

Land and Water Conservation Fund *Giving Back to You and Your Community*



Family hunting.
Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Opening the Outdoors for Hunting

Pariette Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Utah

Ensuring access to our nation's lands for all kinds of recreation – including hunting and angling – is a priority. There are more than 37 million⁴ hunters and anglers in the United States, and spending on hunting gear and activities supports more than 1 million jobs and generates more than \$25 billion in retail sales annually.⁵ The Land and Water Conservation Fund dedicates more than \$4 million per year toward improving access for outdoor recreation.

At the Pariette Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), an oasis in the Uinta Basin, Land and Water Conservation Fund is protecting habitat for game and providing hunting opportunities on public lands. The Pariette Wetlands ACEC is the largest Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wetland development in Utah and was established by the BLM in 1972 to improve the potential for waterfowl reproduction and provide habitat for species, including ring-necked pheasant, mourning dove, sandhill and whooping cranes, and peregrine falcon. Providing habitat for more than 105 bird and mammal species, the Pariette Wetlands ACEC has become a popular spot for waterfowl hunting and provides outdoor classroom opportunities for university students and youth groups to experience and study waterfowl in the wild.

In January 2014, the Land and Water Conservation Fund enabled BLM to complete the purchase of the 160-acre Felter parcel within the Pariette Wetlands ACEC. The parcel provides crucial riparian nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other bird species. Acquisition of the Felter parcel eliminates existing habitat fragmentation within the wetland system and the potential loss of habitat from energy production-related surface development, such as settling ponds, which are common on private lands in this area.



880,000 JOBS
are created through
recreation activities on
your federal lands¹

For every **\$1** spent on the
LWCF, communities receive
\$4 in **ECONOMIC**
BENEFIT²



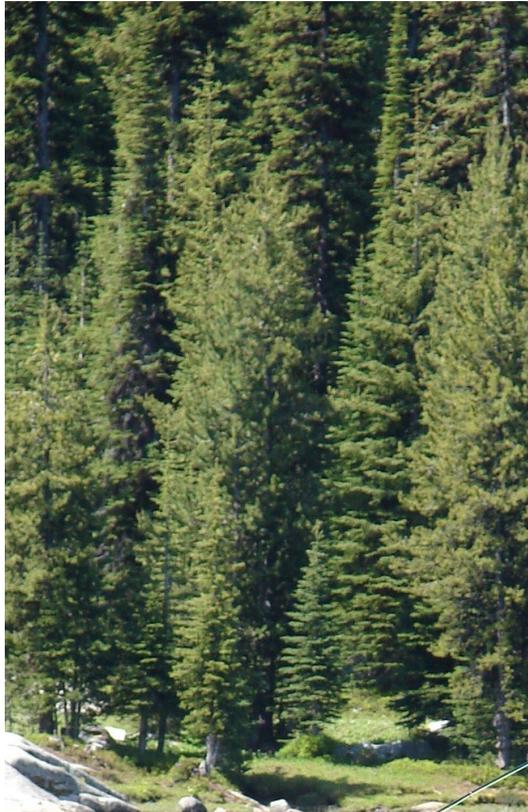
The LWCF has invested in
community projects for
EVERY COUNTY
in the United States³

The LWCF uses **ZERO**
TAXPAYER DOLLARS



ABOUT Land and Water Conservation Fund

Using zero taxpayer dollars, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) uses earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help preserve our history and protect our lands. The LWCF is a balanced approach between using and preserving our natural resources, while giving back to American communities.



Hunting pheasant in West Virginia.
Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Protecting America's Great Rivers with Access for People & Wildlife

John Day River Headwaters, Malheur National Forest, Oregon

The 147 unrestricted miles of the John Day River comprise the longest free-flowing river system in the lower 48 states. Designated as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System and an Oregon State Scenic Waterway, the John Day River is a globally important stronghold of wild salmon and the Columbia Basin's most biologically diverse river system. The waters of the John Day River support the largest and most varied native fish populations in Oregon and feature one of the few remaining exclusively wild runs of spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead in the world. The surrounding watershed is home to grey wolves, Rocky Mountain elk, big horn sheep, Rocky Mountain goats, mule deer, and black bear. It contains dedicated stands of old growth forest with habitat for pine marten, goshawk and pileated woodpeckers.

In 2013, the U.S. Forest Service, in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, acquired 2,040 acres comprising the headwaters of the John Day River within the boundary of the Malheur National Forest. Funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, this acquisition helped consolidate 13,000 acres and secured 20 square miles of unrestricted habitat for big game and other wildlife species available to hunters and anglers. The John Day River is also extremely popular for providing a host of recreational activities including river rafting, guided fishing trips, and it attracts thousands of visitors annually who enjoy the pristine environment and abundant wildlife.

Hunting & Fishing in Oregon

In Oregon, 68% of residents participate in outdoor recreation, which generates \$12.8 billion in consumer spending and \$955 million in state and local tax revenues annually. This spending supports **141,000 direct jobs** that provide \$4 billion in wages and salaries.⁶

¹ Federal Interagency Council on Recreation, Fact Sheet on Outdoor Recreation: Jobs and Income, 2014.

² The Trust for Public Land, Return on the Investment from the Land & Water Conservation Fund, 2010.

³ LWCF NPS Grant Program, <http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/lwcf/history.html>, retrieved 2014.

⁴ Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, The Land and Water Conservation Fund and America's sportsmen and women, 2014.

⁵ International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Economic Importance of Hunting in America, 2002.

⁶ Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2013.