation in some of the most pristine national forests in the eastern United States.

Table FS-93. 2024 National Forest System Land Acquisition Program – Proposed Projects

Priority Order	Forest	State	Project	Request
1	Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	WA	Okanogan-Wenatchee NF I	\$12,000,000
2	Rio Grande National Forest	CO	Rio Grande National Forest	8,000,000
3	White River National Forest	CO	White River National Forest	1,250,000
4	Lolo National Forest	MT	Lolo National Forest	10,500,000
5	Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	WA	Okanogan-Wenatchee NF II	7,000,000
6	Prescott National Forest	AZ	Prescott National Forest I	10,340,000
7	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest	GA	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest	3,844,000
8	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest	MT	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest II	1,620,000
9	Coronado National Forest	AZ	Coronado National Forest I	2,500,000
10	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	UT	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	4,000,000
11	National Forests in Alabama	AL	National Forests in Alabama	4,150,000
12	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest	MT	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest I	1,926,136
13	San Juan National Forest	CO	San Juan National Forest	4,000,000
14	Shasta-Trinity National Forest	CA	Shasta-Trinity National Forest	2,000,000
15	White Mountain National Forest	ME	White Mountain National Forest	3,177,500
16	Multiple Forests	WV, NC, TN	Treasures of the Central Appalachians	11,649,000
Subtotal, Project Funds				87,956,636
5.7% Sequestration				5,316,573
Recreation Access				11,006,012
Acquisition Management				13,855,779
Critical Inholdings/Wilderness				5,500,000
Cash Equalization				250,000
Total				123,885,000

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17	Coronado National Forest	AZ	Coronado National Forest II	5,400,000
18	Ouachita National Forest	AR	Ouachita National Forest	8,370,000
19	Kootenai National Forest	MT	Kootenai National Forest	1,500,000
20	Custer Gallatin National Forest	MT	Custer Gallatin National Forest	1,500,000
21	Prescott National Forest	AZ	Prescott National Forest II	8,160,000
22	San Bernardino National Forest	CA	San Bernardino National Forest	10,000,000
23	Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest	WI	Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest II	630,000
24	Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest I	WI	Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest I	1,200,000
25	Black Hills National Forest	SD	Black Hills National Forest	2,000,000
26	Cleveland National Forest	CA	Cleveland National Forest	3,300,000
Total, Supplemental Project List				42,060,000
Supplemental 5.7% Sequestration				2,576,786
Supplemental Acquisition Management Funds				4,704,154
Total Funding				173,225,940