

July 20, 2010

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Leader,

Thank you for your support for full, dedicated and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). As the Senate considers comprehensive energy legislation in the coming weeks, we urge you to include full and dedicated funding for LWCF.

Our members are heavily dependent on public lands for outdoor recreation for abundant fish and wildlife, habitat and public access. LWCF has helped save some of America's richest wildlife areas and most popular destinations for hunting and fishing from development and hunting, fishing and shooting closures. In addition, the conservation easement features of the program have helped numerous ranching and farming families stay on their land and continue their traditional way of life while conserving healthy landscapes.

We urge you to continue to pursue full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. We stand ready to work with you and others in the hunting, fishing and shooting communities to help maximize public access to both existing and new public properties.

Sincerely,

American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
B.A.S.S.
Bear Trust International
Boone and Crockett Club
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Ducks Unlimited
Federation of Fly Fishers
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers
Izaak Walton League of America
Montana Trout Unlimited
Montana Wildlife Federation
Mule Deer Foundation
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
North American Grouse Partnership
North American Bear Foundation
Orion – The Hunter's Institute
Pheasants Forever
Quail Forever
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
The Wildlife Society
Wildlife Management Institute

Cc: The Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair, Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Max Baucus, Chair, Senate Finance Committee