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LWCF Coalition Statement on FY22 House Interior Appropriations Markup

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition released the following statement by Tom Cors, director of government relations for lands at The Nature Conservancy and a spokesman for the coalition, regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 U.S. House Interior and Environment Appropriations bill:

“Nearing the one-year anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provided full, permanent funding for LWCF, the coalition appreciates the committee’s support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The bill will make meaningful investments in our public lands and waters to meet many conservation and recreation needs across the country. The committee honored the letter and spirit of the law regarding balanced distribution among LWCF programs, and we are especially grateful that the bill rejects the practice of rescissions from previous years. Earlier this year, 192 members of Congress signed a [letter](#) supporting those principles and advocating for LWCF to receive the \$900 million the fund is guaranteed by the Great American Outdoors Act.

“At the same time, challenges to LWCF full funding remain, including funding sequestrations required by law. We look forward to working with Congress to refine the bill throughout the appropriations process to ensure that more conservation can be accomplished with full, dedicated LWCF funding.

“The proposal released today is a first step at addressing the deep well of unmet conservation and recreation needs throughout the country. We are committed to ensuring that the bill that reaches the President’s desk fully reflects the urgency of the nature crisis as well as the public health and recreation needs of communities, the huge opportunity to bolster and expand the outdoor recreation economy, and equitable outdoor access for all Americans. There is a long list of ready-to-go LWCF conservation and recreation projects across the country, and this bill is a critical step toward meeting this important moment.”

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.