

February 22, 2019

Dear Member of Congress,

We are writing to express our strong support for S. 47, the Natural Resource Management Act, and urge you to support its expedited consideration in the House. This bipartisan and bicameral package of public lands bills, negotiated by the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Committees of jurisdiction, was approved by the US Senate on February 12 by a vote of 92-8. The bill includes the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a vital program that benefits every state and almost every county in America.

Unfortunately, the LWCF program expired on September 30, 2018. It is critical that Congress act now to permanently extend this parks and outdoor access program, which does not use taxpayer dollars but rather relies on revenues from offshore oil and gas drilling. Every day of continued expiration means \$2.5 million that is NOT going to support outdoor access, from local parks to national parks, as well as working forests, protection of historic sites and many other important conservation efforts.

Permanent reauthorization of LWCF is central to the carefully crafted language in S. 47 and represents a commonsense bipartisan compromise. After fully 50 years of success, LWCF is relied upon by communities across the country not just for near-term projects but for complex conservation and recreation initiatives far into the future. The need for permanent reauthorization has broad bipartisan support in the House and Senate, and now is the time to advance this effort.

In the 115th Congress, legislation to permanently reauthorize LWCF had over 220 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle and it was part of a negotiated public lands package that was ultimately not considered before the end of the session. We are counting on the 116th Congress to bring LWCF permanent reauthorization over the finish line as part of S. 47, the public lands package.

Taken all together, this legislation represents a tenacious commitment to finding a bipartisan path forward to support important conservation programs, and we urge you to support its quick passage in the House.

Sincerely,

1000 Friends of Florida
ActiveSGV
AdventureKEEN
Agricultural Stewardship Association
Ala Kahakai Trail Association
Alachua Conservation Organization
Alpha Climbing LLC
American Alpine Club
American Forests
American Hiking Society
American Society of Landscape Architects
American Society of Civil Engineers
Appalachian Mountain Club
Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Arizona Trail Association
Arkansas Fly Fishers
Arkansas Wildlife Federation Inc.
Aspen Valley Land Trust
Audubon Naturalist Society
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Audubon Texas
Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust
Back Country Horsemen of America
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Bayou Land Conservancy
Bear-Paw Regional Greenways
Bear Yuba Land Trust
Big Thicket Natural Heritage Trust

Blue Goose Alliance
Blue Ridge Conservancy
Blue Ridge Forever
Business for Montana's Outdoors
California League of Conservation Voters
California Native Plant Society
Californians for Western Wilderness
Capital Region Land Conservancy
Cardinal Land Conservancy
Cascade Forest Conservancy
Central Coast Land Conservancy
Charles River Recreation
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy
Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Champlain Area Trails
Chimani
Cibolo Conservancy Land Trust
City of Hartford, MI
City Parks Alliance
Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy
ClearWater Conservancy of Central
Pennsylvania, Inc.
Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
Colorado River Land Trust
Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.
Columbia Land Trust
Comeback Farm
Commissioner Juanita Henry
Concrete Safaris
Conejos Clean Water
Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA)
Connecticut Land Conservation Council
ConnPIRG Students
Conservation Alabama
Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma
Conservation Minnesota
Conservation Northwest
Conservation Trust for NC
Conservation Voters of South Carolina
Conserving Carolina
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
Corazón Latino
County Line Wood Products
Crowley Ranch Reserve
Denali Mountain Works
Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Endangered Habitats League
Environment America
Environment California
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Equine Land Conservation Resource
Finger Lakes Land Trust
Florida Conservation Voters
Florida Trail Association
Foothills Conservancy
ForeverGreen Trails
Forests Forever
Forterra
Free Voice Media
Friends of Acadia
Friends of Cherry Valley
Friends of Jean Klock Park
Friends of Metro Parks (Summit County, OH)
Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee
National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Cheat, Inc.
Friends of the Desert Mountains
Friends of the Inyo
Gaia Graphics and Associates
Galveston Bay Foundation
Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for
Land Trusts
Get Outdoors Nevada
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
GoodFood World
Good To-Go LLC
Grassland Water District
Great Land Trust
GreenbergFarrow
GreenLatinos
Groundwork Lawrence
Guadalupe Blanco River Trust
Hill Country Conservancy
Hispanic Access Foundation
Hovel Family Conservation Forests LLC
Hudson Highlands Land Trust
Ice Age Trail Alliance
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
James C. Kidd Jr. LLC
Jet Dental
Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society
Katy Prairie Conservancy
Kerncrest Audubon Society
Kids giving project
Kingston Greenways Association
Kittitas Conservation Trust
Lackawanna County Office of Environmental
Sustainability
Lake Hopatcong Foundation
Land Trust Alliance

