



Board of County Commissioners

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December 3, 2018

The Honorable Michael Bennet
United States Senate
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Bennet,

Eagle County Board of Commissioners wishes to express our support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund given the important contributions it makes to our nation's and Colorado's health, well-being, economic opportunity and access to our nation's natural treasures. We urge Congress to act swiftly during this legislative session to enact full funding for and permanent reauthorization of the LWCF.

LWCF has impacted our county in numerous ways. Most recently, over one million dollars of LWCF funds were used to reconstruct the Sylvan Lake State Park spillway channel. This recreation area serves as a popular destination for the citizens of Eagle County and Colorado while providing water storage for our surrounding communities and irrigation districts. Additionally, two of our Eagle County Open Space boat ramps along the Upper Colorado River were purchased by the Bureau of Land Management through the Land Water Conservation Fund.

Now is the time to act, and we are supportive of permanent and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

Jeanne McQueeney

Commissioner

Jill H. Ryan

Commissioner

cc: U.S. House Representative Jared Polis
U.S. House Representative Scott R. Tipton
U.S. Senator Cory Gardner

WHEREAS, Colorado has received more than 980 state side LWCF grants to local governments and state parks totaling over \$268 million and touching nearly all of the state's counties; and

WHEREAS, over the last 53 years, LWCF funding has contributed to the enhancement of local parks and recreational opportunities that are part of the fabric of Colorado, including numerous parks and green spaces, as well as the protection of iconic landscapes in the Great Sand Dunes National Park, Uncompahgre, Arapahoe-Roosevelt, Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests, and Canyon of the Ancients National Monument.

WHEREAS, the parks, trails, and recreation projects dependent upon LWCF funding are green spaces that contribute to the health and well-being of Colorado families; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund was initially authorized in 1965 by the President and Congress and expired on September 30, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO:

THAT, that Eagle County expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact full funding for and permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund given the important contributions it makes to our nation's and Colorado's health, well-being, economic opportunity and access to our nation's natural treasures; and:

THAT, a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire Colorado Congressional Delegation to show support for the fully funding and permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

THAT, the board hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held the 27th day of NOV, 2018.



ATTEST:

REBEKAH O'BRINE
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners

W. Dupuis

COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF
COLORADO, By and Through Its
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Kathy Chandler-Henry
Chair

Jillian H. Ryan
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Commissioner

J. McQueeney
Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

Commissioner MCQUEENEY seconded adoption of the foregoing resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Chandler-Henry
Commissioner Ryan
Commissioner McQueeney

Ay.
Ay.
Ay.

This resolution passed by 3/0 vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado