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News Brief: OHVs, Rural Healthcare & Conservation Funds

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Local Utah Officials Urge Protection Of Conservation Fund

Officials from Alta, Moab and Park City are urging members of Congress to pass legislation that would fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It receives \$900 million in royalties from offshore drilling each year. But Congress is set to divert around half of that to other uses in 2020. The money goes toward creating and improving federal lands, state parks and local recreation projects. Eleven local officials from Utah signed a letter urging Congress to pass legislation to make sure no money is diverted from the fund in the future. Utah Congressman Ben McAdams is a co-sponsor of that bill. — *Kate Groetzing, Blanding*