

# NEW MEXICO

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Units in New Mexico

### Federal Program

Aztec Ruins NM  
Baca Ranch (Valles Caldera)  
Bandelier NM  
Bluewater Canyon ACEC  
Carson NF  
Chaco Culture NHP  
Cibola NF  
Continental Divide NST  
El Malpais NCA  
El Malpais NM  
Fort Union NM  
Gila NF  
Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks NM  
La Cienega ACEC  
Lesser Prairie Chicken ACEC  
Lincoln NF  
Lower Gila Box ACEC  
New Mexico BLM  
Organ Mountains ACEC  
Orilla Verde Recreation Area/Taos  
Overflow Wetlands HMP  
Pecos NHP  
Petroglyphs NM  
Rio Chama WSR  
Rio Grande WSR  
Rio Grande del Norte NM  
\*Sangre de Cristo CA  
Salinas Pueblo Missions NM  
Santa Fe Watershed Protection  
Santa Fe NF  
Seville NWR  
White Mountains Wilderness  
Valle de Oro NWR

**Federal Total** \$ 262,700,000

### Forest Legacy Program

\$ 10,700,000

### American Battlefield Protection Program

\$ 15,000

### State & Local Program

Total State Grants \$ 42,700,000

**Total** \$316,200,000

\*multistate project

## LWCF Success in New Mexico

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of New Mexico's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. New Mexico has received approximately \$316 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Petroglyph, El Malpais, and Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rock National Monuments, the Gila, Cibola, Santa Fe and Carson National Forests, and the Rio Grande 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 High Country Ranch in Rio Arriba County and Horse Springs Ranch in Catron 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 \$11 million in federal funds to invest in New Mexico'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 New Mexico's state and local parks including Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park in Dona Ana County and the Eagle Nest Lake Park in Colfax County.

## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the New Mexico economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation contributes \$9.9 billion annually in consumer spending to New Mexico's economy, supports 99,000 jobs which generate \$2.8 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$623 million annually in state and local tax revenue. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that each year 947,000 people participate in hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in New Mexico contributing \$823 million to the state economy.



School Group at Pecos NHP Credit: NPS  
Top: El Malpais NCA Credit: BLM

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Recreation on Rio Grande WSR  
Credit: BLM

## LWCF in New Mexico

### Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River/Taos Gorge

The canyonlands of the upper reaches of the Rio Grande comprise one of the most spectacular landscapes in New Mexico. Within New Mexico, the Rio Grande is not only an important natural and ecological resource, it is also critical to water supplies and the economy. About 1.3 million people, or nearly 70% of the state's population, live in the ten counties along the river. The Rio Grande provides vital drinking water to these residents and irrigation water for agricultural purposes. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has provided funds to protect the wild and scenic river, consolidate holdings to prevent fragmentation, ensure recreational access, and prevent development from marring the canyon.

### Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for New Mexico

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
BLM	Sabinoso Area of Critical Environmental Concern	\$600,000	Udall, Heinrich/ Lujan
BLM	Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area	\$1,900,000	Udall, Heinrich/Pearce
FS	Mimbres River Parcels; Gila	\$1,510,000	Heinrich, Udall/Pearce
FLP	Rio Brazos Watershed/Brazos Cliffs	\$2,055,000	Heinrich, Udall/Lujan

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, New Mexico'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