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NEWS RELEASE

Sand Harbor Site of Celebration of LWCF's Impact on Recreation, Conservation and Local Economies

Sen. Rosen, Nevada Outdoor Rec Leaders, TNC, LWCF Coalition Extol Partnerships that Benefit Popular State Park and its Recreation Opportunities

Sand Harbor – Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Nev -- One of the most popular and spectacular parks in the Tahoe Basin, Sand Harbor has many beaches that host a variety of outdoor recreational activities to serve its 1 million annual visitors. For 57 years, investments from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) through the State and Local Assistance Program have been used to benefit public access to Lake Tahoe at Sand Harbor State Park. Across Nevada, LWCF has protected public lands and waters but there is still a growing list of conservation and recreation opportunities in the state that need investment. Sand Harbor's history was celebrated today by US Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV); Mauricia Baca, Nevada State Director, The Nature Conservancy; the LWCF Coalition and other community and conservation leaders.

"I am so excited to be here at Sand Harbor, part of Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, to celebrate the Land and Water Conservation Fund which has invested nearly \$200 million in Nevada and helped create this state park more than 50 years ago," said **US Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV)**.

"I remain a proud champion of LWCF and was so happy to support its permanent funding through my vote for the Great American Outdoors Act. The Act provided the biggest investment in conservation and recreation in decades and has already sent millions of LWCF dollars to protect Nevada's great outdoors."

"Starting in 1969, with acquisition of the beach itself, and continuing for decades with 6 additional grants, LWCF dollars have been key to the preservation of this special place, and to ensuring that the millions of people who visit here have an enjoyable and quality experience," said **Mauricia Baca, Nevada State Director, The Nature Conservancy**. "TNC is so proud to

play a significant role protecting these special places, working with so many others committed to this cause.”

Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park LWCF Project Description:

- Investments totaling \$5.38 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund through the State and Local Assistance Program have been used to benefit public access to Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park — starting in 1969 for the acquisition of the beach area itself, with seven subsequent grants for development of beach public use areas, the last one coming in 2015.
- Sand Harbor, one of the most popular and spectacular of Nevada’s parks in the Tahoe Basin, has many beaches that host a variety of outdoor recreational activities to serve its 1 million annual visitors. The Main Beach is 2,500 feet long and is popular for swimming, sunbathing and a wide variety of beach activities. There is also a small launch corridor for non-motorized watercraft at the south end. Divers Cove, popular with SCUBA divers and recreational beach users alike, is a smaller, more protected area just below the Visitor Center. The Boat Beach is a long stretch of sand on either side of the Sand Harbor Boat Launch Facility.
- Sand Harbor is now connected to Incline Village via the Tahoe East Shore Trail, making it even easier for Nevadans and visitors to the Lake Tahoe area to access the beach and boating facilities here.

“Without these LWCF investments from Congress and the support of partners like The Nature Conservancy and so many others, this special place – Sand Harbor State Park – and the protection of hundreds of other parks and public lands in Nevada would not be possible,” Rosen said.

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.