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Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Idaho

Federal Program

Big Wood River
Blackwell Island
*Bear River Watershed CA
Boise Front ACEC
Bruneau River
Caribou-Targhee NF
Camas NWR
City of Rocks NRES
Clearwater NF
Craters of the Moon NPM/Oregon NHT
Frank's Church Wilderness
Gray's Lake NWR
Hagerman Fossil Beds NM
Hells Canyon NRA
Henrys Lake ACEC
Hulls Gulch
Idaho Land Exchange
Idaho NFs/ ID Wilderness/ WSRs
Idaho Lands
Kaniksu NF
*Lewis and Clark NHT
Lower Salmon ACEC
Middle Fork Clearwater WSR
Middle Fork Salmon WSR
Minidoka NHS
Nez Perce NHP
Nez Perce NHT
Payette NF
Salmon WSR
Salmon-Challis and Sawtooth NRA
Sands Desert HMA
Sawtooth NF
Sawtooth NRA
Snake River Birds of Prey NCA
Soda Springs Hills
St Joe WSR
Thousand Springs ACEC
Upper Snake/South Fork Snake
Wolf Lodge/Beauty Bay SRMA

Federal Total \$ 207,800,000

Forest Legacy Program

\$ 37,300,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)

\$ 2,200,000

State Program

Total State Grants \$ 42,300,000

Total \$ 289,600,000

LWCF Success in Idaho

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Idaho's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Idaho has received approximately \$289.6 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Boise Foothills, Sawtooth Valley and Hell's Canyon National Recreation Areas, Middle Fork Clearwater and Middle Fork Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers.

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 Henry's Lake, the South Fork Snake River and the McArthur Lake Wildlife Corridor. 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 \$37.3 million in federal funds to invest in Idaho'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 Idaho's state and local parks including the Boise Greenbelt and Wood River Trails, Coeur d'Alene's Tubbs Hill and Sandpoint's City Beach.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Idaho economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation supports \$7.8 billion in consumer spending in Idaho, 78,000 jobs across Idaho which generate \$2.3 billion in wages and salaries, and produces nearly \$447 million annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year over 1 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Idaho, contributing over \$923 million in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Recreation at Caribou-Targhee NF Credit: NPS
Top: Craters of the Moon NP Credit: NPS

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Young visitors with Smokey, Sawtooth NF
Credit: USFS

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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Sawtooth National Recreation Area

The 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area comprises one of the largest and most magnificent national recreation areas in the US. Four mountain ranges: the Sawtooths, Boulders, White Clouds, and Smokies provide scenic landscapes in every direction, with more than 50 major peaks over 10,000 feet, 300 lakes, and 250 miles of trails. The headwaters of four of Idaho's major rivers originate here: the Salmon, South Fork of the Payette, the Boise, and the Big Wood. The Sawtooth NRA offers some of the finest and most renowned outdoor recreation in the world including fishing, white-watersports, hiking, backpacking, snowmobiling, mountain biking and Nordic skiing. To protect the historic uses and compatible public recreation values of this landscape, the Forest Service has utilized LWCF dating back to 1972 to acquire conservation easements that protect some 17,000 acres of private ranch lands within.

Fiscal Year 2020 Agency Priority Project List for Idaho

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
BLM	Coeur d'Alene Lake SRMA	\$1,300,000	Crapo, Risch/ Fulcher
FS	Teton Timbers; Caribou Targhee	\$2,750,000	Crapo, Risch/Simpson
FS	SF Wilderness Ranch; Payette	\$1,500,000	Crapo, Risch/Fulcher
FLP	Moyie River Corridor	\$4,500,000	Crapo, Risch/Fulcher

Status of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

In 2019, permanent authorization of LWCF was secured as part of S. 47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. Passage of the Dingell Act ensures that LWCF no longer faces the uncertainty of potential expiration, and that the unique structure and inflow of funds to LWCF is protected. The focus is now on permanent full funding for LWCF – ensuring that each year the \$900 million deposited into the LWCF account actually goes towards conservation and recreation priorities. Over the 55 years of the program, over \$22 billion has been diverted from LWCF to other, unknown purposes. That means that our public lands, waters, and historic sites have been put in peril. As open space continues to shrink, LWCF investments become even more critical to providing the outdoor opportunities for all future generations

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act – S. 1081 and H.R. 3195 – have passed through their respective committees and are ready for floor votes in both chambers.

LWCF Appropriations FY2000-FY2020



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