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Subject: FW: Stateside Amendments in Congress Update 7-04-10 WHICH NEED immediate Attention by key states!

FYI

Last week two major activities occurred in Congressional Committees related to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the stateside component. In the Senate NR Committee, Sen. Udall (CO) was prepared to introduce an amendment to S 3516 (the Oil Spill compensation legislation) to add the language in S 2747 to the new legislation. (This was the L&WCF Coalition's hoped for amendment, but it DID NOT have a stateside equity provision in it!). Senator Barrasso (WY) made it known he would present an amendment to the Udall amendment to provide 60% of the proceeds of the L&WCF to the states, with the current 40% staying with the federal side. Once this was know, Udall did NOT present his amendment and the Barrasso attempt also was not voted on. [Our information indicated Barrasso had the votes and Udall did not, so he tabled the amendment for now and will bring it back after the Holiday, when and if the votes are there]

In the House, HR 3435 has been changed by Chairman Rahall and the 50% stateside allocation was removed in favor of a straight renewal of the L&WCF with language similar to that described above in S 2747.. Therefore, the amended HR 3435, if passed would NOT have this requirement in the language. However, Rep. Lummis (WY) will offer an amendment to the new bill to put the 50% requirement back in CLEAR or HR 3435! She feels there is strong sentiment from many Committee members to provide funds to the states.

Our task is to contact as many as the committee members listed below in the House and Senate Committees (In their own Districts if possible, as they are home for the Holiday recess) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.. because each of these bills will see action immediately after they return. Please contact your committee member and ask them to support amendments to provide for some stateside guarantee as found in the Barrasso and Lummis amendments.

Use the following justification for this action, if needed..

Here are some key points to remember when requesting an amendment to either HR 3435 or S 3516.

The original L&WCF act recognized the important role the states and local communities played in providing outdoor recreation opportunities for the citizens of this nation and drafted it to provide 60% of the proceeds for the state and local grants program.

In FY 2010, without a state guarantee the states currently received only 12% of the proceeds, not enough to meet the local and state needs and not enough to operate an effective program.

Without a state guarantee, the L&WCF program has become primarily a federal land acquisition program, acquiring property far removed from most of the people. Although this is important, providing recreation opportunities for our citizens close to home is more important now than ever.

As an added bonus, every federal dollar sent to the states, is at a minimum, doubled by matching funds from state and local government partners, who maintain the areas at no further cost to the federal government.

Every study of national recreation needs, including the original ORRC report, the 1987 Reagan administration's President's Commission Americans Outdoors report and the 2009 Outdoor Resources Review

Group report showed the need, Importance and benefits of a strong stateside program to address the nation's health and outdoor recreation priorities.

If the L&WCF is reauthorized without a state guarantee (like the 40% currently guaranteed for the federal side of the program), state appropriations are likely to remain minimal and the ability of state and local governments to address the growing needs for outdoor recreation opportunities will be significantly diminished.

The President's own America's Great Outdoor initiative which addresses the need for more urban opportunities, more federal, state, local and private partnerships to address a variety of national priorities including youth fitness, adult health and habitat protection require a viable stateside program. A stateside guarantee or equity between the federal and statesides of this program will allow the state and local governments to be true partners and address these priorities and the vision of a national system of parks serving the people of this nation will finally be realized.

So this is what we need you to do.. if you are able.. 1. Check to see if you have a Senators or Representative on either of the two committees contemplating this legislation and ask them to support any and all efforts in S 3516 or HR 3435 to provide for a stateside allocation from the L&WCF.

The Committees are the House Natural Resources Committee, Chaired by Rep. Nick Rahall of WV. See below to see if your state has a member of this committee to contact. And the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Senator Bingaman of NM. See members below to see if you have a member from your state.

Senate Natural Resources Committee

[Chairman Jeff Bingaman](#) (NM)

☐ [Byron L. Dorgan](#) (ND)

☐ [Ron Wyden](#) (OR)

☐ [Tim Johnson](#) (SD)

☐ [Mary L. Landrieu](#) (LA)

☐ [Maria Cantwell](#) (WA)

☐ [Robert Menendez](#) (NJ)

☐ [Blanche Lincoln](#) (AR)

☐ [Bernard Sanders \(I\)](#) (VT)

☐ [Evan Bayh](#) (IN)

☐ [Debbie Stabenow](#) (MI)

☐ [Mark Udall](#) (CO)

☐ [Jeanne Shaheen](#) (NH)

☐ [Lisa Murkowski](#) (AK)

☐ [Richard Burr](#) (NC)

☐ [John Barrasso](#) (WY)

☐ [Sam Brownback](#) (KS)

☐ [James E. Risch](#) (ID)

☐ [John McCain](#) (AZ)

☐ [Robert Bennett](#) (UT)

☐ [Jim Bunning](#) (KY)

☐ [Jeff Sessions](#) (AL)

☐ [Bob Corker](#) (TN)

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee. (HR 3534 the CLEAR Act)

MR. NICK J. RAHALL, II, West Virginia, Chairman

MR. DOC HASTINGS, Washington, Ranking Republican Member

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Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, American Samoa
Frank Pallone, Jr., New Jersey
Grace F. Napolitano, California
Rush D. Holt, New Jersey
Raúl M. Grijalva, Arizona
Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam
Jim Costa, California
Dan Boren, Oklahoma
Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, Mariana Islands
Martin Heinrich, New Mexico
Ben Ray Luján, New Mexico
George Miller, California
Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts
Peter A. DeFazio, Oregon
Maurice D. Hinchey, New York
Donna M. Christensen, Virgin Islands
Diana DeGette, Colorado
Ron Kind, Wisconsin
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Jay Inslee, Washington
Joe Baca, California
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, South Dakota
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Carolina
Cathy McMorris Rodgers,
Washington
Louie Gohmert, Texas
Rob Bishop, Utah
Bill Shuster, Pennsylvania
Doug Lamborn, Colorado
Adrian Smith, Nebraska
Robert J. Wittman, Virginia
Paul C. Broun, Georgia
John Fleming, Louisiana
Mike Coffman, Colorado
Jason Chaffetz, Utah
Cynthia M. Lummis, Wyoming
Tom McClintock, California
Bill*

This may be our last and best chance to fix the L&WCF for the states.. THE TIME IS NOW! I hope you can help.

So your help is critical.. and must be done immediately to give us the best chance of success.

NRPA and NASPD members have this message.. and now the state's SLO's and ASLO's must respond.

Thank you again, in advance, for your prompt attention to this matter..

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