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NEWS RELEASE

LWCF Coalition Disagrees with \$100 Million Rescission of LWCF Funding for Local Communities, Urges it be Dropped

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition released the following statement by **Amy Lindholm, LWCF Coalition Manager for the Appalachian Mountain Club and spokesperson for the LWCF Coalition**, regarding a \$100 million rescission of LWCF funding for local communities in the Senate’s proposed FY24 appropriations bill.

“The LWCF Coalition recognizes the stark fiscal constraints limiting new spending in this bill, but we fundamentally disagree with the use of previously appropriated LWCF funds to balance the books. Those funds must remain in place so communities across America can address critical conservation needs, provide access to recreation and nature, address park equity gaps, and support essential outdoor economies and jobs. We are disappointed and concerned by this proposed rescission, and we urge that it be dropped as the FY24 process proceeds.

We appreciate the Committee’s important commitment, reflected in the bill, to the letter and spirit of the Great American Outdoors Act and the Dingell Act with respect to full and effective distribution of FY24 LWCF funding across the spectrum of LWCF-funded federal, state, and local programs. To maintain and enhance the vital impacts of these programs, we look forward to working with LWCF’s many congressional champions to ensure that final FY24 legislation does nothing to reduce existing prior-year funding for this important work.”

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.