



The Mountain Pact

Fully fund and permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund

The bipartisan Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of our most successful conservation programs. By drawing funds from offshore oil and gas royalties, not taxpayers, the LWCF funds projects to expand, develop, and improve public lands for recreational areas, conservation, and the preservation of natural ecosystems. National parks like Rocky Mountain, the Grand Canyon, and the Great Smoky



Mountains, as well as national wildlife refuges, national forests, rivers and lakes, community parks, trails, and ball fields in every one of our 50 states were set aside for Americans to enjoy thanks to federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

Funding for this more than 50 year program runs out at the end of September 2018. Without funding for the further protection and enhancement of America's public lands, the economic success and cultural vitality of mountain communities may be at risk.

Why Is The LWCF Important?

Each year \$900 [million dollars](#) are paid into the LWCF, however through the years \$20 billion of these funds have been diverted to other uses leaving [inadequate funding](#) for conservation projects even though funding of the LWCF is [supported](#) by 85% of Americans. Funding for the LWCF is currently set to expire on September 30, 2018 and recently, Secretary Zinke proposed a [90% cut](#) in funding for the LWCF that would provide the fund with a measly \$8.1 million. Permanent re-authorization of the LWCF at its full amount will provide a long-term funding solution to ensure protection of America's natural heritage and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The LWCF has helped create an extensive network of public lands in every state and county in the continental United States. These public lands support outdoor recreation that enhances the economic and cultural vitality of mountain communities. The LWCF needs a long-term funding solution to decrease uncertainty about the continuation of

important conservation, preservation, and infrastructure projects.

We encourage you to contact your congressional delegation about this important conservation tool and the need to fully fund and permanently reauthorize LWCF!

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