

ARIZONA

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Arizona

Federal Program

Arizona NWRs & NFs
Arizona Wilderness
Agua Fria NM
Bonita Creek ACEC
Buenos Aires NWR
Cerbat Foothills
Coconino NF
Dry Lake
Fort Bowie NHS
*Glen Canyon NRA
Grand Canyon NP
Grand Canyon-Parashant NM
*Havasu NWR
Hubbell Trading Post NHS
Ironwood Forest NM
Kofa NWR
Lake Mead NRA
Leslie Canyon NWR
Petrified Forest NP
Prescott NF
Red Rock-Secret Mountain
Saguaro NP
San Pedro Ecosystem
San Pedro Riparian NCA
Sears Point ACEC
Tonto NF
Tumacaori NHP
White Vulcan Pumice Mine

Federal Total \$ 165,700,000

Forest Legacy Program \$ 4,300,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6) \$ 4,700,000

State & Local Program
Total State Grants \$60,000,000

Total \$234,700,000

*multistate project

LWCF Success in Arizona

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Arizona's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Arizona has received approximately \$235 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Grand Canyon and Saguaro National Parks, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Coconino National Forest, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, and San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

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 unique riparian forest ecosystem at Cedar Springs in Coconino County. The FLP assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easements and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$4 million in federal funds to invest in Arizona'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 Arizona's state and local parks including Lost Dutchman and Patagonia Lake State Parks.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Arizona economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$21.2 billion annually in consumer spending in Arizona, supports 201,000 jobs across the state which generate \$5.7 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$1.4 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that each year over 1.5 million people participate in hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in Arizona, contributing \$2.1 billion to the state economy.

SUPPORT PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION AND FULL FUNDING FOR
THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND



Hikers at Petrified Forest National Park
Credit: NPS

LWCF in Arizona

Coconino National Forest

The 56,000-acre Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area is one of the jewels of the Coconino National Forest. The Forest Service used funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) to protect the Packard Ranch property. The tract is adjacent to the wilderness area and at the trailhead of two hiking trails, the Parson's and Packard trails that lead into Sycamore Canyon. Two perennial streams that join on the property, the Verde River and Sycamore Creek, provide habitat for several endangered and threatened fish species and are important sources of drinking water for Phoenix. The area in which this property is located also has archeological resources of national and international importance.

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Arizona

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
FS	Verde River String of Pearls; Coconino/Prescott	\$3,430,000	Flake, McCain/O'Halleran, Gosar
FS	Verde River Headwaters (Yavapai Ranch); Prescott	\$2,560,000	Flake, McCain/Gosar
FLP	San Pedro Riparian Forest Protection Project	\$1,800,000	Flake, McCain/McSally

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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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, Arizona'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