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NEWS RELEASE

LWCF Coalition Statement Lauding Senate Passage of Inflation Reduction Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition released the following statement by **Lesley Kane Szynal, co-chair of the LWCF Coalition** regarding the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA):

“US Senate passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is terrific news for land and water conservation and for communities throughout the United States. From increased investment in public lands conservation and restoration to forest resilience, urban green spaces, habitat restoration and neighborhood access and equity grants, this initiative will help our cities, suburbs and rural areas by protecting working forests for future generations. These investments, in tandem with other important provisions in this legislation, represent a historic commitment to climate action that will only increase the reach and power of the dedicated conservation funding that LWCF secured in the 2020 Great American Outdoors Act. We are especially grateful to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), Senate Agriculture Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), and other forest conservation leaders including Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) for their unwavering commitment to these critical issues. We look forward to swift passage of the bill by the US House of Representatives and then President Biden’s signature.”

About the Land and Water Conservation Fund

LWCF is America’s most important conservation program, responsible for protecting parks, wildlife refuges and recreation areas at the federal, state and local level. For over half a century, 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 LWCFCoalition.org.