### Timeline of Major Events in Gulf Recovery

This timeline provides an overview of major events related to the three main Gulf restoration and recovery processes: the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), the RESTORE Act, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)’s Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund. It also introduces major events in the U.S. Criminal Charges & Civil Claims, which are related to but separate from the other processes.

#### What’s Happened So Far?

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### Major Events

- **Sept. 27, 2010**: Trustees issue NOI to conduct restoration planning.
- **Apr. 17, 2011**: Trustees announce early restoration agreement with BP.
- **Jan. 3, 2013**: Under the terms of the BP criminal plea agreement, NFWF is to receive $2.394 billion over five years.
- **Dec. 6, 2013**: U.S. Treasury Department releases draft procedures for administering the RESTORE Act Restoration Trust Fund.
- **Aug. 22, 2014**: NFWF announces award of funds for 12 projects across five Gulf states ($132 million).
- **Aug. 15, 2018**: NFWF announces an award of funds for a project in TX ($263.5 million).

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**Note**: For a comprehensive list of events, see the full timeline at [GulfOFMEXICO.ORG](http://GulfOFMEXICO.ORG).