

## News from our LWCF Liaison

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Yes! Though far short of our ultimate goal, restoring LWCF's authorization for an additional three years with no changes to the program is a huge accomplishment given all that we were up against. Beyond that, a 50% increase in funding over last year's enacted level means that many, many critical projects will move forward this year, which is amazing!

We won't know until we see the final project list, but I'm pretty sure that includes Pilgrim River!!

Given how hard all of you and all of our champions in Congress have worked this year for a permanent solution, we are disappointed that this deal is only short-term. But given what folks like congressman Bishop proposed, getting a clean reauthorization is pretty darn herculean.

I cannot thank you enough for all the amazing work you've done this year.

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- 3 years of reauthorization with no changes (new expiration date: September 30, 2018)
- \$450M in appropriations for FY16

Funding Breakout:

### Federal agency projects

US Forest Service	\$63,435,000
Bureau of Land Management	\$38,630,000
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$68,500,000
National Park Service	\$53,670,000
Total Federal:	\$224,235,000

### State Grants

Forest Legacy Program	\$62,347,000
NPS State and Local Assistance Program ("stateside")	\$110,000,000
American Battlefield Protection Program	\$10,000,000
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Sec. 6)	\$30,800,000
Total State:	\$213,147,000

Office of Valuation Services (administration) \$12,618,000

Total LWCF: \$450,000,000

From Press Story:  
**Policy provisions**

The omnibus provides a three-year reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and funds the program at \$450 million in fiscal 2016, a major boost over the current level of just over \$300 million.

Yet conservationists considered this only a partial victory -- and a weak one at that -- considering the broader concessions Democrats made on crude exports and the fact that hundreds of members of Congress have already supported permanently extending LWCF.

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