



The Mountain Pact

A Note of Encouragement and Thanks



Dear Mountain Pact Community,

This month, because of the coronavirus pandemic gripping our country, rather than sending a regular conservation update we are sending a note of thanks and love to you all.

To the elected officials on this list, we know you are working endless hours to keep our communities safe, informed, and healthy. Thank you.

To other partners and supporters of [The Mountain Pact](#), thank you for doing your part within your own communities to social distance yourselves from others, saving your public lands adventures for another day and staying home, and following safe community health practices.

Please let us know if The Mountain Pact can help in any way such as sharing information on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts or via our email lists, reaching out to media contacts, or making calls to federal decision-makers. We're here for you.

We do have one piece of very encouraging conservation news. Full and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund was introduced via [The Great American Outdoors Act, S 3422](#) in early March by [a bipartisan group of 56 senators](#).

We're unsure of the timing of the bill given these unprecedented times so we hope Congress may [include LWCF funding](#) in a stimulus package as investing now in full funding for LWCF will help with a strong long-term recovery for gateway communities and states that rely on visitors to public lands.

Since the broadly-supported, bipartisan LWCF legislation was already in the queue for Senate floor time before coronavirus upended the calendar-it is directly relevant, ready to go, and makes sense for Congress to include in a stimulus package if possible and appropriate.

We care about you and our mountain communities and send healing thoughts and strength to everyone as we collectively navigate these uncharted waters in the weeks and months to come.

Anna Peterson
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We are sharing below a few positive readings that we have found helpful during these very difficult times:

- On the anniversary of former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall's 100th birthday, his son, Senator Tom Udall, (D-N.M.), [penned an editorial](#) urging us to look to his father's bold vision as an alternative to our current path.
- As we all grapple with our new normal, here's one professional's [thinking about how to reduce Coronavirus anxiety](#).
- [What Americans are Doing Now is Beautiful](#)

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