



America's most important conservation and recreation program will expire in less than a year unless Congress acts. For 52 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected national parks and open spaces in every corner of the United States. But in less than 52 weeks, it could be gone forever and along with it, future protection of the places we love.

[LWCF](#) has invested more than \$186 million to protect Utah's national parks, rivers, and increase recreation access. From historic sites and trails to soccer fields and community parks, LWCF has protected places like Canyonlands National Park, Dixie National Forest, Golden Spike National Historic Site, Uinta National Forest, and Bear Lake State Park.

Utah's \$12.3 billion outdoor recreation industry is an economic powerhouse – supporting 110,000 jobs which generate \$3.9 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$737 million annually in state and local tax revenue.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail
Local governments, citizens, non-profits, and private landowners have been working with the U.S. Forest Service since 1991 to acquire and protect properties along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Because the BST crosses scores of canyons that drain the Wasatch Mountains, residents along the trail – about 80 percent of all Utahans – rely on the lands along the BST for recreation access into the canyons and for watershed protection. LWCF funds have protected thousands of acres and ensured a high quality of life for the area's residents. However, only 100 miles, less than half of the envisioned 280 miles of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, have been protected.



Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Credit: TPL/Mike Schirf

Coldwater Forest Legacy Project
The 3,000-acre Coldwater Forest Legacy Project is located in the heart of the Bear River watershed in Northern Utah. It borders the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, the State of Utah's Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area, and the 5,600-acre Green Canyon Ranch, a Forest Legacy conservation easement. Active forest management projects include timber harvests, fuel reduction, forest health projects, aspen regeneration and tree planting. The area provides crucial winter and summer habitat for hundreds of elk and moose as they seek refuge from the harsh winter weather in the Wasatch mountains and the urbanized Cache Valley. Springs on the property provide drinking water for the town of Paradise, Utah. Coldwater is used for seasonal cattle and sheep grazing and offers public access for hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing. Though \$435,000 in LWCF funds has been invested in Coldwater Ranch, there is significant need for additional funds to complete the project.



Coldwater Ranch, Credit: USFS

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