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NEWS RELEASE

**LWCF Coalition Applauds Senate Committee Approval of
Congresswoman Deb Haaland
*Major Step for Longtime LWCF Supporter***

WASHINGTON – The LWCF Coalition today applauded the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s vote to advance the nomination of Congresswoman Deb Haaland to serve as the next Secretary of the Interior:

“Secretary-Designate Haaland is a dedicated leader and champion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and we are confident that she will be a stalwart protector of our public lands as our next Interior Secretary. With last year’s enactment of the Great American Outdoors Act, the Interior Department has a tremendous opportunity to bring the benefits of a fully funded LWCF to the American people. We look forward to her leadership as the Department relies on LWCF to safeguard iconic landscapes, provide close to home recreation in every community in the U.S., support millions of outdoor recreation-related jobs, and grow the economy.”

During her confirmation hearing on February 24, Secretary-Designate [Haaland reiterated her commitment to direct LWCF’s dedicated full funding to priority conservation needs across the country](#). Her nomination now moves to the full Senate for a confirmation vote, which has not yet been scheduled.

About the Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is America’s most important conservation program, responsible for protecting parks, wildlife refuges and recreation areas at the federal, state and local level. For 55 years, it has provided critical funding for land and water conservation projects, recreational construction and activities and the continued historic preservation of our nation’s iconic landmarks from coast-to-coast. LWCF does not use any taxpayer dollars – it is funded using a small portion of revenues from offshore oil and gas royalty payments. Outdoor recreation,

conservation and historic preservation activities contribute more than \$778 billion annually to the U.S. economy, supporting 5.2 million jobs.

About the LWCF Coalition

The LWCF Coalition is the umbrella group of more than 1,000 state and local land owners, 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 www.lwcfcoalition.org.