

# ALASKA

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Places in Alaska

### Federal Program

Alaska NWRs, NFs, & NPs  
Alaska Maritime NWR  
Alaska Peninsula NWR  
Beaver Creek WSR  
Chugach NF  
Craig Recreation Land Transfer  
Denali NPP  
Gates of the Arctic NP  
Katmai NPP  
Kenai NWR  
Klondike Gold Rush NHP  
Kodiak NWR  
Lake Clark NP  
Sitka NHP  
Stikine LeConte Wilderness  
Togiak NWR  
Tongass NF  
Western Arctic National Parklands  
Wrangell St. Elias NP  
Yukon Flats NWR  
Yukon River Delta NWR

**Federal Total** \$ 112,300,000

### Forest Legacy Program

\$ 3,000,000

### State & Local Program

Total State Grants \$34,000,000

**Total** \$149,300,000

## LWCF Success in Alaska

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Alaska's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Alaska has received approximately \$149 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as Denali and Wrangell St. Elias National Parks, Alaska Maritime, Kenai and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuges, and the Tongass and Chugach National Forests.

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 Agulowak River Conservation Easement and Native Allotments project in Bristol Bay Borough County. The Forest Legacy Program 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 \$3 million in federal funds to invest in Alaska'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 Alaska's state and local parks including Campbell Creek Greenbelt Park System, the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, and the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area.

## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Alaska economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$7.3 billion in consumer spending in Alaska, 72,000 jobs which generate \$2.3 billion in wages and salaries, and produces nearly \$337 million annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year 961,000 people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Alaska, contributing over \$1.3 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Hiker in Denali National Park

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

## LWCF in Alaska

### Cube Cove, Tongass National Forest

The Cube Cove tracts were the largest single in-holding on Admiralty Island, located within the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. With the exception of limited shoreline frontage, this tract was entirely surrounded by the Kootznوو Wilderness. Admiralty Island is renowned for supporting some of the largest concentrations of coastal brown bear and bald eagles anywhere in the world. The land was willingly sold by Shee Atika, Inc., an Alaska Native Corporation, and the project was supported by the Native community of Angoon, located approximately 25 miles south of Cube Cove.

### Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Alaska

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
NPS	Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	\$1,492,000	Murkowski, Sullivan/ Young
NPS	Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	\$2,747,000	Murkowski, Sullivan/ Young
FS	Cube Cove; Tongass	\$5,200,000	Murkowski, Sullivan/ Young
FS	Snow River Wetlands; Chugach	\$300,000	Murkowski, Sullivan/ Young

### 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, Alaska'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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$425,000,000</b>	<b>- \$12,867,000*</b>

\*proposed rescission of already appropriated LWCF funds



Wildlife viewing at Katmai National Park & Preserve  
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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