



Brief History on Daines and Public Lands

Stakeholder Quotes that Applaud Daines for Pursuing Mandatory Funding of LWCF

“Senator Daines has been and continues to be a Land and Water Conservation Fund champion. He understands the value of the LWCF to Montana conservation, outdoor recreation and recreational access, and he consistently backs up his vocal support of LWCF funding with votes, actions and leadership.” -**Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of Land Trusts**

“Senator Daines should be commended for leading the fight with Senate Republicans to increase LWCF funding for next year. Instead, some groups continue to hold him personally responsible for LWCF appropriations. These groups either fail to understand how the appropriations process works or are driven by politics.” – **Kyle Weaver, President, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

“Montana Trout Unlimited is committed to permanent, full, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The program is critical to our efforts towards conserving, protecting, and restoring our state’s world-class native coldwater fisheries and our best-in-the-nation stream access opportunities that support Montana’s robust outdoor economy. If you spend time on the Yellowstone, Missouri, Big Hole, or other treasured river in Montana LWCF helped make your experience possible. Thankfully, Senator Steve Daines understands the benefits of a fully funded LWCF and has been working to ensure Congress delivers on the LWCF promise for Montana and our outdoor traditions.” – **David Brooks, Executive Director, Montana Trout Unlimited**

“The Trust for Public Land applauds the commitment Sen. Daines continues to demonstrate to LWCF, to the places it protects all across our state and the West, and to the countless Montanans and visitors who depend on LWCF for their outdoor access and experiences. This bill would guarantee the critical funding to make good on the original promise of LWCF, which was recently affirmed when Congress permanently reauthorized this cornerstone conservation program. We have seen just how vital that funding is here in Montana, and we appreciate Senator Daines’s leadership in working to secure it.” - **Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Director, The Trust for Public Land**

“From increased public land access to protecting working lands and wildlife habitat, all Montanans will benefit from a fully funded, permanently-reauthorized Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). We are heartened by the continued bipartisan efforts to ensure a

fully funded LWCF crosses the finish line.” - **Barb Cestero, Senior Regional Representative, The Wilderness Society**

"The Land and Water Conservation Fund is essential to protecting habitat for wildlife and access for hunters and anglers. Fully funding LWCF will help protect our outdoor heritage and our outdoor economy. We thank Senator Daines for working with his colleagues in a bipartisan way to advance this Montana priority." - **Dave Chadwick, Executive Director, Montana Wildlife Federation**

"The Montana land trust community is pleased to continue to see the Montana delegation lead the charge in Congress for full Land and Water Conservation Fund funding levels. The LWCF is America's premier conservation program and provides significant outdoor recreation, recreational access, conservation, agriculture, forest management and community benefits to Montana and the nation." - **Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of Land Trusts**

“This is one of the smartest investments Congress can make. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has made a lasting impact in every state in America, spurring increased access and more recreational opportunity. This legislation will send meaningful resources to ground that benefit hunters and anglers for generations to come.” - **Whit Fosburgh, President and CEO, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

“RMEF sincerely appreciates Senators Daines, Gardner and Manchin for stepping up with legislation to provide full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As of early September 2018, LWCF provided more than \$108 million in funding that assisted 80 different RMEF land projects that permanently protected more than 152,000 acres of wildlife habitat. This bill will build on the momentum created when the Natural Resources Management Act was signed into law last month, permanently reauthorizing this critical conservation program.” - **Kyle Weaver, President and CEO, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

“Simms Fishing Products and other businesses rely on Montana’s healthy outdoor recreation economy and the public lands that fuel it. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a vital component of providing access to public lands and waters for anglers throughout the West and we appreciate Senator Daines efforts to continue pushing for full funding of the program” - **K.C. Walsh, Chairman, Simms Fishing Products**

Stakeholder Quotes From Historic Lands Package Signing (03/12/19):

“Senator Daines played a key role in helping pass the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act in the Senate. RMEF particularly appreciates his tenacity on behalf of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which this bill reauthorizes permanently, and its provisions to improve access to federal lands for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting. These are priorities RMEF has been working on for many years and we are pleased Congress was able to pass it and deliver it to the President for his signature.” - **R. Kyle Weaver, President & CEO, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

“Senator Daines repeatedly stepped up to press the case for permanent reauthorization of LWCF. His efforts on the Senate floor and behind the scenes made a real, important difference in getting this bill to the President’s desk for signing. We look forward to continuing our work with Senator Daines to secure full, dedicated funding for America’s most vital conservation program.”-- **Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Director, The Trust for Public Land**

“This bipartisan legislation shows that Americans are united in support of public lands, clean water and rural conservation projects. We applaud Senator Daines' tireless efforts to permanently reauthorize the Land Water and Conservation Fund. For more than a half century, LWCF has helped Montanans from Ekalaka to Eureka access their public lands, maintain their county parks and build new trails. We look forward to continuing to work with Senator Daines to support public lands and conservation projects in the Big Sky state.” **Scott Brennan, Montana State Director, The Wilderness Society**

“AFFTA has long stood by the conservation, restoration, and protection of our public lands and waters. The permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund as part of the lands package will ensure that each and every one of us will have the freedom and access to enjoy our wild and natural spaces, whether we fish, hunt, hike, camp, ride, or simply visit. We thank Senator Daines for his leadership in rallying the tremendous bipartisan support that this bill received, and are grateful to see this bill signed into law.”- **Ben Bulis, President, American Fly Fishing Trade Association**

