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NEWS RELEASE

LWCF Coalition Applauds Confirmation of Charles Sams to Serve as Director of National Park Service

WASHINGTON – The LWCF Coalition today applauded the confirmation of Charles F. Sams III to serve as the director of the National Park Service (NPS). The following statement can be attributed to Lesley Kane, Chair of the LWCF Coalition:

“Charles Sams is a dedicated conservation leader whose commitment to protecting and ensuring equitable access to our public lands spans an impressive career of service. His extensive experience in land and water management, law enforcement, infrastructure, youth programs, fish and wildlife resources, and cultural sites makes him the right choice to lead the Service.

“After more than four years without a Senate-confirmed director, our national parks are facing several challenges including overcrowding and record visitation, climate change, resource management and more. Additionally, a fully funded Land and Water Conservation Fund offers many opportunities to address these pressing issues. We are confident that Mr. Sams is the right person to meet the unique challenges and opportunities our national parks are facing.

“In addition to his sterling record and experience, Mr. Sams will be the first Native American to lead the Service. The LWCF Coalition applauds the historic confirmation of Charles Sams to lead the National Park Service.”

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 55 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 land owners, 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.org.