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NEWS RELEASE

Outdoors for All Act Reintroduced in House and Senate

Bipartisan Legislation Would Support Local Parks Across the Nation

WASHINGTON – Today, Representatives Barragán (D-CA-44) and Turner (R-OH-10), and Senator Padilla (D-CA) and Senator Collins (R-ME) reintroduced the bipartisan “Outdoors for All Act” in both the House and Senate. This important legislation would codify the LWCF-funded Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program and provide a dedicated funding source for urban park projects that provide equitable outdoor access in underserved communities.

The following statement can be attributed to Lesley Kane Szynal, Chair of the LWCF Coalition:

“The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition applauds Representatives Barragán (D-CA-44) and Turner (R-OH-10), and Senator Padilla (D-CA) and Senator Collins (R-ME) for prioritizing equitable outdoor access by reintroducing the Outdoors for All Act in both the House and Senate. Codifying the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program is a key step to support parks in underserved communities across the country. We are grateful for the bipartisan work to increase greenspace for those who need it most and for the inclusion of language that makes it easier for communities, including Native American Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian communities, to apply for this critical funding.”

Created in 2014 and administered by the National Park Service, ORLP is a nationally competitive grant program funded through LWCF that supports projects in cities and urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces and reinvigorate existing parks. To date, \$45 million in federal funds have supported 69 ORLP projects, while leveraging more than \$76 million in local, state, and private match funds.

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.