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# COVID-19 update for May 8: Reservations for late May?

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A **group of** 66 city and county leaders from across Colorado signed a letter to Congress asking that full and permanent funding for the 55-year-old Land and Water Conservation Fund be included in the next coronavirus stimulus package.

The fund buys and reserves land, water and recreation areas across the country with royalty payments from offshore oil and gas money.

“In the weeks and months to come, our nation’s parks, trails, and outdoor spaces will be integral to our nation’s coping and recovery,” the letter said. “... America’s public lands bring us peace of mind and generate economic revenue – both will be critically needed to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.”

Last year, Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed legislation to reauthorize the fund. However, legislators **have not appropriated** the full amount of available money deposited in the fund for land, water and recreation, instead diverting it for other purposes.