

California

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage

#SaveLWCF

America's most important conservation and recreation program will expire in less than a year unless Congress acts. For 52 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected national parks and open spaces in every corner of the United States. But in less than 52 weeks, it could be gone forever and along with it, future protection of the places we love.

[LWCF](#) has invested more than \$2.4 billion over the past five decades to protect California's iconic outdoor places, open access for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor activities, and to build close to home parks. From community playgrounds and ballfields to California's iconic national parks, wildlife refuges, and historic sites, LWCF has protected places like Muir Woods, Joshua Tree, Lake Tahoe and the Santa Monica Mountains, the Pacific Crest Trail, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Grasslands Wildlife Management Area, Baldwin Hills, Tuolumne River Parkway, and community parks, recreational fields, and trails in communities small and large in California.

California's \$92 billion [outdoor recreation industry](#) is an economic powerhouse – supporting 691,000 jobs which generate \$30.4 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$6.2 billion annually in state and local tax revenue.

From Redwoods to Joshua Trees

With LWCF, Californians have been able to protect some of our most iconic redwood forests, which attract tourists from California and around the world. Redwood National Park celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2018, and we need LWCF to continue this legacy of conserving the redwoods, so that future generations may experience the grandeur of a towering old-growth grove. In FY18, if funded LWCF will invest an additional \$6 million in Redwood National Park. LWCF has also made strategic investments totaling over \$65 million to protect the California desert, from exquisite desert tortoise habitat in the Mojave National Preserve to the unique historical site that is the Samuelson's Rocks in Joshua Tree National Park. In FY18, LWCF is slated to invest \$1.4 million in the Mojave Trails National Monument. Our public lands in the desert provide a place for Californians to recreate by foot or jeep, and help drive a booming recreational economy.



*Jedediah Smith RSP
Photo Credit: Jon Parmentier*

"Investing in our parks and other public lands are at the heart of getting Californians out on the trail, whether alone or with families and friends. For more than 50 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has invested over \$2 billion in California national, state and local parks, as well as in local recreation fields, swimming pools, bike paths and trails. These dollars improve our quality of life, economy, health and well-being."

- Kevin Cleary, CEO, Clif Bar & Company

Pacific Crest Trail

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) spans 1,700 miles running the length of California and is a growing destination for both day- and long-distance hikers. Over the last 16 years, approximately \$31 million from LWCF has been used to acquire and permanently protect more than 20,000 acres along the PCT in California, Oregon, and Washington. The U.S. Forest Service ranked the Trinity Divide Project, a 10,500-acre in-holding along the PCT in northern California, as a national land protection priority. If funded in FY18, \$5 million would support this purchase and enhance and protection of timber lands.



*Hikers on the PCT
Credit: Pacific Crest Trail Association*

#SaveLWCF to protect the places we love in California!

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