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Grassroots Momentum Builds for Saving America's Most Important Conservation Program

Washington, DC – *Grassroots momentum continues to build for Congress to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) before the program expires on September 30. Thousands of small business owners, ranchers, sportsmen, veterans, outdoor recreationists, community members and conservationists are raising their voices in support of LWCF.*

“Grassroots momentum for permanent authorization and dedicated full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has reached an all-time high,” said Tom Cors, Director of Government Relations for Lands at The Nature Conservancy and a spokesman for the LWCF Coalition. “The outdoor recreation industry, governors, mayors, sportsmen, small business owners, conservation leaders, landowners, ranchers, farmers and tens of millions of Americans are united in the push for permanent reauthorization and dedicated full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund because it works.”

In Washington state alone, **nearly 7,500** state residents have signed letters calling for permanent reauthorization and full, dedicated funding for LWCF and urging Congress to act before the program expires on Sunday. With hundreds of LWCF-protected sites and landscapes in every corner of the state, Washingtonians know the value this incredibly popular program brings to their communities.

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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 level. For 50 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 a trillion dollars annually to the U.S. economy, supporting 9.4 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 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 that have been protected using LWCF funds, visit www.lwcfcoalition.org