

Senate Committee Advances \$435 Million Less For Land and Water Conservation Fund

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Durango, Colorado (September 26, 2019) –Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee announced a proposed funding level of \$465 million for Fiscal Year 2020 for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The House proposed \$524million. This is dramatically under the \$900 Million funding level LWCF should receive.

Below is a statement from The Mountain Pact Executive Director, Anna Peterson:

"We're disappointed. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), one of America's most successful conservation programs, is being significantly short-changed – again. LWCF is vital to the health, economies, and cultures of mountain communities and needs full and permanent funding at \$900 million before the end of the year. Anything less is not good enough."

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More about The Mountain Pact

Founded in 2014, <u>The Mountain Pact</u> is an organization that works with over fifty mountain communities in all eleven states across the American West to empower them to build resilience in the face of economic and environmental stresses through a shared voice on federal policy related to climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation.