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## **Statement in Support of Nomination of Congressman Ryan Zinke as Interior Secretary**

“As an avid outdoorsman and steadfast supporter of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Congressman Ryan Zinke understands how important our public lands are to our local economies, communities, and most importantly, our way of life. The LWCF Coalition appreciates Congressman Zinke’s strong and decisive leadership for America’s public lands and his selection by president-elect Donald J. Trump to be our next Interior Secretary.

“Congressman Zinke has consistently worked to retain and enhance our public lands while supporting access for hunters and anglers so they can enjoy the great outdoors. The LWCF Coalition applauds his nomination and looks forward to working with him in his new role.”

### **About the Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, originally signed into law on September 3, 1964, established a dedicated and permanent means for the conservation and protection of America’s irreplaceable natural, historic, cultural and outdoor landmarks. LWCF is the only federal program dedicated to the continued conservation of our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, wilderness and Civil War battlefields, and to the creation and development of state and local parks. It is rightly characterized as America’s most important conservation program.

LWCF does not use 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 support 9.4 million jobs and contribute more than a trillion dollars annually to the U.S. economy.

### **About the LWCF Coalition**

The LWCF Coalition is the umbrella group of more than 1,000 state and local land owners, 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.

The Coalition is united in its advocacy for the reauthorization and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which will ensure the continued conservation of our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, wilderness and Civil War battlefields, as well as state and local parks. For more information on LWCF and the places in each state protected by LWCF funds, visit [www.lwcfcoalition.org](http://www.lwcfcoalition.org).