Land Trust For the Mississippi Coastal Plain
Land Trust of Napa County
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of Darlington County,
SC
League of Women Voters of Greenville County
League of Women Voters of South Carolina
League of Women Voters of the Charleston
Area
League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area
Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.
Littleton Conservation Trust
Los Angeles River State Park Partners
Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust
Mahoosuc Land Trust
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust
Maine Conservation Voters
Maine Recreation and Parks Association
Mainspring Conservation Trust
Mass Audubon
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance
Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
Mauri Flyfishing, LLC
Melton Design Group
Mendocino Land Trust
Mohonk Preserve
Mojave Desert Land Trust
Montana Association of Land Trusts
Montana Audubon
Montana Wildlife Federation
Mountain Shop
Mountain Sports Flagstaff
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Musconetcong Watershed Association
Mystic River Watershed Association
National Coalition for Promoting Physical
Activity
National Coast Trail Association
National League of Cities
National Parks Conservation Association
National Recreation and Park Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Wildlife Federation
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Natural Retreats South Fork Lodge
Natural Resources Council of Maine
New Jersey Audubon
New Jersey Conservation Foundation
New Jersey Highlands Coalition
New River Conservancy

New York League of Conservation Voters
Nez Perce Trail Foundation
NJPIRG Student Chapters
North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
North Cascades Conservation Council
North Country Trail Association
North Florida Land Trust
Northern Sierra Partnership
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
Northwest Marine Trade Association
NorthWest Montana Back Country Horsemen
Northwest Watershed Institute
Northwoods Alliance
NY-NJ Trail Conference
Oakland Environmental Commission
Ohio Veterans Outdoors, Inc.
Open Space Institute
Oregon-California Trails Association
Oregon Natural Desert Association
Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group
Outdoor Afro
Outdoor Industry Association
Outdoor Recreation Roundtable
OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Overmountain Victory Trail Association
Pacific Crest Trail Association
Pack Rat Outdoor Center
Partners in Forestry COOP
Partnership for the National Trails System
Peak Outfitter Marketing
Peninsula Open Space Trust
Piedmont Land Conservancy
Pinelands Preservation Alliance
Pleasant River Wildlife Federation
Poudre Valley Community Farms
Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and
Development Inc
Prairie Land Conservancy
Rappahannock Tribe
Red's Fly Shop and Canyon River Ranch
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance
Revolution House Media
RiverBank LLC
Riverlink
Rocky Mountain Wild
Round River Design Inc
Salish Sea Ecosystem Advocates
San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust
San Luis Obispo Parks Open Space and Trails
Foundation
Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Santa Fe Trail Association
Save the Manatee
Save the Redwoods League
Scenic America
Scenic Hudson, Inc.
Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Sierra Club
Sierra Club South Carolina Chapter
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society
Six Rivers Land Conservancy
Smith River Alliance
Society for the Protection of NH Forests
Sonoma Land Trust
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
Southborough Open Land Foundation, Inc.
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
SouthWings
St. Croix River Association
Summit County Metro Parks
Summit Land Conservancy
Superior Hiking Trail Association
Surfrider Foundation
Tahoe Mountain Sports
Tecumseh Land Trust
Texas Land Conservancy
Texas Land Trust Council
The American Society of Landscape Architects
The Conservation Alliance
The Conservation Fund
The Downstream Project
The Friends of Rachel Carson National Wildlife
Refuge
The Frontera Land Alliance
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
The Lyme Timber Company
The Mountain Livestock Cooperative
The Mountain Pact
The Mountaineers
The Nature Conservancy

The Trek
The Trust for Public Land
The Wilderness Land Trust
The Wilderness Society
Three Rivers Land Trust
TreePeople
Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
Tuleyome
Twig Stories
Union Forge Heritage Association
Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition
Upstate Forever
Urban Tree Foundation
Ventana Wilderness Alliance
Virginia League of Conservation Voters
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Voyageurs National Park Association
Wallowa Land Trust
Washington Association of Land Trusts
Washington Trails Association
Washington Wild
Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition
West Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club
West Virginia Highlands Conservancy
West Virginia Rivers Coalition
West Virginia Wilderness Coalition
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Wetland Strategies and Solutions, LLC
Whatcom Land Trust
White Oak Financial Management, Inc.
Willamette Valley Broadband, Great Old Broads
for Wilderness
Winter Wildlands Alliance
Winyah Rivers Alliance
Wisconsin Conservation Voters
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Woburn Residents' Environmental Network