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**LWCF Coalition Praises Bipartisan House Natural Resources Committee Action on
Outdoors for All, EXPLORE Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 29 — The bipartisan Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act, a broad package of recreation-oriented bills, was introduced **today** in the US House of Representatives. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Coalition welcomes the bill's introduction and the inclusion of a key Coalition priority, the Outdoors for All Act. That provision within EXPLORE will give Americans without adequate park access, particularly those living in low-income areas, greater opportunities to experience green spaces and public lands.

Lesley Kane Szynal, Chair of the LWCF Coalition, expressed her appreciation to EXPLORE's lead sponsors, House Natural Resource Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4) and Ranking Member Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) as well as Representatives Nanette Barragán (D-CA-44) and Mike Turner (R-OH-10) who introduced the standalone Outdoors for All Act in February 2023. "We applaud committee leadership and members of both parties who understand the necessity of making sure all Americans have the opportunity to access and enjoy parks and outdoor recreation areas no matter where they live."

The Outdoors for All provision, if enacted, will codify and enhance the successful Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program, a National Park Service competitive grant program funded by LWCF. Its goal is to help communities with little to no access to public outdoor recreation spaces.

About the LWCF Coalition

The LWCF Coalition is the umbrella group of more than 1,000 state and local landowners, small businesses, ranchers, sportsmen, veterans, outdoor recreationists and conservation

organizations working to protect America's public lands and safeguard our shared outdoor heritage for future generations. For more information on LWCF and the places in each state that have been protected using LWCF funds, visit [LWCFCoalition.org](https://www.lwcfcoalition.org).

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