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**NEWS RELEASE**

**LWCF Coalition Applauds Biden Executive Order on Nature,  
Climate Crisis, Environmental Justice, and 30x30  
*Land and Water Conservation Fund Will Be Essential  
to Meeting Urgent Goals***

WASHINGTON – The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition today hailed the Biden administration’s executive order addressing climate and environmental justice challenges and calling for the protection of **30 percent** of America’s lands and oceans **by 2030** (30 X 30). These goals will rely heavily on LWCF, one of the nation’s premier conservation and outdoor recreation tools, to help fuel a targeted and robust land-based response from America’s inner cities to remote wildlands. LWCF Coalition partners and supporters have joined with the [American Nature Campaign](#) along with hundreds of conservation organizations, businesses, national leaders, state and local officials, and leading scientists in support of the 30 X 30 initiative.

“The Land and Water Conservation Fund is absolutely essential to these ambitious conservation and recreation goals,” said Tom Cors, director of government relations for lands at The Nature Conservancy and a spokesperson for the LWCF Coalition. “The 30 X 30 initiative is a bold, inclusive vision that is bringing together a diverse coalition of national leaders, local communities, businesses, and conservation and recreation groups. Timely action will be critical to conserve lands at the federal, state, and local levels, including working lands and forests. A focused conservation agenda can and will increase the resilience of our natural resources and communities while meaningfully addressing environmental, social, and economic inequities.

“Every thirty seconds, we lose a football field worth of land to development. This loss threatens the country’s clean air, water and wildlife. It deepens the climate crisis and jeopardizes our treasured outdoor resources for future generations. These lands and waters are vital, irreplaceable assets that keep vast amounts of carbon out of the atmosphere even as they provide critical protection to communities and wildlife impacted by a changing climate. LWCF delivers on-the-ground results to ensure our lands are protected for the sake of our children and our grandchildren.

“With LWCF now fully funded after advocates and congressional champions fought so long and hard for passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, we have a historic opportunity to begin unleashing its full

potential. We look forward to working with the Biden administration, Congress, and all of our partners to deliver on the promise of America's most important conservation and outdoor recreation program."

Last year, the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) provided full dedicated funding for LWCF, ensuring that \$900 million each year is set aside for important conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the country. LWCF is the most important source of federal funding for locally driven conservation projects, providing organizations and private landowners with the flexibility to meet local needs. Funds from LWCF have successfully reached every single community in the United States., providing close to home recreation for millions of Americans, promoting sportsmen's access, creating urban parks, and protecting historical and cultural sites.

### **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 [www.lwcfcoalition.org](http://www.lwcfcoalition.org).