

THE OUTDOOR REPORT | August 21st, 2025

Increased Funding for LWCF

The One Big Beautiful Bill included a [provision](#) that increased the revenue-sharing cap for the Outer Continental Shelf every year, which is used to fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The Department of Interior announced implementation of the increased cap from FY25 through FY34. The cap was previously at 12.5% or a total of \$125M for the LWCF Stateside program. It’s been increased to 25% or up to \$162.5 million. There is also more funding for Gulf-producing states for coastal protection and restoration.

Social Media Spotlight

Follow the [Climate & Wildfire Institute](#) on LinkedIn for more information on webinars and creative solutions to climate and wildlife issues.

Appropriations Debate Begins in the House

The Fix Our Forests Act, a comprehensive bill to combat wildfire, is expected to be marked up in the Senate Agriculture Committee this fall. The bill was introduced by Sens. Sheehy (R-MT), Padilla (D-CA), Curtis (R-UT), and Hickenlooper (D-CO) as an amended version of the bill that passed out of the House earlier this year. The bill makes changes to how the Forest Service manages forests on federal lands, streamlines environmental analyses, and establishes a wildfire intelligence center. Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition Committee members are working on amendments ahead of the markup.

Great American Outdoors Act Hearing

The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a field hearing on “The Great American Outdoors Act: Modernizing and Maintaining National Parks to Celebrate America’s 250th Birthday.” The hearing will be held at Jenny Lake Visitor Center in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and livestreamed [here](#).

Outdoor Community Updates



JOB OPPORTUNITY

REI is hiring a Director of Government and Community Affairs. [Read about the position and apply here.](#)



EVENT

The National Association of State Park Directors is holding its annual conference in Davis, West Virginia from September 9-12. [Learn more about the event here.](#)



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The Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation is hiring a fisheries policy inter. [Read about the position and apply here.](#)