

OPINION

Bipartisan support for permanent LWCF funding | Rosen

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This opinion column was submitted by U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-Nevada).

Re: ["Conservation plan needs permanent funding,"](#) Feb. 26:

Last month, Reno City Council Member and Vice Mayor Devon Reese penned a thoughtful and passionate plea calling on Nevada's congressional delegation to support the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Councilmember Reese is right — Nevada is one of the most naturally beautiful places on earth, and the LWCF is critical in preserving the pristine lands that we call home.

Last year, I proudly voted in support of the Natural Resources Management Act (S. 47), a comprehensive federal lands bill that, among other things, permanently reauthorized the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I was glad to see that this bill passed the Senate last year by a bipartisan vote of 92 to 8.

But Councilmember Reese is also right when he states that we must not allow the LWCF to risk going unfunded. It is for this very reason that I am an original co-sponsor of the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act, legislation introduced this week to fund the LWCF permanently and help protect our lands, lakes and streams for generations to come.

Environmental conservation is a part of Nevada's culture, and we must work together to protect the beauty of the Silver State.

I look forward to working with my Nevada colleagues in Congress, and with local leaders like Councilmember Reese to ensure that communities across our state see their lands and waters protected.

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