

July 29, 2025

The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20250

Dear Secretary Burgum and Secretary Rollins,

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor enthusiasts our organizations represent, we write to express our support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—a successful conservation and recreation program that has enhanced wildlife habitat and hunting and fishing access in every state across the nation for more than 60 years.

We urge you to continue successfully and expeditiously implementing LWCF. Specifically, it is important that your departments finalize Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 federal acquisition project lists and approvals and submit FY2026 project lists to Congress for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management consistent with LWCF's current authorization. We remain opposed to diverting LWCF to other purposes, including deferred maintenance and to imposing administrative changes to LWCF that restrict its application or add burdensome processes.

We were proud to support the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) in 2020, which was signed into law by President Trump and became a legacy conservation achievement. **LWCF is not funded by taxpayer dollars:** LWCF has its own dedicated funding source from offshore energy receipts—demonstrating how conservation balances both the responsible use and long-term care of natural resources.

Simply put, LWCF is a tremendously successful program for sportsmen. This Fund has improved access to our public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting for decades. It is a crucial funding source to benefit key species ranging from elk to pronghorn antelope to cutthroat trout and many other iconic species that sportsmen and women cherish. For more than 60 years, sportsmen and women have directly benefitted from LWCF and its critical investments into our sporting traditions. As we celebrate GAOA's fifth anniversary, we look forward to working with your departments to continue conserving wildlife habitat and expanding hunting and fishing access via LWCF.

Sincerely,
American Sportfishing Association
American Woodcock Society
Archery Trade Association
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Boone and Crockett Club
Catch A Dream Foundation
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Conservation Force
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Izaak Walton League of America
Masters of Foxhounds Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative Foundation
National Deer Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
North American Falconers Association
North American Grouse Partnership
Pheasants Forever
Pope and Young Club
Public Lands Foundation
Quail Forever
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Safari Club International
Sportsmen's Alliance
The Conservation Fund
The Wildlife Society
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Whitetails Unlimited
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute