

WASHINGTON

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Washington

Federal Program

- Alpine Lakes Wilderness
- Columbia NWR
- *Columbia River Gorge NSA
- Cowiche Canyon Preserve
- Dungeness NWR
- Ebey's Landing NHR
- Fishtrap Lake Conservation Area
- Grays Harbor NWR
- Julia Hansen NWR
- Kaniksu NF
- Lake Chelan NRA
- *Lewis and Clark NHP
- Point Colville ACEC
- McNary NWR
- Moses Coulee
- Mt. St. Helens NVM
- Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
- Mount Rainier NP
- MTSG/I-90/Cascades
- Nisqually NWR
- North Cascades NP
- *Northwest NSR
- Olympic NF
- Olympic NP
- Pacific Northwest NST
- *Pacific Crest NST
- *Pacific NW Streams
- Protection Island NWR
- Quinalt Indian Reservation
- Ridgefield NWR
- Rock Creek Watershed
- San Juan Island NHP
- San Juan Islands NWR
- Skagit WSR
- Turnbull NWR
- Upper Crab Creek
- Washington Cascades-Yakima River Watershed
- *Wallowa-Whitman NF
- Washington State Land Exchange
- Wenatchee NF
- White Salmon WSR
- Willapa NWR
- Yakima River Canyon

Federal Total \$ 458,700,000

Forest Legacy Program \$ 53,000,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6) \$ 134,200,000

State & Local Program
Total State Grants \$ 78,300,000

Total \$ 726,200,000

*multistate project

LWCF Success in Washington

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Washington's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Washington has received approximately \$726.2 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks, Pacific Crest Trail, Cascade Ecosystems, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and the Skagit Wild and Scenic River.

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 Mount Saint Helens Forest in Washington County and Issaquah Creek Headwaters in King 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 \$53 million in federal funds to invest in Washington'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 Washington's state and local parks including Sacagawea Heritage Trail in Benton County, Fallen Leaf Lake in Clark County and Tacoma Narrows in Pierce County.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Washington economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation contributes \$26.2 billion annually in consumer spending to Washington's economy, supports 201,000 jobs which generate \$7.6 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$2.3 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that each year over 2.7 million people participate in hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in Washington contributing over \$3 billion to the state economy.



Recreation at White Salmon WSR Credit: USFWS
Top: North Cascades NP Credit: NPS

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

LWCF in Washington

Yakima River

The Yakima River is Washington's only Blue Ribbon River, attracting anglers from all over the world. LWCF funding has been key to protecting the headwaters of the Yakima River within the Wenatchee National Forest, ensuring water quality and habitat for salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. LWCF has also helped ensure public access to the river for angling, rafting, kayaking and other outdoor recreation. The project has been ranked a national priority in 2017, and funding is needed to continue to ensure this world-class outdoor resource is protected for future generations.

Fiscal Year 2020 Agency Priority Project List for Washington

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
FWS	Steigerwald Lake NWR	\$1,900,000	Murray, Cantwell/Herrera Beutler
FWS	Willapa NWR	\$1,500,000	Murray, Cantwell/Herrera Beutler
NPS	Lewis and Clark NHP	\$2,555,000	Murray, Cantwell/Herrera Beutler
FS	Washington Cascades; Okanogan- Wenatchee	\$1,800,000	Murray, Cantwell/Schrier
FLP	DeWatto Headwaters Forest Phase II	\$5,250,000	Murray, Cantwell/Kilmer
FLP	Yacolt Forest Phase I	\$4,500,000	Murray, Cantwell/Herrera Beutler

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.



Ranger tour at Olympic NP
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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