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LWCF Coalition Statement on Nomination of Congresswoman Deb Haaland for Interior Secretary

WASHINGTON – The LWCF Coalition today praised the historic nomination of Congresswoman Deb Haaland to serve as the next Secretary of the Interior:

“Congresswoman Haaland is a dedicated leader and champion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and we are confident that she will be a stalwart protector of our public lands as our next Interior Secretary,” said Lesley Kane-Szynal, chair of the LWCF Coalition. “The historic passage of the Great American Outdoors Act this year means that the Interior Department will play a critical role implementing full funding for LWCF. Congresswoman Haaland is the right person for this job, and we are confident that under her leadership LWCF will at long last reach its full potential, providing close to home recreation in every community in the U.S., supporting millions of jobs in outdoor recreation industry and growing the economy.”

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. The Coalition is united in its advocacy for 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 that have been protected using LWCF funds, visit www.lwcfcoalition.org.