

UTAH

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Utah

Federal Program

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Book Cliffs
Bonneville Shoreline Trail
Canyonlands NP
Capitol Reef NP
Central Railroad ACEC
Colorado River SRMA
Colorado Riverway SRMA
Dixie NF
Flaming Gorge NRA
Glen Canyon NRA
Golden Spike NHS
Grafton Preservation
Pariette Wetlands
Red Butte Canyon Research Area
Red Cliffs NCA
Rock Creek Ranch
St. George
Uinta NF
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF
Wasatch/Cache NFs
Washington County HCP
Westwater Ranch

Federal Total \$ 70,000,000

Forest Legacy Program
\$ 38,900,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)
\$ 29,100,000

State & Local Program
Total State Grants \$ 48,900,000

Total \$ 186,900,000

*multistate project

LWCF Success in Utah

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Utah's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Utah has received approximately \$187 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Golden Spike National Historic Site and the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grants are also funded under LWCF, to help protect working forests. The FLP cost-share funding supports timber sector jobs and sustainable forest operations while enhancing wildlife habitat, water quality and recreation. For example, the FLP contributed to places such as the Chalk Creek in Summit County and Cedar Ranches in Iron County. The FLP assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$39 million in federal funds to invest in Utah's forests, while protecting air and water quality, wildlife habitat, access for recreation and other public benefits provided by forests.

LWCF state assistance grants have further supported hundreds of projects across Utah's state and local parks including Bear Lake State Park, Antelope Island State Park and Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Utah economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation contributes \$12.3 billion annually in consumer spending to Utah's economy, supports 110,000 jobs which generate \$3.9 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$737 million annually in state and local tax revenue. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that each year over 1.1 million people participate in hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in Utah, contributing \$1.3 billion to the state economy.



Backpackers Uinta NF Credit: USFS
Top: Canyonlands NP Credit: NPS

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THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**



Reenactors at Golden Spike NHS
Credit: NPS

LWCF is a simple idea: that a portion of offshore drilling fees should be used to protect important land and water for all Americans. These are not taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, the promise of LWCF has been broken. The program is authorized to receive up to \$900 million each year—but most of these funds have been diverted elsewhere. Now is the time to fix this and ensure that funds retained in the LWCF account are used for their intended conservation and recreation purposes.

LWCF supports the acquisition of land and conservation easements to protect our national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, trails, and BLM sites, grants funds to the states for local and state park needs, protects critical wildlife habitat, watersheds and recreational access, and conserves working farms, ranches and forestlands that enhance local economies.



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LWCF in Utah

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. As Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon has stated, "Open space in our urban interface areas may well be one of the final frontiers. It's no secret our valley is growing dramatically and with this project, and others, we will provide future generations with that elbow room we used to think was so readily available here in the Mountain West."

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Utah

Agency	State	Project	Amount	Delegation
BLM	UT	Red Cliff's National Conservation Area	\$4,000,000	Hatch, Lee/Stewart
BLM	UT	Colorado Riverway Special Recreation Management Area	\$500,000	Hatch, Lee/Curtis
FS	UT	Wasatch Watersheds: Unita-Wasatch-Cache NF	\$535,000	Hatch, Lee/Bishop, Curtis
FS	UT	Antimony Creek: Dixie NF	\$500,000	Hatch, Lee/Stewart
FWS	ID/UT/WY	Bear River Watershed CA	\$1,500,000	Hatch, Lee/Bishop

The Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget:

The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget proposal would gut the Land and Water Conservation Fund, reducing the program's budget by over 100% from enacted levels. Under this proposal, no projects would be funded for federal land conservation at America's National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and other public lands. State grant programs to support local recreation facilities, state parks, wildlife habitat, and other community conservation priorities would also be completely wiped out. Without robust LWCF funding in FY 2019, Utah's conservation and outdoor recreation needs could be put on hold or lost forever.

FY18 Enacted vs. FY19 Budget Request Comparison

Agency/Program	FY18 Enacted Funding	FY19 President's Budget
National Park Service	\$46,935,000	- \$1,212,000*
Bureau of Land Management	\$24,916,000	- \$6,608,000*
U.S. Forest Service	\$64,337,000	- \$17,000,000*
Fish and Wildlife Service	\$53,839,000	\$6,953,000
Sec. 6 Habitat Conservation	\$19,638,000	\$0
Forest Legacy Program	\$67,025,000	- \$4,000,000*
Highlands Conservation Act	\$10,000,000	\$0
American Battlefield Protection	\$10,000,000	\$0
State & Local Assistance	\$124,006,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$425,000,000	- \$12,867,000*

*proposed rescission of already appropriated LWCF funds

Note - All approximate totals derived from appropriations bills
- Forest Legacy Program & Sec. 6 funded from LWCF starting in 2004