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NEWS RELEASE

LWCF Coalition Lauds Action to Conserve Green Space, Improve Access Around Military Installations

WASHINGTON, DC – March 21 – The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition today lauded the announcement by the Biden Administration of a new partnership between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Defense (DoD) called Protect Military Readiness and Preserve Green Space. The partnership allocates \$80 million through a combination of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and matching funds from DoD’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) to preserve green space around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation for millions of Americans. The departments will make the funding available to states through a competitive process that could support projects on Tribal, private, state, or local lands. See the LWCF Coalition’s statement:

“By combining the unrivaled conservation power of LWCF with the remarkable results DoD achieves through its Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative, this new collaboration will deliver outsized benefits for countless communities neighboring military bases, enhancing the quality of life for military families and area residents,” **said Tom Cors, Senior Director for Legislative Affairs at The Nature Conservancy and a spokesperson for the LWCF Coalition.** “We appreciate the Biden Administration’s consistent commitment and vision in meeting the urgent and growing needs for conservation, outdoor recreation, and access across America. We look forward to seeing the full spectrum of creative, essential conservation this innovative partnership can foster.”

About the Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is America’s most important conservation program, responsible for protecting parks, wildlife refuges and recreation areas at the federal, state, and local level. For 58 years, it has provided critical funding for land and water conservation projects,

recreational construction and activities and the continued historic preservation of our nation's iconic landmarks from coast-to-coast. LWCF does not use any taxpayer dollars – it is funded using a small portion of revenues from offshore oil and gas royalty payments. Outdoor recreation, conservation and historic preservation activities contribute more than \$778 billion annually to the U.S. economy, supporting 5.2 million jobs.

About the LWCF Coalition

The LWCF Coalition is the umbrella group of more than 1,000 state and local landowners, small businesses, ranchers, sportsmen, veterans, outdoor recreationists and conservation organizations working to protect America's public lands and safeguard our shared outdoor heritage for future generations. For more information on LWCF and the places in each state that have been protected using LWCF funds, visit www.lwcfcoalition.com

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