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Comments:

After briefly reviewing the Great America Outdoors Act's "Project Lists" for Regions 1 through 6 and 8 through 10, the following comments are submitted:

1. The lack of funding to reduce "deferred maintenance" has long been a problem for all Public Lands agencies. While the reported dollar figure sounds impressive, the careful husbanding of those funds will still be of critical importance. Also of concern to us is the ongoing issue of staffing.
2. Road work, such as culvert repair and re-surfacing, appear to dominate the "Deferred Maintenance" projects. We are well aware road maintenance has, for a long time, been given short-shift. Road conditions are important but so are water systems. Safe drinking water is critical to a camper's experience. As you know, water systems, many installed during the Johnson administration, are failing outright or, at best, have a marginal performance rating. Both roads and water are important and we hope the deferred maintenance for both will be addressed.
3. The number of Projects listed on [www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa) is overwhelming. Asking the Public for comments on those Projects is nice, but lacking hard data, makes the process more emotional than logical.

Unlike other users of Public Lands who are providing comments, our view is nationwide and not national forest or grassland specific. We are well aware national forests and grasslands have a great deal to offer, both recreational and economical, but our focus is on the developed campground opportunities available to the public. We hope deferred maintenance in your developed campgrounds will receive as much attention as other areas of interests. For more information about us, please visit [www.forestcamping.com](http://www.forestcamping.com).