“This historic legislation will both open and improve access to federal lands benefitting Montana’s sportsmen and women. We applaud Senator Daines for his leadership on passing this bill that also takes steps to curtail costly frivolous litigation and permanently reauthorizes LWCF. Montana wins, and we thank you.” - **Dan Stusek, Executive Director, Montana Outdoors Coalition**

"Montana’s public lands provide a platform for economic advantages, and invaluable business opportunities across the state. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has contributed roughly \$587 billion for recreation and conservation projects across Montana since its inception over 50 years ago. Business for Montana’s Outdoors couldn’t be more pleased by the good work of Senator Daines and our entire Congressional delegation, for getting LWCF finally across the finish line to permanent reauthorization - and we remain hopeful that the next step to safeguard this program for all Montana businesses is full, dedicated funding.” - **Marne Hayes, Executive Director, Business for Montana’s Outdoors**

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Thank you @SteveDaines for fighting to #saveLWCF this week on the floor of the #Senate. While @SenateGOP ultimately blocked this #bipartisan effort, we are excited to work with you ASAP in 2019 to finally get this done for #Montana and all Americans who need our #publiclands!



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 Land & Water Conservation Fund
@LWCF_COALITION

Thank you @SenCoryGardner @SenatorCantwell @SenatorTester @SteveDaines @MartinHeinrich @RepBrianFitz @RepRubenGallego @RepLeeZeldin for standing up for #LWCF today and urging Congress to permanently authorize & fully fund LWCF. #SaveLWCF in the #LameDuck!



A photograph of a woman speaking at a podium during a public event. The podium has a green sign with the hashtag #SaveLWCF. Behind her are several blue signs that say "SAVE LWCF".



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@BhaMontana

Thank you, Senator [@SteveDaines](#) & [@SenatorTester](#) for making your voices heard yesterday morning in support of full funding & permanent reauthorization for the Land & Water Conservation Fund! [#saveiwcf](#)

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THANK YOU to [@SenatorTester](#) and [@SteveDaines](#)! S.47 passed through the Senate today, and with it permanent reauthorization for the [#LWCF](#)! Now onto our next goal of full, dedicated funding for our nation's most successful conservation and recreation program. [#saveiwcf](#) [#fundiwcf](#)



Protecting our [#PublicLands](#) isn't about politics -- it's about our kids and their future. Thank you [@SenatorTester](#) and Senator [@SteveDaines](#) for standing up for future generations & leading the fight to [#SaveLWCF](#)



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Thank you to [@SteveDaines](#) for defending the public lands that make our state, and our country, so unique. Next step is full funding! [#SaveLWCF](#)



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LWCF provides access to public lands in Montana!
 @SteveDaines speaking on the 100 day mark before
 LWCF expires. #SaveLWCF



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 @MTvoters

Thanks to @SenatorTester & @SteveDaines for working to bring permanent reauthorization for LWCF to a floor vote in the Senate next week! Let's pass this swiftly and focus on the final goal: full dedicated funding!
 #savelwcf

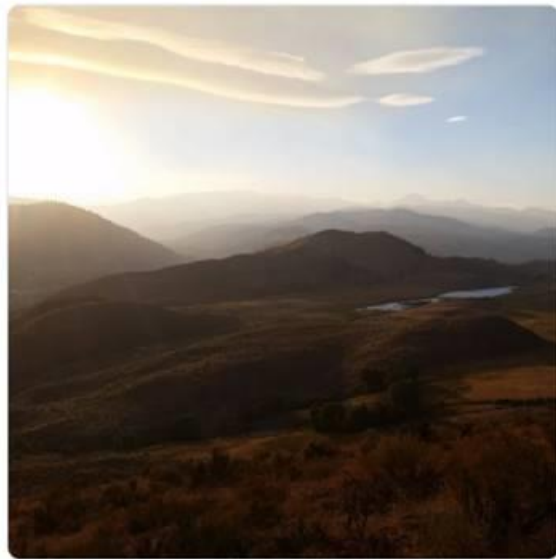


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Backcountry Hunters
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Thank you @stevedaines for your comments on #LWCF during the Senate Appropriations markup on the FY2020 Interior bill. We urge your colleagues to stand alongside you and pass legislation that provides full and dedicated funding for LWCF. #FundLWCF Click: bit.ly/Fund_LWCF



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BHA staffers recently flew to D.C. to advocate for LWCF funding. Leaders are listening to calls from across the conservation community to support this powerful program. Thank you [@SteveDaines](#) for meeting with us and for urging House and Senate leadership to [#fundlwcf](#).



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Thank you [@senatorBurr](#) and [@SteveDaines](#) for your commitment to fully [#FundLWCF](#). We're excited to see the conservation efforts of you and your colleagues in the newly formed Roosevelt Conservation Caucus. [#publiclandowner](#) [#keepitpublic](#) [#lwcf](#)



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Thank you to [@SteveDaines](#), [@SenAlexander](#) and [@SenatorTester](#) for their support of [#LWCF](#) in today's hearing on FY2020 Budget Request for the [@Interior](#). These leaders were clear in their message. LWCF is a critically important program to all Americans and it deserves full funding.



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[@SteveDaines](#) Thank you for supporting S.1081 to provide permanent and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. We appreciate leaders like you who stand up for our outdoor heritage and our access to wild public lands and waters. [#savelwcf](#) [#publiclandowner](#)



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