

# Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration



*Before (left) and After (right) removal of the Lake George Diversion Dam on the Pike San Isabel National Forest. This project was funded through the first round of Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration Program funding. Before removal, the dam was a barrier to movement of aquatic species throughout the system. (Credit:, USDA Forest Service)*

The Forest Service manages more than 400,000 miles of streams and around 3 million acres of lakes across 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands. These waters are vital sources of clean drinking water for millions of Americans. The streams, rivers, ponds and lakes also support vital habitat for native fish and other aquatic organisms, including habitat for more than 140 threatened and endangered aquatic and amphibian species.

The Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act established the Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration Program, a remarkable opportunity to fund essential projects and to complete high priority projects on federal and non-federal land to improve water quality or restore passage for fish and other aquatic organisms.

The Forest Service announced a second round of Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration funding of \$28.1 million for eleven additional restoration proposals. These restoration projects were selected by an interagency team that includes Forest Service, (with representation from the Office of Tribal Relations) and the U.S. Department of Interior’s Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

In 2022, \$25.5 million and eleven restoration projects were announced. A total of \$53.6 million is being invested in 22 proposals that are planned to restore over 1,500 miles of waterways, improve 39 priority watersheds, address nearly 16,000 acres of soil and water resources improvement needs, and enhance over 1,200 miles of stream habitat.

## Funded Proposals by State

FISCAL YEARS 2024 - 2026



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