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Agenda Item. I think the other two may have some issues to address...like in Roads..cb

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“Strength lies in differences,  
not similarities.”  
• *Stephen Covey*

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Thoughts?

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**Subject:** Region 6 Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Feedback Opportunity

The Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) of the USDA Forest Service is inviting feedback from partners and stakeholders on proposed deferred maintenance projects identified for potential [Great American Outdoors Act \(GAOA\)](#) funding in USDA Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). Projects funded by GAOA will enable federal land managers to take aggressive steps to address deferred maintenance and other infrastructure projects on national forests and grasslands. This year the Region is also considering how three current USDA priorities align with the proposed projects (providing economic relief, tackling climate change, and advancing racial equity). Since all projects were informed by public involvement through the NEPA process, this effort will focus on goals specific to GAOA.

The following [link](#) offers our partners and stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on how proposed projects can address these goals and priorities. The feedback received will assist the Region 6 GAOA review team as it selects projects to submit to our national headquarters for potential funding. Please note that projects will be submitted for funding consideration under the agency's National Asset Management Program, which includes funding available under the Capital Improvement and Maintenance and Federal Land Transportation Programs, in addition to GAOA.

Thank you for providing your feedback via this [link](#) by **July 27, 2021** so it can be considered before the Region's required submittal to our agency headquarters in August. We'll be sure to share updates when we have information about projects that were approved for FY23 funding. Additionally, we look forward to future feedback opportunities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 and will keep you informed.

For more information about GAOA as well as the status of projects proposed for previous Fiscal Years, please visit the [Pacific Northwest Region's GAOA website](#).



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