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Historic Senate Action Permanently Authorizes LWCF and Guarantees Dedicated Funding

WASHINGTON – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee reached an historic bipartisan agreement to provide full, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF Coalition, along with millions of Americans and organizations from across the country, are united in our push to see this historic legislation signed into law this year.

“The LWCF Coalition applauds Senators Cantwell and Burr for introducing S. 569 and the bipartisan members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for approving legislation to fully fund and permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For too long, LWCF funds have been siphoned off for non-conservation government spending. This legislation corrects that injustice and fulfills a 50-year old promise to the American people by providing full and dedicated funding for America’s most important conservation program,” said LWCF Coalition spokesman Jonathan Asher of The Wilderness Society. “The outdoor recreation industry, governors, mayors, sportsmen, small business owners, conservation leaders, landowners, ranchers, and millions of Americans will continue to push Congress to finish the job and permanently reauthorize and fully fund LWCF this year.”

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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 levels. For 50 years, it has provided critical funding for land and water conservation projects, recreational construction and activities and the continued historic preservation 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 \$887 billion annually to the U.S. economy, supporting 7.6 million jobs.

About the LWCF Coalition

The LWCF Coalition is the umbrella group of more than 1,000 state and local land owners, small businesses, ranchers, sportsmen, veterans, outdoor recreationists, historical preservationists and conservation organizations working to protect America's public lands and safeguard our shared outdoor heritage for future generations.

The Coalition is united in its advocacy for the reauthorization and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which will ensure the continued conservation of our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, wilderness, civil war battlefields, as well as state and local parks

For more information on LWCF and the places in each state conserved using LWCF funds, visit www.lwcfcoalition.org.